

The City College
of New York

SJay Levy
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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

S JAY LEVY FELLOWSHIP

DEAR S JAY LEVY ALUMNI:

We are excited to welcome our 8th cohort of the fellowship. As we continue to grow, we hope to keep our alumni engaged and resume in-person networking, peer-mentoring and guest-speaker events.



UPCOMING EVENTS

If you missed our picnic at CCNY, please follow our LinkedIn page to join upcoming events such as the Gala Dinner (exact date and location to come), Alumni networking opportunities and presentations, and support events such as the Internship Fair in November .

This semester, fellows are paired with industry mentors, who will help them navigate their interests and build a professional network. Next semester, this cohort will meet their peer mentors, alumni in their field of interest, a.k.a. our superheroes who support job search, interview prep and will answer any questions under the CCNY sun! Look out for emails from VP Nija Daniels regarding registration!

Thank you all for your continued commitment to the fellowship. We hope to keep you close for many years to come.

Follow us!



FELLOW HIGHLIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND CCNY CLASS OF 2022!

Our fellows and alumni value our program for helping them develop academic and professional skills and laying the foundation for a successful career. Congratulations to our graduating CCNY Fellows Class of 2022, and to our fellows who have completed their summer internships and recently joined the alumni community! Learn about some of your peers' accomplishments and share your good wishes! Please continue to share updates with us so we can celebrate you.

ANEESAH SAEED

-Colin Powell School's Class of 2022 Valedictorian-

In the fall, Aneesah will attend the Integrated Design and Media Master's program at NYU and Master's in Human Computer Interaction at RIT. Her goal is to make a difference through human-centered design by linking technology with social impact to empower others.

ABIGAIL RAGHUNATH

-Colin Powell School's Class of 2022 Salutatorian-

In the fall, Abigail will pursue her Master's in International Affairs at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs, where she will explore the impact of public policy on survivors of gender-based violence.

KAZI MAISHA

-Division of Science, Class of 2022 Valedictorian-

Kazi graduated as a premedical student, who hopes to bridge low-income community members with adequate healthcare resources. She also aims to be involved in nonprofit work for abuse survivors.

CLASS OF 2022 AWARDS

Harry Belafonte Award for Best Essay in Social Justice
Hawa Diallo

Beatrice and L. Richard Guylay Class of 1934 Prize for Academic Achievement and Service to CCNY's The Campus

Sarah Logan

The Arthur G. Levy Award
Tasnim Anjum Raka

The Bernard B. Levine Scholarship
Kazi Maisha

Incredible: Among the college's 15 Great Grads, there are 5 fellows: Ali Khalil, Alia Pineda Medina, Abigail Raghunath, Aneesah Saeed and Gabriel Reyes!

ALUMNI UPDATES

- Congrats, Azalea W. on your new position as Legal Extern at R3!
- Kudos, Rachele Monteau on presenting your research at NYCEF 2022 conference at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health!
- Congrats, Eamon Burke on receiving the Lillian Feder Scholarship!
- Congrats, Rosa Jimenez on starting a position as Graphic Designer at Cultivated!
- Congrats, Anisa Lajka on graduating from University of California, Berkeley, with a Master of Science in Structural Engineering!
- Congrats, Zev Vel, on starting a position as Harm Reduction Specialist at The Bridge!
- Congrats,, Frank Grunseich on starting a new position as Negotiator at PHD!
- Kudos, Mohammad Reza Kameli, on your publication in the UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs!
- Congrats, Hajar Alrifai on your selection to pursue a SMArchS Degree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology!
- Congrats, Jana Lausevic, on your promotion to Junior Associate at Rooney Partners!
- Congrats, Daniela Cortes, on your position as Editorial Assistant at Penguin Random House!

WELCOME 2022 ALUMNI BOARD OF ADVISORS



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A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Alumni and Current Fellows:

I am honored and thrilled to serve as your president for the coming year. For those of you who don't know me, I'll tell you a little about myself. I came into CCNY as a transfer student, feeling lost and unaware of how to integrate myself into college life. The S Jay Levy Fellowship resolved this issue. The supportive faculty, industry mentors, peer mentors and peer fellows have given me a home away from home. Beyond that personal experience, the fellowship has significantly enhanced my academic career.

I know what this fellowship has to offer. And as your president, I will ensure that you have the opportunity to receive those same benefits. I hope that you will benefit from all the opportunities that the fellowship will offer you this year, such as peer mentoring and networking events. Having said that, if you ever have any suggestions or ideas on how the fellowship can be better for you, just know that I am always here to listen and serve.

King regards,
Kazi Shafia Maisha

Thank you for
your dedication,
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PASSING THE BATON

Greetings My Fellow Alumni and Current Fellows:

I am glad to see another issue of our newsletter in circulation, and I am ecstatic to see so much of the enthusiasm from our alumni, who show their willingness to join the board and volunteer for activities. As many of you have heard, our alumni board elections brought about a change in leadership last spring, and in my humble opinion, the board can only flourish when we encourage new leadership to bring new ideas. Over the past few months, I have kept contact with the new leadership and assisted with the transition, and indeed, we are all in good hands. Our new President, Kazi Shafia Maisha, has the leadership to further engage our alumni during its expansion. Our new vice-president, Nija Daniels, will guide our peer-mentorship program into its next phase and solidify its effectiveness. And our new secretary, Fay Diamantopoulos, will build onto the success of the alumni newsletter and contribute to other projects under planning. As a result, I am confident about the success of this transition. But before I bid the alumni and fellows my farewell, I'd like to take the chance to express my gratitude.

First, I want to thank Elizabeth Little, for founding the board with me and initiating the peer mentorship program, which has become a great asset to the fellowship community. I want to thank Carlo and Lavie for encouraging me to run for president during the inception of the alumni board. I want to extend my gratitude to Layana for her support during my time as president. But most importantly, I want to thank the alumni for entrusting me to be their president for two terms; I hope to have met all your expectations.

Also, I want to congratulate our new board members and wish them the very best. I'm very excited for this upcoming year, because I know they have some amazing ideas in store. With that said, I wish you all a wonderful end of to this summer, and hope many of you have a fulfilling fall.

Sincerest regards,
Indrit Cami



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