



Dear Barnard Colleagues,

It was almost 12 weeks ago that students went home for spring break, that our children left homes daily to attend school, that Liz's Place staff were taking a well-earned break as many of us filed into our offices as part of a routine workday.

Then the world changed: We adapted, we accepted, and we learned new ways of working and created new spaces to do work, despite math problems, book reports, and Zoom call interruptions by four-legged friends.

Let us take a moment to think about the past 12 weeks and our display of strength and resilience. Congratulations to us!

Here now are the updates:

Barnard News

- ***Information for Furloughed Employees and Employees in Shared Work Program:***
 - You may apply for New York state unemployment insurance as well as federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits available through the CARES Act
 - Barnard will continue your health, dental, and vision insurance benefits (if any), at no cost to you during the furlough period.
 - For more information, please see the FAQs on the [myBarnard portal](#), as well as the [NYSDOL website](#) and the [Shared Work Program](#) website.

Barnard Staff Advisory Council (BSAC)

- BSAC invites all staff to zoom in every Tuesday at 4 p.m. for ***Talking Tuesdays*** to share news, thoughts, and concerns.

<https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/j/898605965>

Meeting ID: 898 605 965 One-tap mobile +16468769923,,898605965# US (New York)

Resources

- According to the NYS website, [New York City will remain on PAUSE](#) for the foreseeable future.
- If you reside in NYC, be sure to check the website [Resources for New Yorkers - Coronavirus](#) for information on testing, mental health, and funeral and burial resources.
- [Grocery Shopping During Quarantine](#): This free, online class will be offered on Friday, May 29 at 4 p.m. [Live Community](#), New York Public Library Online.
- [MyLife](#) (formerly “Stop, Breathe & Think”), a partner of Humana (EAP), provides a link to an assortment of meditations and relaxation exercises. Each is an audio file with visuals that go along with it.

This week, special recognition goes out to:

- *Office of the Registrar:*
 - *Jennifer Simmons, Meaghan Valenti, Mary Beth Kemm, Laura Yow, Sue Dodson and Kay Pham*

Thanks to all of you who keep Barnard going!

I encourage you to continue to email hr@barnard.edu with suggestions for information you'd like to see and shoutouts to those colleagues who are going above and beyond in their work for the College.

This is my final message to Barnard. I shall miss coming through the gates of the College and greeting friends and colleagues. My very first professional job was at the Barnard Library in 1974, and I am proud to end my career at Barnard. Working here is a precious gift. Thanks to all who work to make Barnard bold, strong, and the best of colleges.

Be well and stay safe,

Catherine