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Go Out and Explore the World NJCU's Global Initiatives

By Nicholas Felix - News Editor

f you're looking for a memorable adventure while staying in school, NJCU has partnerships with universities around the globe where you can diversify your studies.

"The secret of Study Abroad is not about the classes or credits," said Craig Katz, director of International Programs. "It's about not being in New Jersey for 15 weeks (or longer), immersed in a new environment along food and new sights to experience.

"Even learning how to be a student in a different educational system helps expand perspective, that's the real education."

Studying Abroad

tudents have the option to travel to roughly 50 countries including Spain, Scotland, Thailand, and South Korea; or students can stay within the United States to study at one of the 180 colleges and universities NJCU is partnered with. This is thanks to programs at the Office of Global Initiatives.

"We focus on direct exchanges with partner schools around the world to try to make a semester abroad as affordable as possible," said Katz.

The benefits of taking classes in other locations give students important skills for their resume.

Taking classes abroad can also allow students to expand their network with people from different backgrounds, enhance awareness of cultures globally, and possibly even learn new languages.

Katz explained that NJCU focuses on direct exchanges with partner schools in order to keep costs affordable for students. The tuition cost is the same as what you are already paying at NJCU with the addition or housing, food, and travel costs.

"[The costs range] from free in South Korea to under \$2000 for many of our partners, to about \$3000 in some western European countries," said Katz, noting that students are able to use financial aid oversees.

"Study Abroad is truly a life changing experience," said Katz. "Believe it or not, this is the best opportunity to go overseas. After you graduate, 'LifeHappens'--job, family, etc. Taking the challenge now will open possibilities/opportunities you might never have considered or knew existed."

National Student Exchange

he National Student Exchange (NSE) program offers studies to colleges universities within the United States without needing a passport. The locations include all 50 states as well as U.S. territories Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and more. The benefits are the same as the international program but U.S centered for those who want to explore America more thoroughly.

Similar to studying abroad, it will cost the same tuition as NJCU with the addition of housing, food, and travel expenses.

How To Apply

ligibility for NSE. and study abroad opportunities include ✓ having a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and at least 30 completed credits. Transfer students must have one finished semester and be registered as a full-time student.

If you meet these requirements, you can fill out the application for study abroad of NSE. It is highly recommended to talk to staff from the Global Initiatives office if you are unsure what your options are.

Next is a finance worksheet to establish a balance and a medical exam report. Most important is a passport if you're planning to study abroad.

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Honor's Program Istanbul Weekend Trip

The Honors Program took a 10-day trip to Istanbul, Turkey in early January this year. Istanbul is a city with rich history, located along the intersection of two continents, Europe and Asia.

"The highlight of learning abroad were the numerous experiences gained that would be impossible to replicate in a classroom," said Charice Marcellino, a junior Political Science major. "I was able to witness various parts of a different lifestyle compared to my own. My time in Istanbul gave me the chance to hear a different language (Turkish), taste different foods, interact amongst the Turkish community, and witness their traditions.

"There is value in traveling abroad for every major who chooses to."

Every day of the trip followed a certain structure, said Marcellino, from learning in the first half to exploring in the latter half.

Some highlights of the Istanbul trip were a visit to the Galata Tower and a day cruise along the Bosporus Strait.

"I spent a lot of time revisiting the Galata Tower area to eat, shop, and interact with the community," said Marcellino. "The view from the top gives a bird's eye view of the landscape."

On the day cruise, Marcellino said, "I was able to see Istanbul from the water, witnessing the transition from the city to rural areas. Once we reached the village, we observed the culture and lifestyle of Turkish citizens separate from the city and hiked to an old castle. I was able to purchase handmade fabrics and a jewelry box that the villagers made."

This is just one example of what the dozens of possible study abroad trips can be like.

For more information on studying abroad or the NSE program, you can visit the Global Initiatives office in the Professional Studies Building room 414 or take a look at the information available on their site njcu.edu/directories/offices-centers/global-initiatives.





trip in January 2022. Photo courtesy of the Honors Program.

Honors students on their way to a study abroad trip in Mexico in May 2022. Photo courtesy of the Honors Program.



Honors students on a 10-day study abroad trip to Turkey. Photo courtesy of the Honors Program.





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Jason Kroll: Who is NJCU's Acting President?

By Nick Camejo - Arts & Entertainment Editor



Jason Kroll posing with students at student orientation.

JCU selected Jason Kroll to serve as interim president after the resignation of Sue Henderson in June. Kroll takes on this role already as a member of the NJCU community.

For the past five years, he has served as the Vice President for Advancement and Chief Strategy Officer. As interim president, he will now be tasked in addressing the financial crisis faced by the university.

Upon accepting this new role, Kroll immediately reassured the NJCU community in his first statement as acting President. In his message, he wrote, "I can promise there will be full transparency in all our communications with the campus community. That begins today with this message."

Kroll has extensive experience in generating income through fundraising and marketing. He graduated from Drew University and holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Kroll has more than 25 years of solid business experience in key leadership roles. Prior to NJCU, he was vice president for External Affairs at Monmouth University. He worked as the senior associate athletic director of External Affairs at Rutgers University, as well as the assistant vice president for the Rutgers Foundation. He also

served as the director of Development for Rutgers' College of Arts and Sciences.

Kroll has also been a marketing manager for Sports Illustrated and director of Marketing and Development for the National Football Foundation.

Over the summer, Kroll introduced a series of town halls called "Campus Conversations" in order to promote more open dialogue between the administration and students, faculty, and staff following the announcement of a financial emergency.

The full three-hour inaugural event from August 2 can be viewed on the NJCU website along with some answers to common questions. The next Campus Conversations was originally scheduled for September 14 but will be moved back due to Convocation. Students are encouraged to attend; keep an eye on emails for a new date.

While President Kroll seems to be more than qualified to hold the position as the interim president, he has made it very clear that he accepted the position on a temporary basis until a permanent replacement can be found. There is no doubt that the upcoming weeks and months for NJCU will be a time of uncertainty and challenges.



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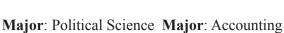


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Student Activities Board Welcome Back Event

By David Wilson - Photo Editor



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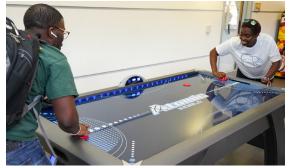
The Federacion Estudiantes Latino Americans (FELA club.



Tia Warren, president of the Film Club.



Students from the Muslim Student Association (MSA).



Students playing air hockey.



Members of the Biology Club.



SGA Advisor Ashley Lemon getting her henna done.



The DJ.



A student playing a racing arcade game.



Students playing foosball.

Convenient Campus Daycare: NJCU's Children's Learning Center

By Lenayah Torres - Contributing Writer

JCU doesn't only provide an education for adults, it also offers a daycare. The fully licensed and accredited Children's Learning Center (CLC) provides Preschool and Pre-K classrooms, as well as drop-in childcare services for children ages 2-and-a-half to 6 years old.

"NJCU's CLC program has been a godsend," said Savannah Ferland, an NJCU student who uses the center for her five-year-old son. "Before I enrolled at the university, I took a tour of the campus. While I was being

walked through Hepburn Hall, the tour guide casually pointed out the Children's Learning Center. I asked him to pause briefly, so that I could read the Reggio Emilia [education] statement that was posted outside the center."

Ferland said her son has learned quite a lot from being there. He is now able to identify numbers and letters, knows how to write, and his social-emotional development has improved drastically over the last couple of years. Her son also enjoys going to school and seeing his teachers and classmates; his only complaint is nap time.

She said "The tuition is incredibly affordable, especially considering the high quality of services. NJCU's CLC program was, by far, the best option (allaround) for my son's early childhood education."

"NJCU's CLC program strongly influenced my decision to attend," said Ferland. "Having my son enrolled there has been convenient for our daily routine, in terms of transportation. The cost of tuition is affordable, especially considering the price



The Children's Learning Center (CLC) is located on the first floor of Hepburn Hall. Photo by Haresh Oudhnarine.



Student parents who are Pell eligible receive a 50 percent discount on the childcare tuition at \$1.75 per hour. Photo by Hares



A play kitchen area for children in the CLC. Photo by Haresh Oudhnarine.

tags on programs in the area of a similar quality."

Ana Aponte, director of the CLC, said, "[It is] a beneficial service that is offered to NJCU students, staff, faculty, and alumni. This service allows students to attend their classes while their child is in a safe and educational environment. Staff, faculty, and alumni are also able to go to work while their children are cared for."

The location of the center is extremely convenient, and parents can stop by and check in on their

children throughout the day. Aponte said COVID-19 has impacted the center, but hopes to bring back some in person events, visits, and celebrations in the near future.

Monthly charges depend on how many hours a parent schedules their child (hourly rates are \$3.50 for students and \$6 for staff/faculty/ alumni). Due to COVID-19, the center only provides enrollment information to families looking for childcare.

Children enrolled fulltime in Preschool and Pre-K programs can receive an individualized curriculum designed around each child's personal development level,

learning style, and interests.

NJCU can thank Reggio Emilia's approach to childhood education for the CLC program, which was established in 1982. It emphasizes project-based learning, the use of art as a development tool, collaborative group work, and attention to the physical classroom environment as a component of teaching and learning.

The CLC is located in Hepburn Hall.

GET TO KNOW JERSEY CITY

Interesting Places to Visit Near NJCU's Main Campus

By Brandon Gabriel - Contributing Writer

ith a college that has most of its students commuting to campus or living in a dorm, it's safe to say that many students aren't fully aware of the variety of things to do in the surrounding area.

NJCU's website brags about how close it is to New York as if it's the only place to go to outside campus. But you can visit America's oldest Coptic congregation, one of only two museums in New Jersey dedicated to Black history, see the world's oldest concrete fountain, and visit one of Jersey City's oldest black-owned restaurants, all within walking distance of campus.

African American Historic Museum

1841 John F Kennedy Blvd 201-547-5262

www.cityofjerseycity.org/docs/afroam.shtml

You'd be surprised how many people didn't know that Jersey City has a lot to do with Black history. It was the last stop on an Underground Railroad, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made two speeches here, and Malcolm X's wife, Betty Shabazz, was an undergrad student at NJCU. So, it's easy to understand why, with the help of Jersey City's NAACP branch, the Earl Morgan Library's second floor became New Jersey's first museum devoted to Black history.

Director Neil Brunson says he became the director of the museum because "Jersey City is the elemental beginning of pre-colonial America," and that it has "the history of [his] people."

Brunson also said that the museum boasted three exhibit rooms worth of artifacts including ephemera documents, slave shackles, and knitted folk art that came from years of collecting. He also added that he's open to guiding college students and scholars around but only if you email him at aahsmincl@gmail.com. The library and museum are a ten-minute walk from campus on the corner of Kennedy Boulevard and Wade St.

Between Friends Food Truck

1800 John F Kennedy Blvd 929-329-7353

Less than a block from the museum is a halal truck that has been on the same corner since summer 2020. Most of its meals involve seasoned rice over meat such as chicken or merguez (a flavored Moroccan sausage), chopped vegetables, and the choice of either hot sauce or yogurt. The best part about this place is that every order combination is less than \$30. The truck is parked weekdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cherry's Lounge

140 Martin Luther King Dr. 201-332-3178

cherrysloungeofic.com/

One of the few remaining black-owned restaurants that are from the 1980s, Cherry's Lounge has been one of the city's most well-known and

influential restaurants. It's currently run by Britni and Anthony Sharperson, the grandchildren of owner Leroy Cherry and they typically have a DJ and bar. Cherry's Lounge is on Martin Luther King Drive between Woodlawn and Armstrong Avenues. It is open every day from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m.

Miss America Diner

352 West Side Ave 201-333-5468

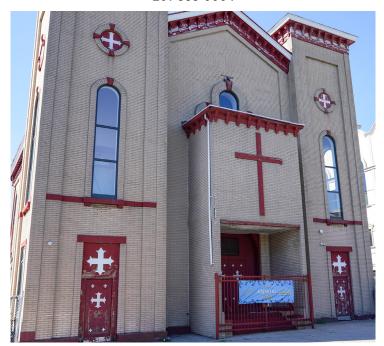
www.facebook.com/people/Miss-America-Diner/100035245364850

The easiest of the spots to visit, Miss America Diner is located at the corner of Culver and West Side Aves, directly down the street from NJCU's main campus. Many students pass by the eighty-year-old diner every day whether it's because they take the light rail to campus, or if another film major is there for a project.

"I always come for the bacon, egg and cheese," says Ryan Lamon who discovered this place nine months ago. Lamon, who owns a nearby film studio, comes frequently because of the small-town feel and cheap breakfast. Lamon's views are understandable since this is one of the last remaining diners in Jersey City. The diner is open weekdays from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. and weekends 6 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Saint Mark Coptic Church

427 West Side Ave 201-333-0004



Saint Mark Coptic Church. Photo by David Wilson

Formed in the late 1960s by some of the first Egyptians in America, this is America's oldest Coptic church and community. Saint Mark is two blocks from the light rail station on West Side Ave. The church streams its Sunday morning masses at saintmark.com/

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Treehouse Coffee Shop

201-434-8733

Across the street from Saint Mark is another spot that some on campus are already familiar with since it accepts Gothic Card payments. Treehouse has been on the same spot on West Side Ave for over a year and has already been mentioned in most of the Jersey City-based local media outlets for their drinks and their relationship with the community.

Students can often visit its colorful backyard to study or work on homework and they get their ingredients from other businesses in Jersey City and New York. You can order online on their website at treehousejc.com or visit them at 434 West Side Avenue weekdays from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

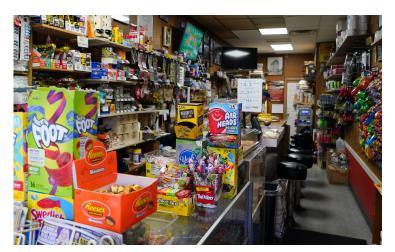


Treehouse Coffee Shop Dining Area. Photo by David Wilson

Gary's Sweet Shoppe

444 West Side Ave 201-433-0301

One of the longest-running businesses on West Side Ave, Gary's is more than a candy storefront. When you first enter this tightly spaced store, candy can be bought for less than a dollar. Go further inside, and the options become broader. This place is more of a convenience store than anything, as there are homemade butter rolls, cereal, even dish soap and locks. Gary updates and keeps in touch with their customers regularly on their Facebook account at facebook.com/GarysSweetShoppe. The shop is open from dawn until 8 p.m. on weekdays and until 7 p.m. on weekends.



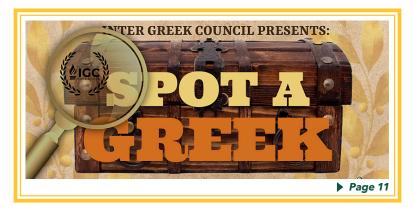
Inside Gary's Sweet Shoppe. Photo by David Wilson



Inside Treehouse Coffee Shop. Photo by David Wilson



Gary From Gary's Sweet Shoppe holding his Proclomation from the Mayor, 50 Years Open. Photo by David Wilson



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La Primicia

452 West Side Ave 551-200-9988



Interior of La Primicia's restaurant. Photo by David Wilson

A few doors down from Gary's is a Hispanic restaurant that has been serving the area for well over a decade. Victor Burgos, whose mother immigrated from the Dominican Republic, takes over most of the restaurant nowadays. According to Burgos, most of the recipes were learned from years of growing up on a small farm with several aunts and uncles.

"Our most popular dishes here are the rotisserie chicken and beef stew," he said. To see all the dishes served at this local favorite, check out their website at laprimiciarestaurant.com.

Molcajetes Mexican Restaurant

520 West Side Ave 201-200-9390

molcajetesmexican.com

Another block from La Primicia is a restaurant that has been mentioned in The Hoboken Girl and Best of NJ. Molcajetes opened the year before the pandemic and is one of the most respected Mexican eateries not only near campus but in all of Jersey City. They're open every day except Sunday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.



Lincoln Park

646 West Side Ave 201-915-1388

www.visithudson.org/lincoln-park



The fountain at Lincoln Park. Photo by David Wilson

In addition to being the oldest of the county-owned parks, Lincoln Park is also the largest at more than 240 acres. The first section, Lincoln Park West, is home to a nature walk and a dog park. The second and more section, Lincoln Park East, has several soccer and baseball fields, a beloved Abraham Lincoln statue, and a concrete fountain that is considered to be the largest in the world. You could do the mile-long walk from campus to get here, or you can take any of the West Side Ave buses that stop in front of Miss America Diner over to Belmont Avenue.



Lincoln Park. Photo by David Wilson

Liberty Science Center (LSC)

222 Jersey City Blvd 201-200-1000

lsc.org/

Although this place is meant more for the students who are parents, the science center is home to the Western Hemisphere's largest planetarium and the Hoberman sphere which is the basis of a toy called the breathing ball. For those looking for a job, they also accept those with experience in science, technology, engineering, architecture and math (STEAM) as volunteers. To get to the LSC, just take the light rail from West Side Ave to Liberty State Park. LSC is open every day except Mondays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.



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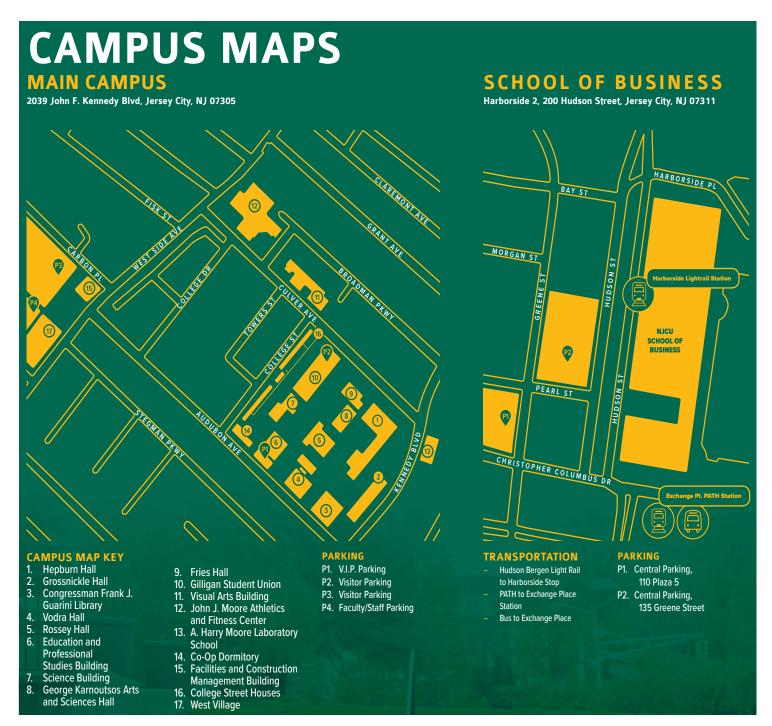
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