

Extending the Community of Learners at a Commuter College: City Tech's OpenLab



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LaGuardia Community College
May 2, 2014



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The [Living Lab](#) is seeking full-time and part-time faculty to join the General Education Seminar Associate Fellows Program in Spring 2014. [Click here](#) for more information. [\(image\)](#)

In The Spotlight



Digital Photography
Robin Michals's students are posting and reflecting on some great photos from a recent session called "Painting with Light." Take a look!

Who's Online?



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ARCH1130 BTech I, Fall 2013
active 6 minutes ago

This course presents an introduction to basic

Projects [See All](#)



Very Vintage Wedding
active 15 minutes ago

This is a class project!
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College Affairs
active 6 hours, 42 minutes ago

College Affairs video journalism is a club at New

Portfolios [See All](#)



Zog Popinara's ePortfolio
active 1 hour, 19 minutes ago

Welcome to my ePortfolio

the OpenLab is part of “**A Living
Laboratory**” - a five-year \$3.1M
grant-funded project awarded by the U.S.
Department of Education (Title V) to
revitalize general education at City
Tech

our team

living lab project director: **Jonas Reitz**

living lab project manager: **Charlie Edwards**

OpenLab co-directors: **Jody Rosen & Jenna Spevack**

OpenLab institutionalization lead: **Maura Smale**

OpenLab outreach lead: **Libby Clarke**

instructional technology fellow: **Bree Zuckerman**

community facilitators: **Scott Henkle, Andy McKinney, Kamili Posey**

developers: **Boone Gorges, early-adopter**

system administrator: **André Pitanga**

student bloggers: **Shawn Brumell, Amber Vinson**



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prina

Member since February
11, 2014



Fred

Member since August 29,
2013



Anwar Uddin

Member since March 28,
2012



Mitchell HL

Member since February
12, 2014



Ricardo Nunez

Member since February
12, 2014



Qiming Chen

Member since February
2, 2014



EmiVii

Member since January
28, 2014



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Member since November
22, 2011



OWUSU K

Member since August 27,
2012



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Member since February
1, 2014



Kevin

Member since September
16, 2013



Farjana

Member since November
21, 2013



John Wong

Member since February
11, 2014



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Member since January
30, 2014



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goals for the OpenLab

- _ make the curriculum visible to students
- _ encourage connections across the college
- _ empower students to take ownership of their work
- _ offer a virtual space for collaboration & learning for the entire City Tech community

why “Open”?

unlike closed online college systems, the OpenLab allows members across the college to communicate with one another and the world outside City Tech

why “Lab”?

like a lab, it provides a space where faculty and students can work together, experiment, and innovate

who's using the OpenLab?

- _ Jonas Reitz, for courses
- _ Karen Goodlad, for a project
- _ Anna Matthews, for a student club
- _ Jenna Spevack, for eportfolios

May I be of Service?

An Interdisciplinary FYLC Using Projects on the OpenLab



Karen Goodlad, HMGT
New York City College of Technology, CUNY

Learning Community Taught with
John Akana, HMGT * Laura Westengard, ENG

High Impact Educational Practice: First Year Learning Community Academic Service Learning Project

The screenshot displays the OpenLab AT City Tech interface. At the top left is the logo with the text "OPENLAB AT CITY TECH" and the tagline "A place to learn, work, and share". A search bar and a "People" dropdown menu are on the top right. A navigation menu includes "Home", "About", "People", "Courses", "Projects", "Clubs", "Portfolios", "Help", and "My OpenLab". The main content area shows the "#TheGuide Profile" with a "Project Profile" section. The profile features a red square with a yellow bee illustration, the name "#TheGuide" with an RSS icon, and the text "Public: active 1 week, 2 days ago". Below this is a description: "This site includes tips and advice about City Tech's campus and the surrounding community, including the Brooklyn Waterfront." and an email status indicator "Your email status is All Email (change)". At the bottom left are "Edit Profile" and "Change Avatar" buttons. On the right, a "Project" sidebar lists "Profile", "Project Settings", "Membership 29", "Discussion", "Docs", and "Files". Below the sidebar are "Project Site" and "Site | Dashboard" links.

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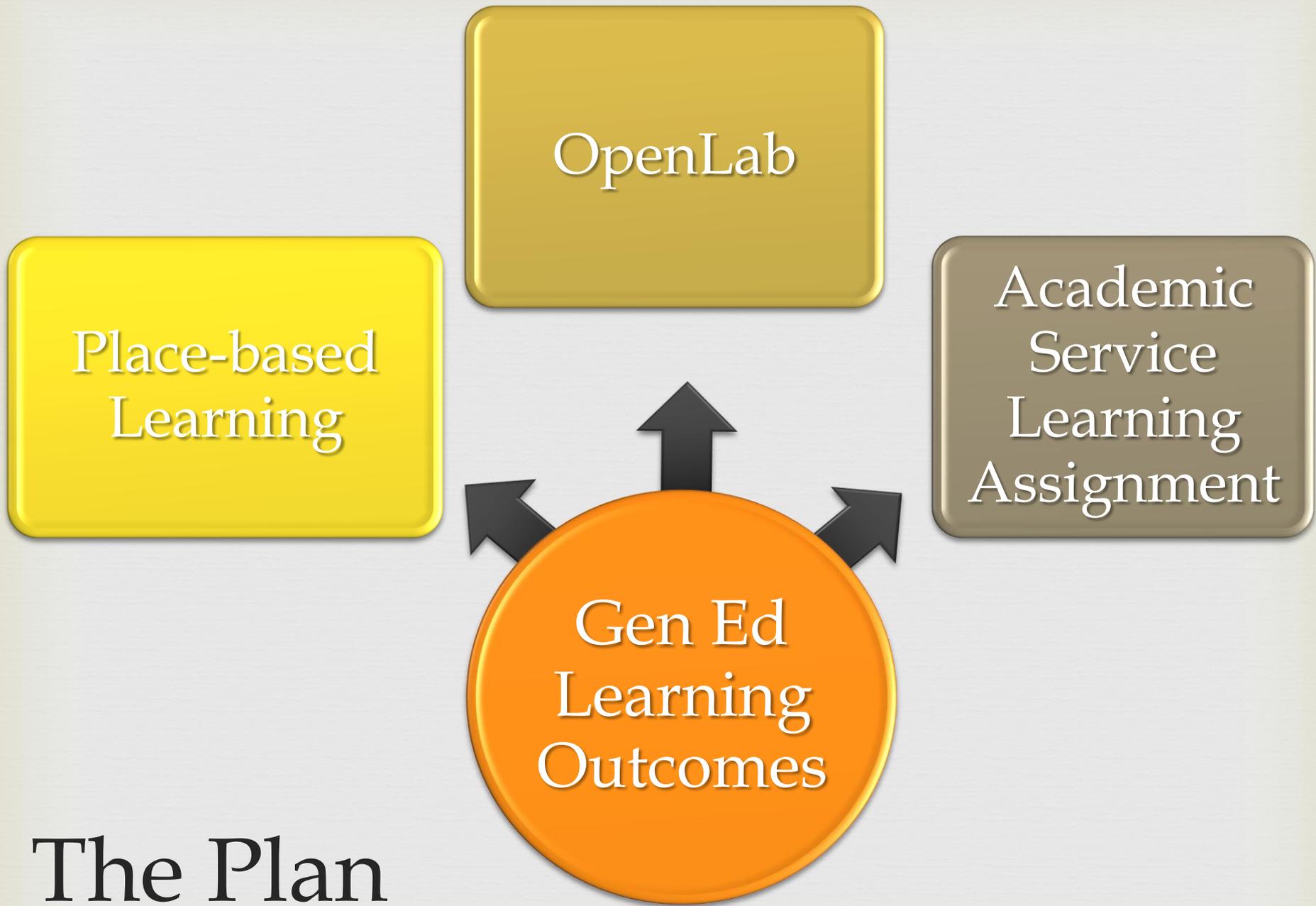
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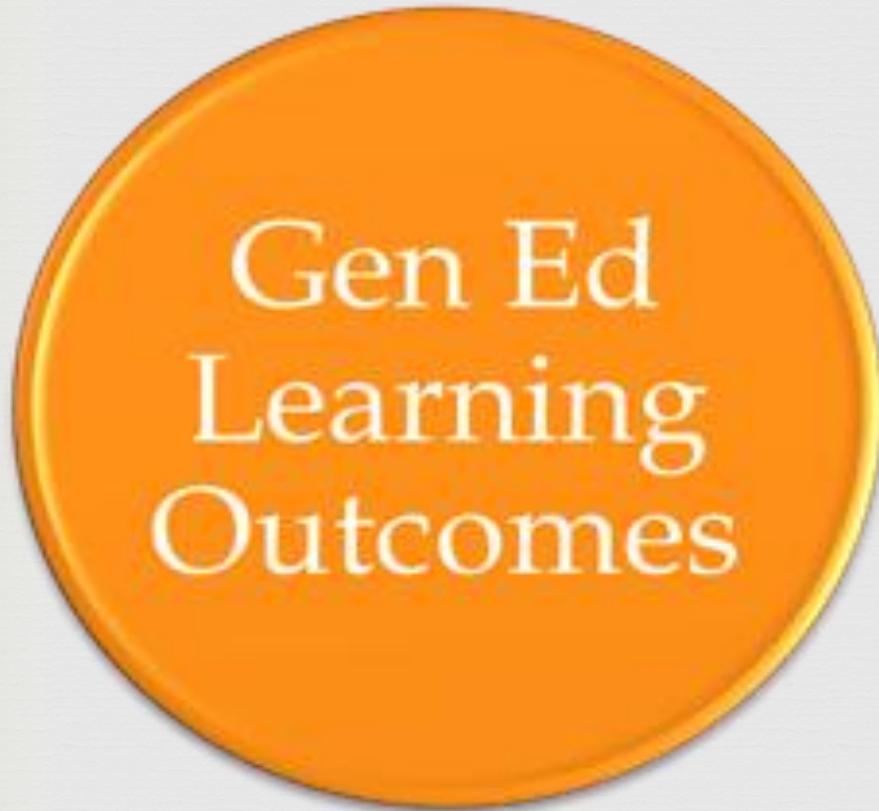
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Project Site 

Site | Dashboard



The Plan



The Plan

Communicate in diverse settings & groups, using written, oral and visual means.

Derive meaning from experience, as well as gather information from observation.

Gather, Interpret, evaluate, and apply information discerningly from a variety of sources.

Place-based Learning

Use the Brooklyn Waterfront and Brooklyn as a whole as our Extended Campus

The Plan



OpenLab

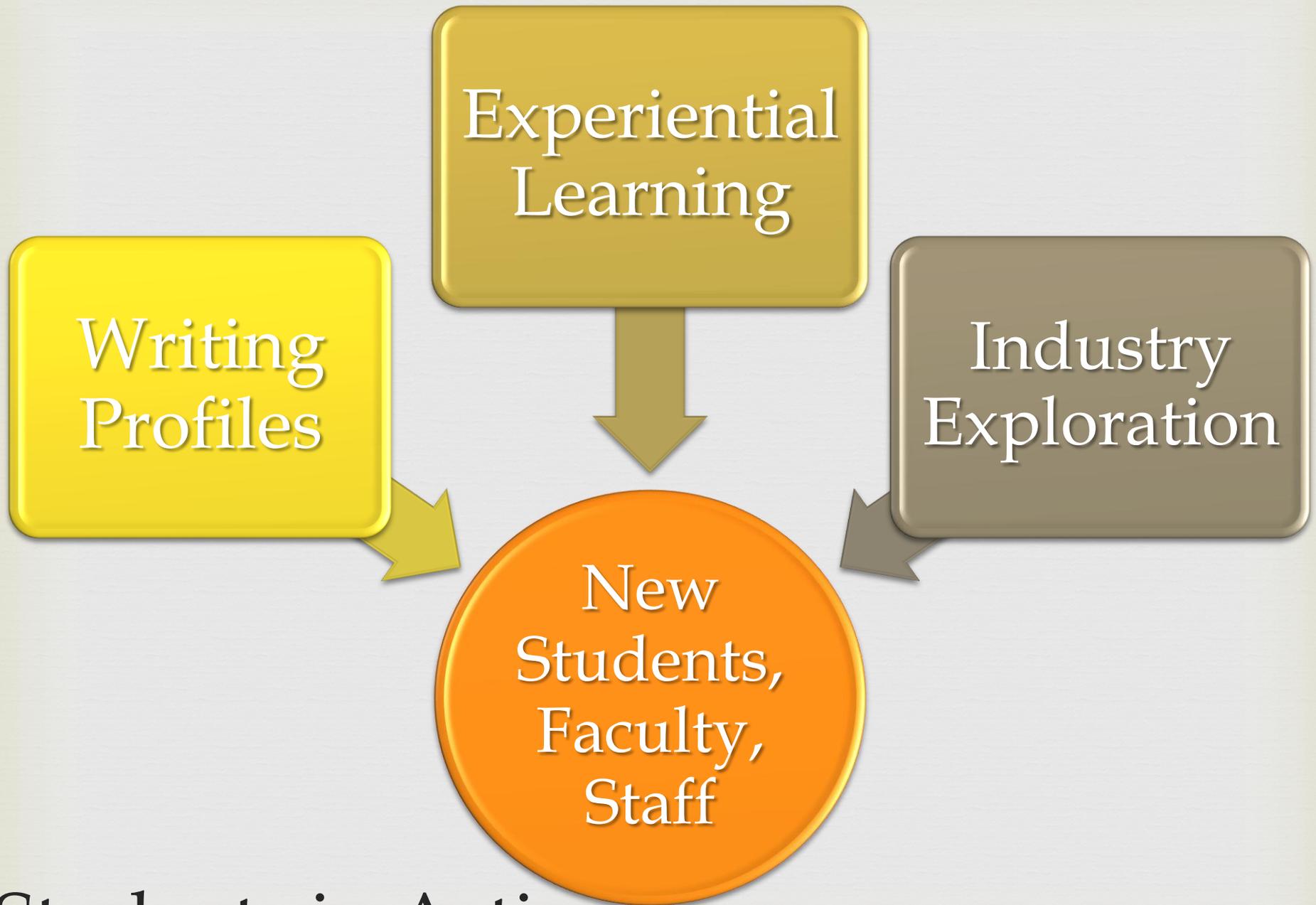
“Open” was vital to ensuring we could reach our audience, and make learning transparent.

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Academic Service
Learning
Assignment:

Creation of an online
tool for new students,
faculty & staff

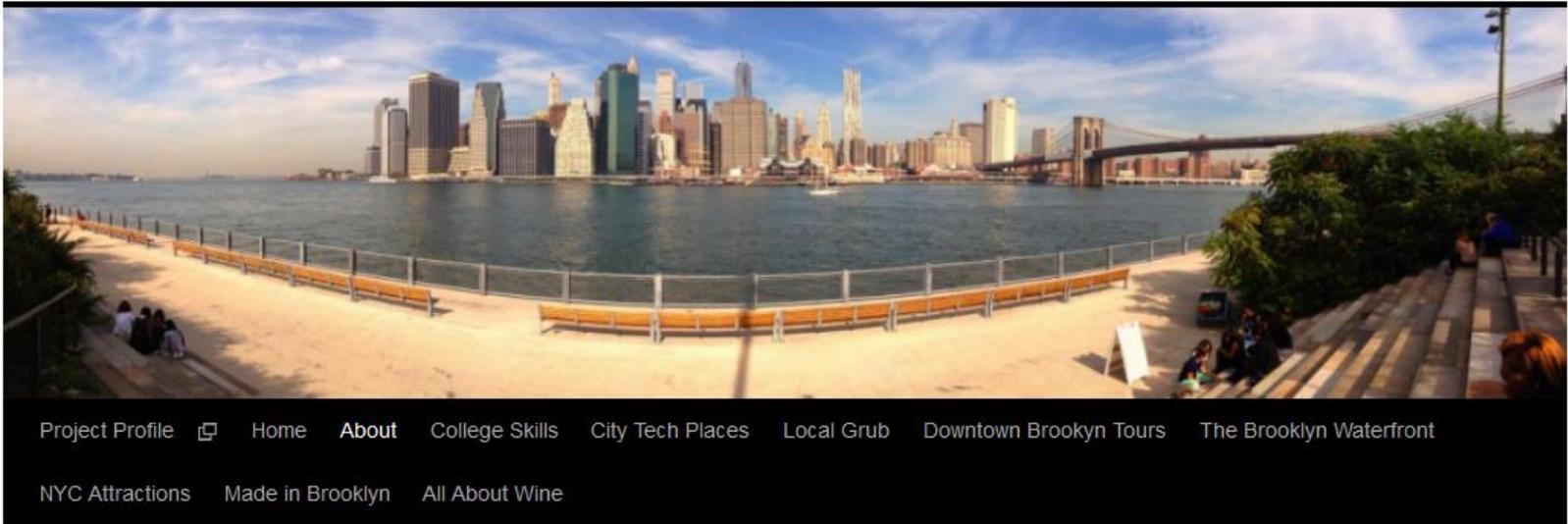
The Plan



Students in Action

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May we be of service?



New
Students,
Faculty,
Staff

Students in Action

- ☞ design
- ☞ development
- ☞ content
- ☞ release planning
- ☞ release implementation
- ☞ acknowledgments

Category Archives: *Burgers & Fries*

Local Grub: Five Guys

Posted on [December 4, 2013](#) by [Martin Benitez](#)

Grab A Bite From Five Guys By Martin Benitez I you wish that class can end in a few minutes. When class to end, you wonder ... [Continue reading →](#)

Posted in [Burgers & Fries](#), [Local Grub](#), [Take Out](#) | [Leave a comment](#)

Category Archives: *Downtown Brooklyn Tours*

Art in Downtown Brooklyn Tour

Posted on [February 20, 2014](#) by [Steven Weiss](#)

Art in Downtown Brooklyn Walking Tour (Urban Tourism) 12.9(1)

Posted in [Downtown Brooklyn Tours](#), [Uncategorized](#) | [Leave a comment](#) | [Edit](#)

Category Archives: *All About Wine*

Appellation Wine and spirit

Posted on [May 1, 2014](#) by [nykkeicha](#)

Finding a wine that one loves is often times a daunting process. The wine is by trial and error. One avenue of finding and trying wine shops. Retail wine shops are popping up everywhere in N

Writing
Profiles

- ✎ writing intensive courses
 - ✎ critical thinking
- ✎ intellectual engagement
 - ✎ potential for growth

Students in Action

City Tech Places: Welcome Center

Posted on [November 17, 2013](#) by [Kaveesh S](#)

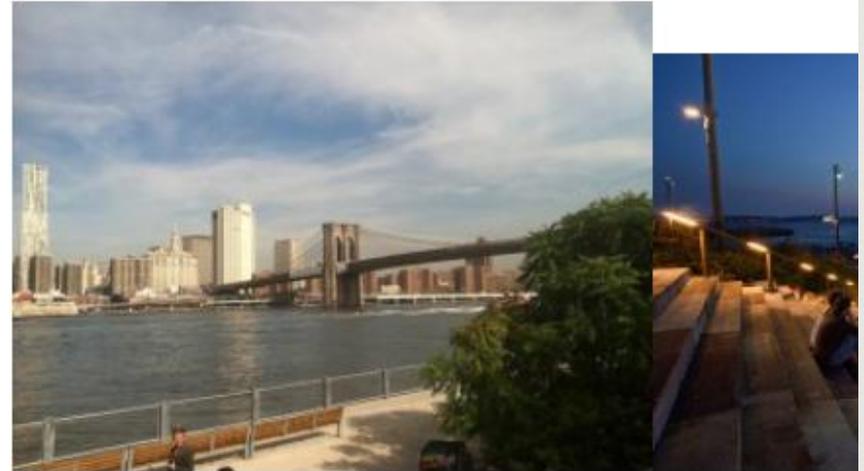
Are You Lost?

By: Kaveesh Singh



36 hours in...The Brooklyn Waterfront

Posted on [December 18, 2013](#) by [EboniB](#)



Experiential
Learning

- ☞ embracing community
- ☞ decision making
- ☞ intellectual engagement
- ☞ reflection

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Business Profile: Brooklyn Brine

Posted on December 18, 2013 by EboniB.



Industry
Exploration

- networking
- professional development
- intellectual engagement
- building awareness

Students in Action

Student Testimonial



As I was completing my paper on profiling the Welcome Center I considered how useful this information would be for first year students. Within the essay I strongly emphasized the topic of directions and how the many employees there stressed that it was the most commonly asked question. **As I was writing I analyzed my own thoughts specifically my first experiences walking through the doors of City Tech even before I was officially a freshman.** I noticed that the first words that came out of my mouth was asking for directions.

Student Testimonial



Professor Goodlad discusses *The New York Times* Travel section every week and allows students to share their opinions on various travelling topics. She also arranged three field trips for students to explore outside instead of sitting in a typical classroom. ...

After this project, I have become more interested in the tourism industry and my research skills are improving tremendously in my other classes.

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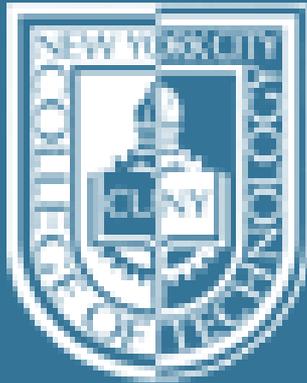


I never realized how much leisure eateries and restaurants there were right under my nose. Research about the Brooklyn Water front helped me to learn and explore the Brooklyn Waterfront more. **This project helped me to venture out and explore the fast growing Brooklyn Water front.** I enjoyed learning and doing the project, grouping together all of these beautiful restaurants and fun eateries to become one big project.

Student Testimonial



The Waterfront was largely unknown to me, almost mysterious. I have always wanted to explore it. Thanks to the guidance provided by Prof. Goodlad the assignment turned out to be quite enjoyable. In my “36 Hours” I focused on ecotourism, responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and sustains the well being of the local people. **I was surprised to discover how many organic food facilities are located in Brooklyn, they also provide fresh local produce.**



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#TheGuide

OpenLab for student clubs

- SADHA – Student American Dental Hygienists' Association, student club of the NYCCT Dental Hygiene program
- OpenLab site for all students-members, faculty, and alumni
- Discussion of club activities and events, both on and off campus
 - Announcements
 - Reports of volunteering events
 - Sharing of students' achievements
 - RSS feed from the leading professional journals (*Journal of Dental Hygiene*)

Student ADHA

 Search

'To love what you do and feel that it matters – how could anything be more fun?' – Katharine Graham



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May 2014 Student News!

Posted on **May 14, 2014** by **amatthews**



 **JOURNAL OF DENTAL HY-**

GIENE

- **How Do Diet and Body Mass Index Impact Dental Caries in**

A.Matthews NYCCT

OpenLab for student projects

SADHA Team site for ongoing discussion for club officers, advisors and members involved in planning of the club's activities and events

SADHA Team 2015

The Busy Bees of SADHA Club

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i am going to

SUCCEED

We can have more than we've got, because we can become more than we are. **Jim Rohn**

A.Matthews NYCCT

thank you!



more questions? please get in touch!
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