

ASSEMBLY MEMBER LATOYA JOYNER 77TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



APRIL 2017 - NEWSLETTER

Assemblywoman Joyner discusses increasing support for students living in temporary housing



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner hosted an educational breakfast educational leaders and New York City officials. Assemblywoman Joyner discussed the city's efforts and how to increase support for students living in temporary housing especially for Community School District 9 children and families.

Assemblywoman Joyner Women's History Month **Wellness Celebration**





Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner hosted her Third Annual Women's History Month Wellness celebration at PS 204, where she honored women of distinction from our community. Assemblywoman Joyner also honored the winners for 2017 in her Third Annual Women's History Month Art Competition. (Read more on pg 4)

District Office - Constituent Service Hours

When: Monday - Thursday (10 AM-6 PM), Friday (10 AM-5 PM)

Where: 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (btwn E. 162 & 163 Streets)

Off-site hours: Schedule varies. See page 7 for details.

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LATOYA'S LINE

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's statement regarding celebrating Women's History Month

Women's History Month is a time when we can reminisce, recognize and support those strong women who have influenced our lives and our society. Strong women can truly impact us in every facet of our upbringing and development productive members community I know I am where I am today thanks to those women inmy life who have served to blaze.

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JOYNER SUPPORTS EDUCATION PG 2

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LATOYA JOYNER & Phrma ANNOUNCE SUPPORT FOR STEM PROGRAMS AT CIS 303 LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICE ACADEMY



BRONX, N.Y. – New York State Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) joined Laura Perloff, Director of Advocacy and Strategic Alliances at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) to announce that

CIS 303 Leadership Community Service Academy will receive an educational grant to support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs. In addition to announcing educational support, Assemblywoman Joyner and Ms. Perloff will discuss with students the opportunities to utilize STEM skills in the biopharmaceutical industry.

"I am very happy this STEM investment is being offered by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America to support the students of CIS 303: The Leadership & Community Service Academy and Principal Patricia Bentley," said Assemblywoman Joyner. "Through this STEM academic grant, our leaders of tomorrow will achieve the necessary education and experience needed to support and prepare them for college. By providing this vital educational support, Bronx youth will be given a fair chance to pursue careers in the fields of science,

technology, engineering and math – aligning them with success and opportunity for their future."

"The biopharmaceutical industry is committed to investing in the future of innovation. PhRMA is proud to support programs like this one that inspire tomorrow's STEM workforce," said Laura Perloff. "STEM programs like the program here at CIS 303 Leadership Community Service Academy allow students to gain hands-on experience that will help better prepare them for careers in STEM fields."



CIS 303 Leadership Community Service Academy has a robust STEM academic program. Currently there are over 300 students participating in the technology programming at the school. In addition to the academic program, there is an afterschool coding club which participated in a Google Coding event held earlier this year. The school sent 20 girls from the coding club to participate in the event. "CIS 303: The Leadership & Community Service Academy is thrilled to have our desire to strengthen STEM programs recognized and supported," said Principal Patricia Bentley. "We are extremely appreciative and excited to use this grant to further STEM education for our students and continue to prepare our students for college and careers."

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Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner and Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson's joint Statement Regarding the Closure of J.H.S. 145 Arturo Toscanini

"On behalf of the residents of the 77th Assembly District, the 16th Council District, and the J.H.S. 145 Arturo Toscanini school community, we must express deep concern about the PEP's decision to close J.H.S. 145 Arturo Toscanini.



As representatives of the community, we are profoundly disappointed to see this educational institution closing after serving our families and our children for more than 50 years. This decision comes despite the outcry of parents, the school community, and most importantly, our children.

It takes a village to raise a child and providing a quality, sound education is absolutely necessary. We will continue to work with stakeholders to ensure that the needed resources are in place to serve all our children - especially students who are English Language Learners, those with disabilities, and those currently living in transitional housing."

JOYNER IN ALBANY

Assemblywoman Joyner Passes Resolution to Raise Awareness for Bleeding Disorders

BRONX, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD) announced the passage of a resolution in the New York State Assembly memorializing Gov. Andrew Cuomo to proclaim March 2017 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the State of New York. Adopted on March 2nd, (K0146) is part of a statewide effort to expand public awareness of bleeding disorders.

"As medical treatments for bleeding disorders improve, I am pleased to work so closely with the New York State Bleeding Disorders Coalition, a statewide organization of patient groups that are in the forefront of expanding awareness of this important public health concern," Assemblywoman Joyner said.

Bleeding disorders may affect more than one in 100 New Yorkers. They encompass a variety of genetic conditions including hemophilia, sickle cell anemia, and platelet disorders. Symptoms vary, and may include pain, disabling joint and muscle damage, organ failure and in severe



cases death. Although there is treatment for these conditions, there is no cure.

"Advancements in medical research and expanded access to care are enhancing the quality of life for people living with bleeding disorders, but public education remains vital," Assemblywoman Joyner said.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PG 4

Women's History Month Wellness Celebration

The free community event offered resources and information from partners that included WellCare Health Plans, Community Education Council-District 9, Morris Heights Health Center, Bronx Community Health Network, Eckerd Workforce Development, The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, and GrowNYC.





AW Joyner and Women from the community meditating



Assemblywoman Joyner's Women of Distinction Honorees - 2017:

- Marlen Valarezo: is the supervising attorney at the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs (NAICA), a non-profit organization. As a Bronx resident, she represents low-income Bronx residents in need of legal advocacy in the Bronx Housing Court
- Grecia A. Marte, MD, FAAP: Private clinic Healthy Children Medical Practice (HCPM).
 Currently, she is also a Fellow of The American Academy of Pediatrics, NRP instructor, a practicing House Staff Physician in NICU at both, BLHC, as well as at the Montefiore Hospital Center (North Division).
- **Kathryn Davis:** Kathryn Davis is a teacher of meditation, movement and relaxation techniques, a Spiritual Doula and Energy Healing Practitioner. She is a host and producer of Health Action and Heart Of Mind, heard over WBAI Pacifica Radio, 99.5 FM and the Progressive Radio Network, PRN.FM.

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Winning Students in Assemblywoman Joyner's Women's History Art Contest-2017



P.S. 53 Basheer Quisim

- -Dalia Cancel
- -Xzavier Guzman
- -Melissa Espinal
- -Stephanie Ortiz
- -Ishmum Rahman
- -GraceAnn Marquaye
- -Maussa Cisse

X361 Highbridge Green School

- -Andres Zevallos
- -Krismely Pena
- -Laila Glover

P.S. 236 Langston Hughes Young Explorers Academy

- -Shanely Tejeda
- -Sharlene Tejeda





JOYNER IN ALBANY PG 6

STATEMENT: <u>Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner Votes in Support of Equal Pay for</u> <u>Equal Work for All New Yorkers</u>

BRONX, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D – Bronx, 77th AD), along with her colleagues, passed several bills (A4696, A2425, A0658, A2549) in the New York State Assembly – that guarantees equal pay for equal work in commemoration of National Equal Pay Day.

"By ensuring equal pay protections across the board for all women, we will not only be helping those hardworking women that struggle to make ends meet, but also empowering them to support their households and their families," said Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner.

With a substantial 47% of the overall workforce in the United States being women who earn 79 cents for every dollar that men make in our country, the proposed measures narrow the wage gap by eliminating wage inequality in job titles and position classifications (A0658). They also establish a mechanism for public employees to enforce their right of equal pay for equal work (A2425).



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner added "In New York State, women make 84% of what men earn, and the pay gap only worsens as women age. As a woman and as the Women of Color Subcommittee's Co-Chair, I fully support the ongoing efforts of the Assembly majority to close the wage gap and eliminate disparities. These efforts will promote financial security for as well as rectify this deplorable injustice facing our diverse societies, while moving our communities in the Bronx and across the state toward equal pay for equal work."

Assemblywoman Joyner Offers Free Immigration Screenings for Community



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is pleased to announce FREE immigration screenings for Bronx families. Representatives from Bronx Legal Services and Sauti Yetu Center for African Women and Families will be available in her Community Office at 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (between E. 162nd and E. 163rd Streets), Bronx, N.Y. 10451 on a monthly basis.



The next day will be Friday, April 21 from 3 PM-5 PM

Please call 718-538-2000 to set up your appointment if you require immigration assistance

TENANT SUPPORT SERVICES





Every Thursday, Tenant Support Services are available in Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office

In coordination with <u>New York City's Tenant Support Unit</u>, tenant support specialists are on hand every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 11 AM-3 PM. This effort will focus on helping tenants with concerns and issues related to harassment, purposeful denial of essential services, overcharges and possible eviction.

Also, legal professionals from the <u>Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs</u> are available every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 3 PM-6 PM to assist with your legal housing issues. <u>Please call to set up an appointment.</u>

For more information, see flyers or call the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000

TENANT SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE:	N.A.I.C.A LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE:
APRIL 20	APRIL 13
MAY 4	APRIL 27
MAY 18	MAY 11
JUNE 1	MAY 25
JUNE 15	JUNE 8
JULY 6	JUNE 22
July 20	JULY 13

OFF-SITE CONSTITUENT HOURS PG 8



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner wants to make her office more accessible to families and constituents in the 77th Assembly District. Her staff will be offering off-site constituent services at local senior centers, community centers and libraries.

- Highbridge Library
 78 West 168th Street
 Bronx, NY, 10452
 Every 3rd Mon. from 10 AM-1 PM
- Davidson Community Center
 2038 Davidson Avenue
 Bronx, NY 10453
 Every 2nd Wed. from 10 AM-1 PM
- New Settlement Community Center
 1501 Jerome Ave
 Bronx, NY 10452
 *Every 3rd Wed. from 4 PM-6 PM

BRONX AFFORDABLE HOUSING

AVAILABLE BRONX AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

Below listing are Subsidized Rental Opportunities lotteries, as provided by NYC Housing Preservation & Development and New York State Homes and Community Renewal. Each housing opportunity is a lottery with application deadlines.

For more information, please visit <u>NYC Housing Connect</u> or <u>HCR Affordable Rental Units</u> and <u>NYHousingSearch.gov</u>.

ADDRESS	APTS AVAILABLE	HOW DO YOU APPLY?	DEADLINE
4275 Park Avenue, Bathgate, Bronx	227	Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housing connect. To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: Park House, PO Box 3620937, New York, NY 10129. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.	April 17, 2017
1524 Boone Avenue, Crotona Park East	120	Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housing connect. To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: Compass Residences TWO A, P.O. Box 1735, New York NY 10037. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.	April 24, 2017
6469 Broadway, Bronx (Riverdale), NY 10471	77	Applications can be downloaded from the marketing agent's website: www.BronxProgroup.com. Applications can also be requested by mail by sending a double-stamped, self-addressed envelope to Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Inc.,1605 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Bronx, NY 10453, ATTN: VAN CORTLANDT GREEN.	No Deadline