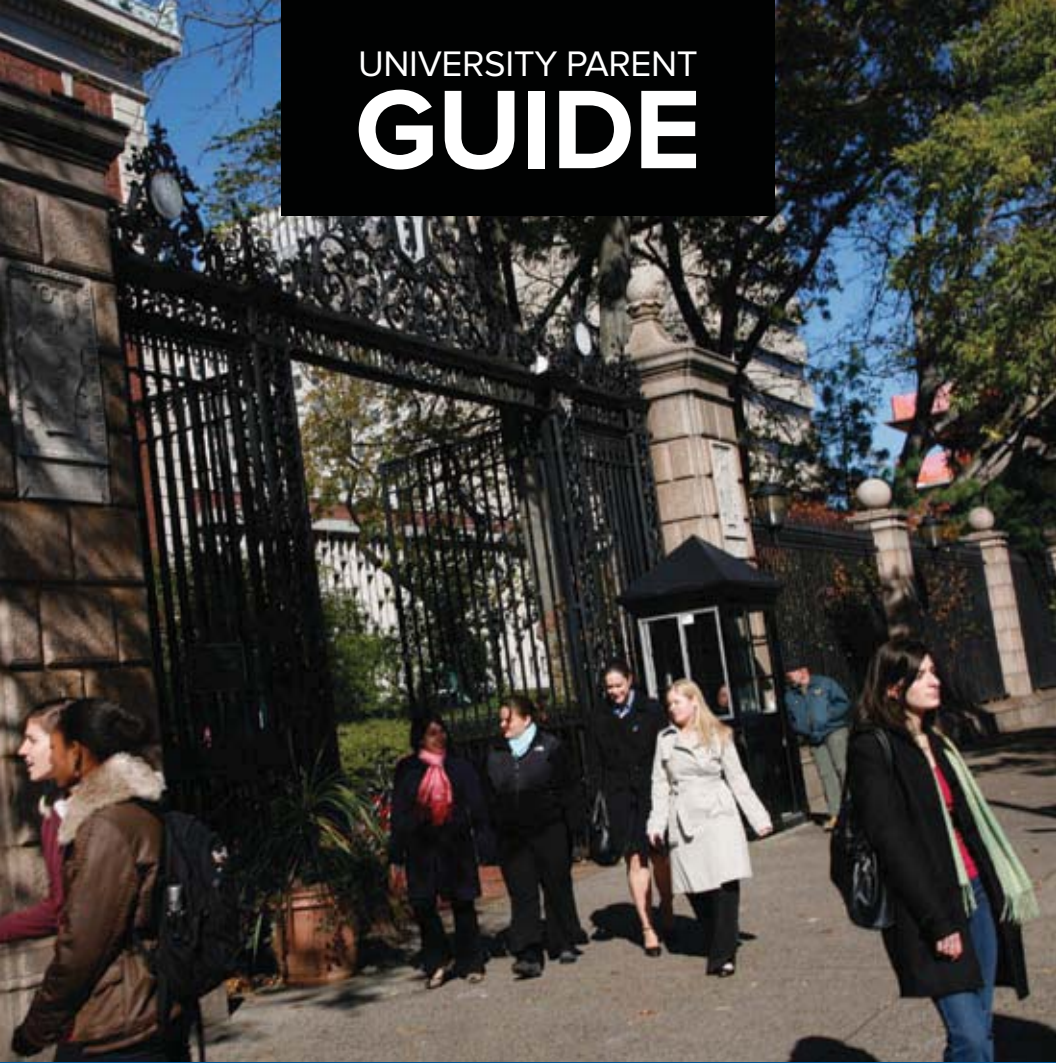


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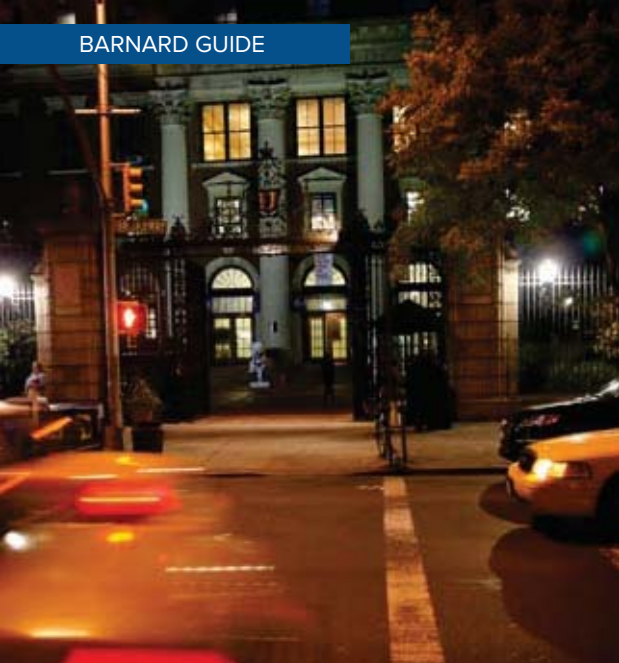
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Welcome to Barnard College!



Greetings,

I am pleased to introduce you to Barnard College. As this resource is intended to address the questions of both prospective and experienced Barnard parents, we hope you find that its content, an introduction to Barnard resources, helpful as you assist your daughter in her college search and throughout her time in college.

As the parent of three daughters who has “survived” the experience of sending a child off to college three times, I still remember vividly the mixed emotions I experienced in the summer as we prepared for that first departure. I also know how quickly this exciting, and sometimes trying, journey is over; it seems that it was only a moment ago that I was the parent of a first-year student for the first time.

Don't worry if you have questions, or even some anxiety, about your daughter taking this next step. In the first year, she

will experience a great deal of growth and will navigate challenges that will prepare her well for her future. While your role as a parent may evolve as your student gains independence, she will still require your guidance and support.

We have tremendous resources in place at Barnard to help students navigate this road. The maps, road signs, and guides are available, but your daughter needs to pay attention to them. I wish your daughter a happy and successful search and four years at Barnard and anticipate that you will find, as I did, that this is a special time in the evolving relationship between parents and increasingly adult children.

Best wishes,

Dorothy Denburg
Dean of the College
Vice President for College Relations ■

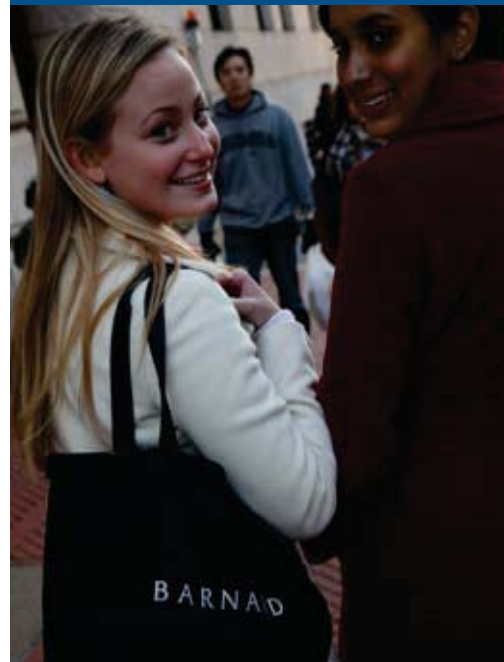
ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Founded in 1889, Barnard was among the first colleges in the nation to offer young women the chance to earn a college degree. Today, Barnard remains committed to women's education, enrolling 2,360 women from more than 40 countries and nearly 50 states and offering a combination of characteristics found at no other college in the United States. Our neighborhood in Manhattan's Upper West Side of New York City is a university community that nearly 35,000 students from around the world call their home. ■



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THE BARNARD/COLUMBIA PARTNERSHIP



Barnard is located just across Broadway from Columbia University's main campus and is one of four undergraduate schools of the University (the others are Columbia College, the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, and the School of General Studies). In an arrangement unique in American higher education, Barnard has retained its independence, maintaining its own campus faculty, administration, trustees, student services, operating budget, and endowment, while through this long-standing partnership, Barnard students earn the degree of the University. Since 1900, Barnard's inter-corporate agreement with Columbia has allowed both campuses to grow together, with distinct approaches, campus cultures, and communities in addition to nearly unlimited academic resources, extra- and co-curricular opportunities. ■



Our Setting *(Campus - University - Neighborhood - City)*

While the life of the College is closely tied to the energy and opportunities of New York City and to the resources of Columbia, Barnard guards its unique identity closely: a tightly knit sisterhood of undergraduates who live and study in an atmosphere of open expression, with an affinity for bold ideas and exploration. Barnard women are bright, motivated, and focused in pursuit of their passions. From Barnard's president to its first year students, the college community takes an active role in shaping and supporting activities that reflect the remarkably diverse interests of its students and foster a campus climate where individuals from wide-ranging backgrounds interact on various levels, on multiple issues.

Barnard's compact four-acre, green, campus is key ingredient to its unique culture, providing a haven from the intensity of the city and an anchor from which Barnard women venture forth to the Columbia campus, explore Morningside Heights, and discover all of Manhattan. The physical space of Barnard's campus connects our community and encourages a sense of belonging. It is a place of beauty and calm, with its many beaux arts buildings and underground tunnels conveniently connecting the north and south ends of campus. With the addition of buildings like Lehman Hall in the sixties,

and Sulzberger Hall in the eighties, Barnard's buildings represent a diverse collection of styles. Adding a new element to the campus, the Diana Center, Barnard's student center, is a 70,000-square-foot building adjacent to Lehman Lawn. Its seven story glass structure frames a clear sightline from one end of the campus to the other, linking the historic gates of our entrance at the south end of campus to Milbank Hall at the north end. ■



A Diverse and Active Community

A college that celebrates all kinds of voices and opinions, Barnard enrolls a highly talented and diverse student body. Nearly 10 percent of Barnard students received their high school education abroad and more than 30% self identify as Black, Latina, Asian or Native American. Each voice represents many perspectives. And, it is in sharing those perspectives Barnard students learn from one another, each expanding her appreciation of diverse cultures and people, shaping her own lens from which she views the world. Student activities reflect the breadth of interests and gifts among Barnard students and include theatre, dance and music groups, ethnic and cultural organizations, community service clubs, student government, publications and

more. Barnard women also join and lead many Columbia-sponsored organizations, from the Spectator, the nation's second-oldest student daily, to spearheading events through Community Impact, an umbrella volunteer action group housed on Columbia's campus. Barnard women also compete in intercollegiate athletics through the Columbia/Barnard Athletic Consortium at the NCAA Division I level in 16 sports within the Ivy League conference, in addition to club sports and intramurals. ■

A Residential Campus

A small campus, with distinctive architecture, green space, and a vibrant residential life, Barnard builds a sense of community while encouraging students to shape their lives through a variety

of experiences utilizing New York City. These are the features that set Barnard apart as an urban and residential campus. Barnard students develop a sense of community within and beyond the campus. We guarantee housing for first-year students for all four years and nearly 95% of students choose to live on campus in one of Barnard's twelve residence halls. Options include traditional doubles and singles, suites, and apartments.

Once students arrive, the First-Year Focus program, Barnard's extended orientation, provides a full year of academic and co-curricular activities to help first-year students get acquainted with their new surroundings. The Office of Residential Life and Housing works collaboratively with a cross section of departments to provide a residential experience that compliments Barnard's mission of teaching, research and public service. Activities focus on enhancing personal growth and social development. ■

Small Classes and Faculty Advising

Barnard is known for its distinctive academic culture. At once challenging and nurturing, classes at Barnard enable students to find new ways to think about themselves, the world, and their roles in changing it. All classes are all taught by faculty and are generally smaller in size: 71% of Barnard's courses enroll 19 students or fewer and only 2% enroll more than 100 students. Barnard students regularly credit their small class sizes and resulting relationships with faculty for the depth of their engagement, their confidence in expressing ideas, and their satisfaction with their Barnard education.



Central to the Barnard academic experience is a strong support system. Barnard students are matched with a faculty adviser during the summer prior to their first year. Faculty who choose to advise first-years work with groups that range anywhere from 4 to 15 advisees, facilitating individualized advice on program planning, course selection, and providing guidance on how to satisfy the degree requirements. Class deans provide additional support to students, communicate

with faculty and administrators, and are a valuable additional resource for academic and general questions. In the spring of the sophomore year, students choose a major. Departments schedule meetings and open houses throughout the year to introduce prospective majors to the more than 50 academic programs, highlight faculty research interests and encourage students to meet their major advisers. ■

Flexible and Interdisciplinary

The Barnard education aims to provide a foundation in language and literature, social and historical analysis, mathematics and the natural sciences, and the arts and the humanities through The Nine Ways of Knowing, a set of courses that encourages competence in a variety of subjects. By virtue of their interdisciplinary approach, these requirements heighten a Barnard student's ability to frame questions to include diverse perspectives. Each student shapes her academic experience according to her interests. Barnard's approach is flexible, with choices available for each requirement, and critical, independent thinking encouraged by supportive faculty.

Students complete the following requirements for the degree: First-Year English, First-Year Seminar, physical education (2 semesters) and courses that expose students to primary ways of knowing the world: Reason and Value (1), Social Analysis (1), Historical Studies (1), Cultures in Comparison (1), Laboratory Science (2 courses in one science), Quantitative and Deductive Reasoning (1), Language (study through at least the fourth semester), Literature (1), and Visual and Performing Arts (1). In addition, students complete a major. 122 points are necessary for the degree. ■

Majors and Programs of Study

Barnard offers a bachelor's degree in more than 50 fields of the arts, humanities, and the social, natural and physical sciences. Though some students enter Barnard with focused interests, many select their major after pursuing disciplines they have never studied before. Multiple opportunities exist for advanced and double degrees, lesson exchange, fellowships, study abroad and more through our partnership with Columbia and relationships with the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Manhattan School of Music, and the Juilliard School.

Barnard students have access to more courses, resources, and opportunities than most liberal arts colleges can offer. A main component of our partnership with Columbia is an open cross-registration policy which benefits both Barnard and Columbia students, and provides Barnard students with access to more

than 3000 classes. Furthermore, Barnard runs the undergraduate departments for architecture, dance, theatre, urban studies, and education for all University undergraduates, extending our expertise well beyond the gates of our campus.

A Barnard education often extends beyond the traditional classroom. As a small, liberal arts and sciences college, all of our opportunities for research are open only to undergraduates, and our students engage in research with faculty in a variety of fields. Many will also add independent research, conferences, symposia, and committee work to their academic experience, opportunities ordinarily reserved for graduate students at larger schools. Additionally, students regularly utilize the historical, empirical, and cultural resources readily available to them in New York City. ■





Career Advice and Practical Training

Barnard's Office of Career Development (OCD) is unique in that it not only focuses on preparing young women to develop a career that is meaningful, it is also the one-stop resource for internship (more than 2500 each year), part-time and campus job, and service opportunities through the New York City Civic Engagement Program. OCD helps students translate their liberal arts background into the language of the workplace. Staff and peer counselors help students understand and articulate the value of the transferable skills they acquire, regardless of major. The Career Development staff also works with the pre-professional Advisers on graduate school planning.

Frequent workshops teach valuable job search skills and resumes/cover letters are reviewed daily during "drop-in" hours; but OCD also works with broader aspects of the career search, including preparing students for the professional workplace. OCD also handles all aspects of on-campus student employment, including the Federal Work Study Program, and advises the student-run Barnard Babysitting Agency and the Barnard Bartending Agency. Supportive alumnae participate in a variety of career information

sessions available to all students. They are available to coach and mentor undergrads and many contribute to Alumnae and Donor Sponsored Internship Grants. ■

Safety and Security

The Office of Public Safety at Barnard focuses proactively on the prevention of crimes and on the practical collaboration with other safety offices in our neighboring schools, the New York Police Department, and residents. We are proud to live in a neighborhood rated one of the safest by the NYPD. www.barnard.edu/admiss/docs/MorningsideHeightsMap.pdf

The Office of Public Safety, located in 104 Barnard Hall, near the main campus gate, is available 24 hours a day to provide security services for everyone in the Barnard community. Guards are posted at varying times in the vicinity of the residence halls, as well as throughout the main campus. Other services include fire safety, escort service, information service, presentations, and support resources. A sampling of services and contact information is listed here.

Religious Life

Though Barnard is non-denominational, our students value the opportunity to practice their faith, explore intercultural exchange, and engage in service to the community. The main hub for religious life is Earl Hall, a center that fosters learning through spiritual, ethical, religious and cultural exchange and promotes service opportunities. Earl Hall includes the Office of the University Chaplain, Community Impact and the United Campus Ministries. The Office of the University Chaplain promotes interfaith and intercultural understanding and sponsoring programs concerning justice, faith and spirituality.

Students who would like to be involved in Jewish life at Barnard will often join the Columbia/Barnard Hillel, housed in The Kraft Center, and home to a wide range of social, cultural, religious and



educational activities. The Columbia/Barnard Hillel is one of the most vibrant Jewish communities not only at Barnard, but on any campus in the United States, with hundreds of programs and 40 student groups. Kosher dining is also provided through Barnard for the undergraduate population at Columbia. ■

Emergency Call Boxes

Call boxes, connected directly to Campus Safety, are located on and around campus. Blue lights, above each call box, add an extra level of visibility. When the alarm is pressed, a message is automatically sent giving location, and guards respond instantaneously as that message is broadcast over their radios.

Barnard College Public Safety

(212) 854-3362
includes The Barnard College Escort Service which operates between 9:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., seven nights a week.

Columbia University Public Safety

(212) 854-2796
Columbia University security guards are posted throughout the campus, extending from Morningside Drive to Riverside Drive, between 112th and 123rd Streets.

Morningside Heights Area Alliance Patrol

(212) 280-4524
Uniformed staff patrol the area by car and foot.

New York Police Department 26th Precinct

(212) 678-1311
The NYPD 26th Precinct is located on 126th Street. A cooperative relationship exists between Barnard Security and the 26th Precinct when a situation arises which cannot be handled within the College.

University Escort Service

(212) 854-7233
The University Escort Service operates seven nights a week from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the Columbia University area.

Columbia Shuttle Service

(212) 854-2796
A 15-passenger van runs from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The van stops between 108th and 125th Streets. Fare is free. A valid college ID must be presented.

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Health and Wellness

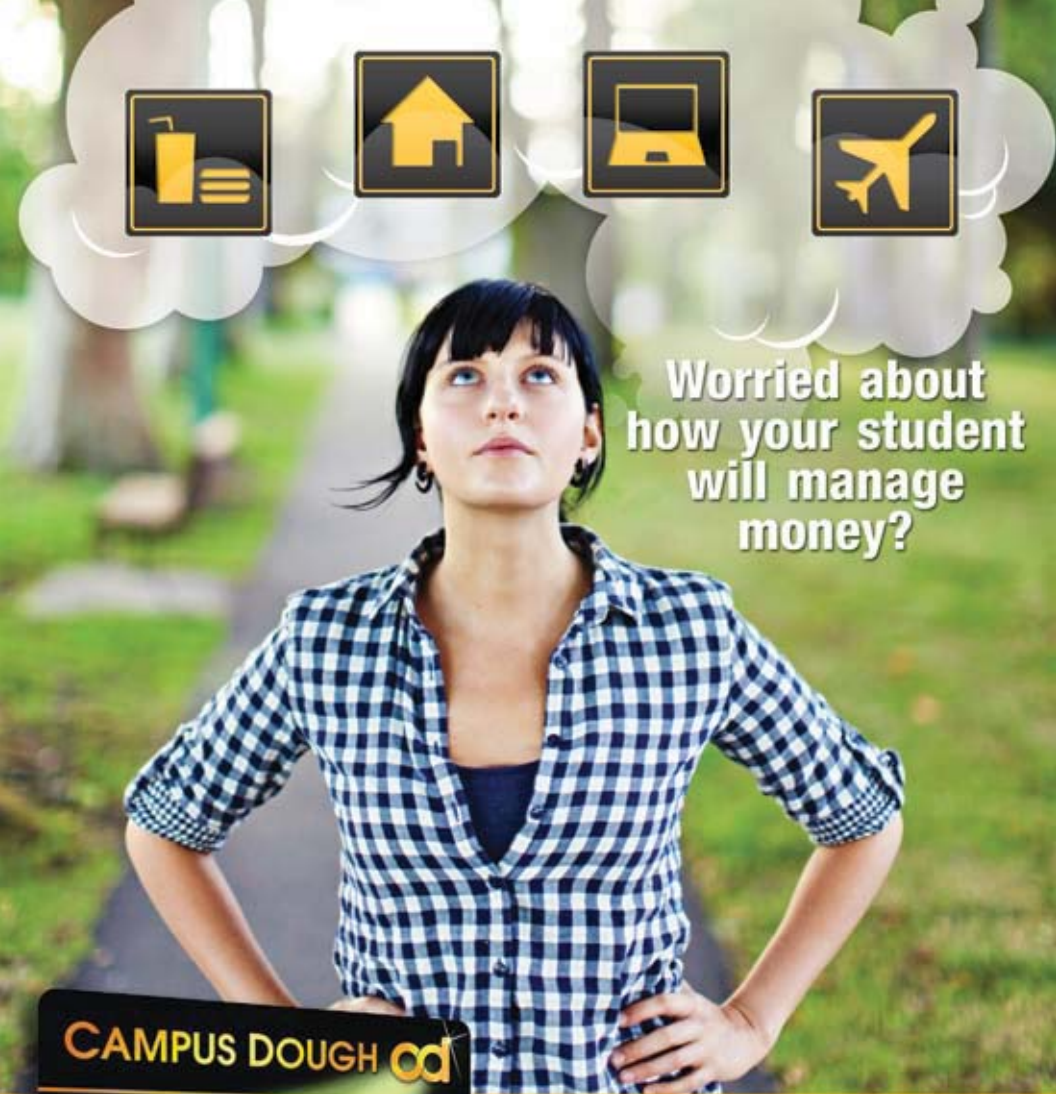
Several departments on Barnard's campus offer services related to health and wellness. These offices include: Health Services, the Counseling Center, Well Woman, Alcohol and Substance Awareness Program, Disability Services, and the Rape Crisis/Anti Violence Support Center. Each provides support, information, and workshops with a "holistic" approach to wellness, recognizing that many factors—medical, emotional, social, and academic—contribute to overall student development. Staff members also collaborate closely and continuously with other on-campus departments such as Safety and Security and Residential Life and Housing to streamline the Barnard student experience. ■

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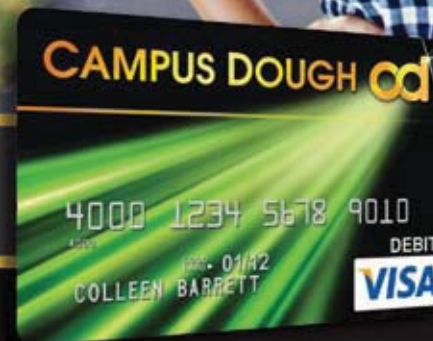
Managing Finances

The Office of Financial Aid seeks to help each Barnard family make the best financial choices. To the extent possible, Barnard's need-based aid assists families using a combination of grants, loans, and work and by providing advice on financing a Barnard education. The College is committed to making enrollment a realistic option, regardless of financial circumstances, and to ensuring that qualified applicants will not be denied a Barnard education simply because they cannot afford it.

Once enrolled, Barnard's Financial Fluency Program continues to educate Barnard women on issues relating to personal finance so that they have the proper tools to make responsible financial decisions both during their years at Barnard and beyond. The program covers topics such as budgeting, credit card management, insurance, savings and investments and much more. ■



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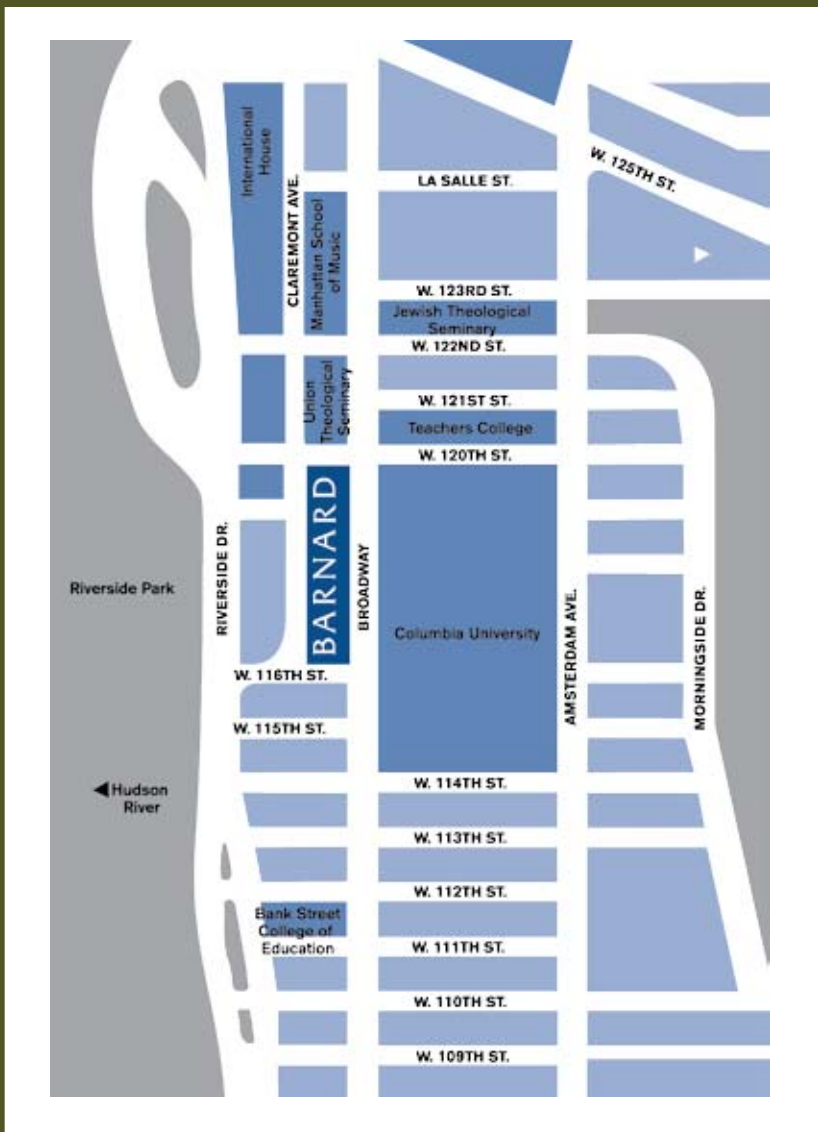
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Campus Map



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Calendars (Academic, www.barnard.edu/registrar/acalendar.htm,
Events, www.barnard.edu/calendar)

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