

# WELCOME TO THE BARNARD COLLEGE SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Your guide to our extraordinary undergraduate community. We hope your visit will be enjoyable and informative.

**BARNARD COLLEGE:  
HISTORY & INTRODUCTION**

For over a century, Barnard College has been known for its distinctive academic culture. Founded in 1889 and named for Frederick A.P. Barnard, the tenth president of Columbia University and a strong proponent for women's rights, Barnard began as the only college in New York City where women could receive the same rigorous instruction as men. Today, Barnard continues to be at the forefront of education, enabling students to find new ways to think about themselves, their world, and their roles in changing it. Barnard enrolls approximately 2,600 undergraduates from almost every state and more than 40 countries. Across the globe, Barnard alumnae are renowned for their intellectual curiosity, ambition, and innovation in the many fields they pursue. In fact, Barnard alumnae have collectively written over 3,000 books and earned seven Pulitzer Prizes. Some notable alumnae include authors Anna Quindlen, Erica Jong and Jhumpa Lahiri; dancer and choreographer Twyla Tharp; NPR host Maria Hinojosa; actresses Cynthia Nixon and Lauren Graham; epidemiologist Helene Gayle; former Chief Judge of the State of New York Judith Kaye; entrepreneur Martha Stewart; and President of the American Museum of Natural History Ellen Futter. Barnard students benefit from a small close-knit community, while a unique partnership with Columbia University gives them unparalleled access to the wealth of resources of an Ivy League university. Barnard and Columbia students share open registration for undergraduate courses on each other's campuses and participate in joint clubs and organizations, resulting in a vibrant intellectual climate and active social life. Barnard students also regularly engage with New York City, drawing on its boundless opportunities through internships, cultural and social events, research, and more.

**You are welcome to enter and explore any open-access building throughout our campus. Please note that the residential halls are secure, and you may only visit the floors on an official tour or if accompanied by a resident.**

Thank you for visiting  
Barnard College.  
We hope you enjoyed  
your time on our campus.

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# CAMPUS MAP

## 1 THE QUAD: Residential Life

Barnard’s Quad, comprised of Brooks, Hewitt, Sulzberger, and Reid residence halls, shapes the campus community and much of student life. Nearly 95% of Barnard students live in college housing, either in the Quad or in one of seven other residence halls: three buildings on 116th Street near the south end of campus, Elliott Hall, Plimpton Hall, and Cathedral Gardens and College Residence Hall at 110th. Barnard College offers many housing options: traditional residence halls, corridor- and suite-style rooms, or apartments near campus. All residence halls are smoke and substance free.

First-year students reside in doubles, triples, or quads and participate in First-Year Focus (FYF), Barnard’s extended orientation. Throughout the year, FYF offers programs that introduce students to Barnard, Columbia, and New York City. A dynamic staff of Associate Directors, Hall Directors, and student Resident Assistants (RAs) supervises each hall. Resident Assistants organize social and educational programs and foster a sense of unity among residents. All buildings have Internet access, 24-hour access coverage with desk attendants, and laundry facilities. Many of our residence halls also have 24-hour computer labs (visit the housing website for details on each community).

The Quad has several lounges for student use which provide access to kitchens, televisions, and additional study space. The Quad also houses the offices of Residential Life and Housing, Furman Counseling Center, Primary Care Health Services and Well-Woman, Hewitt Dining Hall, and WBAR, the College’s independent radio station.

Hewitt Dining Hall features regular, vegetarian, vegan, and kosher foods within the meal plans. In order to maximize dining options, students on the meal plan take advantage of a two-part system: meals and points. Students on the meal plan have the option of eating at Hewitt Dining Hall or the Diana Center Café. Points work as currency, with one point equaling one dollar. All residents of floors 2-8 in the Quad are required to be on an unlimited meal plan.

## 2 VAGELOS ALUMNAE CENTER: Visitor Center

The Vagelos Alumnae Center, which opened in 2002, serves as the home base for Barnard alumnae. Decorated living and dining rooms provide space where alumnae can socialize and hold meetings, and internet access is available via two computer stations. Vagelos also houses the Barnard Admissions Visitor Center.

## 3 BARNARD HALL: Resources, Curriculum & Athletics

Barnard Hall is the gateway to Barnard, housing everything from dance studios and event spaces to classrooms and academic departments.

The Barnard education is firmly rooted in the liberal arts to ensure that each student will benefit from great breadth and depth of study in a multitude of disciplines. The Foundations curriculum is modern and flexible, allowing students to keep pace with our rapidly evolving world. This diverse and ambitious set of general education requirements—First-Year Experience, Distributional Requirements, Modes of Thinking, and the Senior Experience—is uniquely Barnard and allows students to learn and study within local, global, and historical contexts. At the heart of Foundations are the Modes of Thinking, which include a distinct technology requirement that sets Barnard apart. The Modes emphasize the dynamic process of thinking over the certainty of knowing. We support our philosophy of encouraging students’ academic exploration by providing a wide variety of courses across multiple disciplines to fulfill each requirement.

Athletes at Barnard College compete in athletics at the highest level. Barnard’s partnership with Columbia University makes it the only women’s college whose athletes compete at the NCAA Division I level. We offer sixteen varsity sports: archery, basketball, cross country/track, fencing, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, squash, swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball. Additionally, many students participate in seasonal intramurals and many club sports, which compete in collegiate leagues at local, regional, and national tournaments. All students have full access to the athletic facilities at Columbia and the Barnard Fitness Center.

## 4 BARNARD HALL ANNEX: Performing Arts

The Barnard Annex is a space that adjoins Barnard Hall, with Streng Dance Studio on the ground floor (there are also studio and dance offices in Barnard Hall). Barnard’s Dance Department is among the best in the nation, with renowned alumnae such as Twyla Tharp. Over the years, guest artists and faculty have included Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham, Wendy Whelan (current Orzeck Artist in Residence), the Trisha Brown Dance Company, Andrea Miller (Artistic Director of Gallim Dance), and many emerging choreographers. Frequent campus productions offer a variety of chances for performance and choreography, in addition to the wide curriculum of dance classes open to all students. The Department produces two concerts annually, which feature professional choreographers at New York Live Arts and Miller Theatre.

Barnard graduates dance in many prestigious companies including the Paul Taylor Dance Company, the Trisha Brown Dance Company, Gibney Dance Company, the Limon Dance Company, regional ballet companies, Off-Broadway productions (Sleep No More), and Third Rail Projects. They also can be found choreographing around the world.

## 5 FUTTER FIELD: Barnard Spirit and Women Who Lead

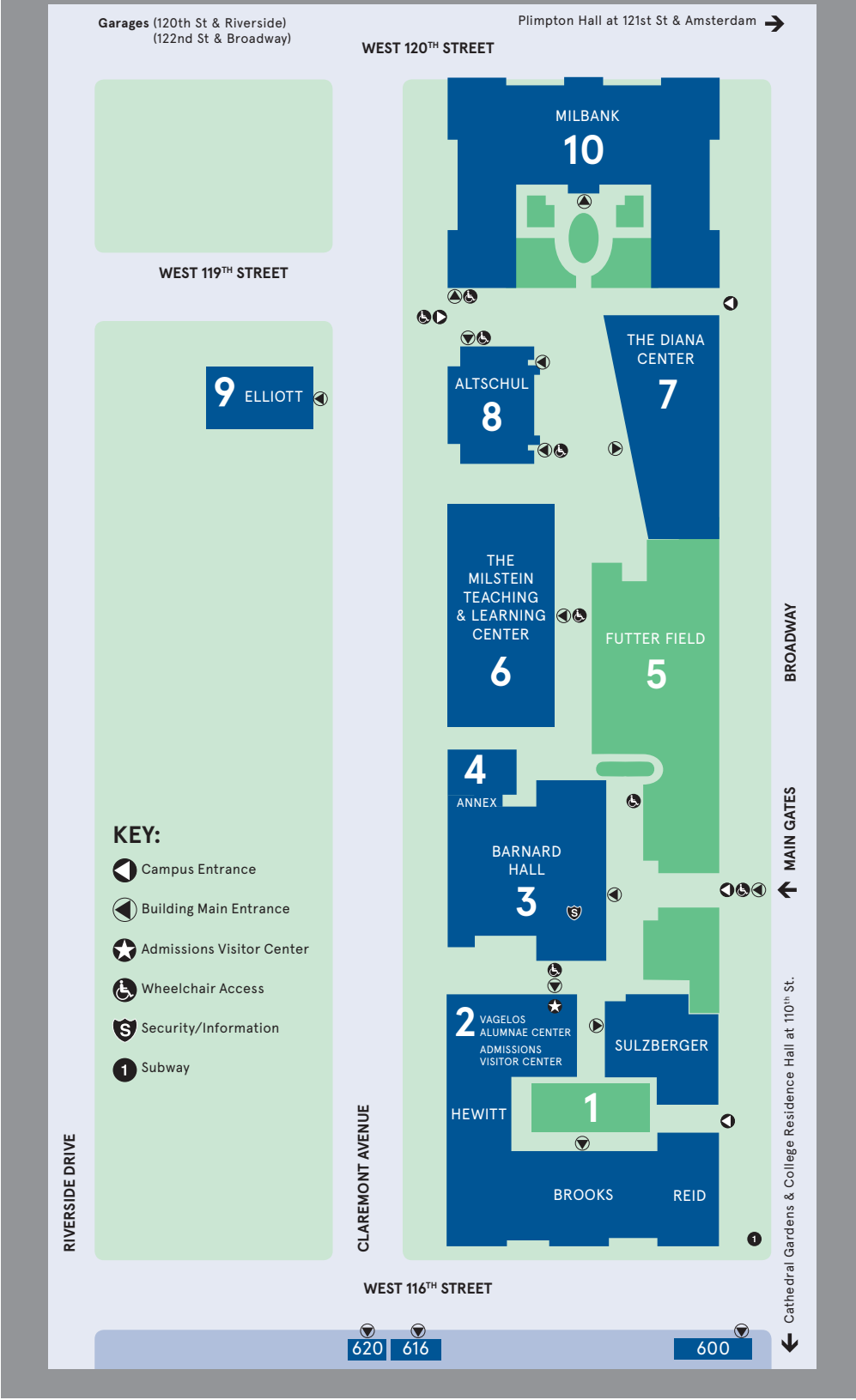
This unique, grassy oasis offers a respite from busy New York City and acts as a center of community life at Barnard. When the weather is nice, students fill the lawn, soaking up the sun, reading, or just catching up with friends. Professors often hold class here, and Futter Field also hosts traditional Barnard events and activities including Commencement celebrations, Big Sub, and the Greek Games, a tradition that honors generations of ambitious and inspiring Barnard women with a modern twist. Wherever they are, on campus and off, Barnard students are a diverse and remarkable group of independent, intelligent, creative, inquisitive, resourceful, and adventurous women. They shine as leaders inside and outside the classroom, run campus organizations at Barnard and Columbia, organize activities and events, conduct advanced research with professors, and discuss the mission of the College with administrators. Student services, such as Health Services, Beyond Barnard, and Academic Advising focus energy and resources entirely on meeting the needs of undergraduate women. Barnard’s encouraging and challenging environment has shaped accomplished graduates in every field.

## 6 THE CHERYL AND PHILIP MILSTEIN TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER: Academics & Library

The Milstein Center provides a diverse range of innovative and essential resources that will continue Barnard’s legacy for decades to come. The 128,000-square-foot building—with a base of five floors and a tower of eleven floors adjacent to Altschul Hall—is a distinctive place that convenes students and faculty, facilitates collaboration, and fosters dialogue. It includes a new kind of library, one that brings together current technologies and learning spaces in an interactive setting. The Library features a core collection of books, journals, zines, and special collections that supports a strong liberal arts education; enhanced storage for the entire Archives collection, along with the Hope L. and John L. Furth Archive Reading Room for scholarship. Its innovative centers include: Design Center (maker space), Digital Humanities Center, Elsie K. Sloate Media Center with a production lab and post-production lab, Empirical Reasoning Center, Center for Engaged Pedagogy, Movement Lab, The Vagelos Computational Science Center, The Barnard Center for Research on Women, and the Athena Center for Leadership Studies.

## 7 THE DIANA CENTER: Student Life & Learning

This mixed-use building, which opened Spring 2010, is utilized for teaching, learning, student activities, dining, and events. Its seven stories include classrooms, department offices, a café and student dining, event spaces, a student store, administrative offices, art and architecture studios, an art gallery, and a black box theatre. Additionally, the main computing center at Barnard is housed on the third floor of The Diana Center, where students can work on group projects using large monitors, use scanning stations and printers, or get computer support. The Office of Student Life, also housed on the third floor, advises all student-run organizations, provides opportunities for identity exploration and leadership development through intentional and inclusive programming, and the store offers discounted tickets for professional dance, theatre, opera, sporting events, and movies. With an ascending double-height glass atria and unfolded glazed staircase, The Diana Center brings in natural light and views, while its wedge-shaped design frames a clear sightline from one end of the campus to the other, linking the historic gates of our campus entrance at Barnard Hall to Milbank Hall at the north end of campus.



## 8 ALTSCHUL HALL: STEM and More

The lower level of Altschul Hall houses the student mailroom/mailboxes. The upper floors of Altschul house Barnard’s laboratories and science departments, including Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics and Astronomy, and Neuroscience and Behavior. As one of 50 leading “science-active” colleges in the country—liberal arts colleges that produce a disproportionately high level of achievement in the sciences and mathematics—Barnard encourages research and close interaction with faculty mentors. Barnard professors are teachers, mentors, and scholars. They are devoted to helping guide students through their educational journey at Barnard. Many students elect to build on their classroom experience through our fully-funded Summer Research Institute. A student professor ratio of 10:1 ensures close interaction and unparalleled research opportunities; more than 70% of Barnard classes have 19 students or fewer. In addition, more than 60% of Barnard’s full-time faculty are women, compared to about 45% nationally.

## 9 Elliott Hall: Beyond Barnard

Beyond Barnard supports all students and alumnae of the College as they work to define, pursue, and achieve success in their careers and communities.

The office’s multifaceted approach covers careers, experiential education (student jobs, internships, civic engagement, and post-baccalaureate programming), fellowships and research, as well as advising on graduate and professional school (including masters and doctoral programs). The staff provides guidance to students and alumnae to clarify interests, strengths, and ambitions in order to help them make informed career and post-graduate decisions. Students are encouraged to participate in internships, community service, jobs, and career programming. Beyond Barnard lists nearly 16,000 jobs and internships each year, and 75% of our students complete at least one internship during their time here.

## 10 MILBANK HALL: Administration & Advising

Milbank Hall was the first building on Barnard’s campus and originally contained classrooms, residences, and a dining facility. Milbank remains an integral part of the campus and houses the College’s main administrative offices, including the President’s and Provost’s Offices, Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, Bursar, and the Office of International & Intercultural Student Programs. The following academic departments are located in Milbank Hall: Anthropology, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Classics, Foreign Languages, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, and Theatre. The climate controlled, 2,500-square-foot Arthur Ross Greenhouse is located on the roof of Milbank Hall. The greenhouse contains specimens from over 45 plant families and provides research subjects for courses ranging from molecular biology to ecology.

The Office of the Dean of Studies is located on the first floor and coordinates a stellar advising program, which emphasizes student-professor interaction. Prior to arriving on campus, students complete an extensive questionnaire regarding their interests, both academic and personal, to ensure a good match with their first-year advisor. Professors volunteer to advise students according to their research and teaching schedules to make certain that each student is given the maximum amount of attention. When students declare their majors at the end of the second year, they select a major advisor. Four Class Deans serve as a general resource for personal and academic support. In addition, there are Deans who work with international and transfer students and those interested in advanced professional degrees.

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