MEMORANDUM

To: NYU Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

From: Alison Leary, Exec. VP for Operations
       Christopher Bledsoe, Asst. VP for Student Affairs and Director of Athletics

Date: September 21, 2015

Subject: Meeting Fitness and Athletic Needs During the Building of the New NYU Gym

Plans and preparations are moving forward for building a new, modern NYU athletic facility -- part of an important new building to be constructed on the site of Coles that will also provide new classroom space, specialized space for performing arts education and practice, student housing, and faculty housing.

The construction of a new principal athletic facility where the current one now stands will mean some disruption and inconveniences. Our goal is to minimize that, to enable our athletes to continue to compete, and to permit other members of our community to continue to pursue fitness and recreation while the new gym is being built.

We want to update you on the plans the University is setting in place to meet fitness and athletic needs during the interim.

**Coles to Stay Open through the End of the Fall Semester**

Coles will remain in operation through at least the end of the fall semester. We will not close it until adequate interim replacement facilities (see below) are available. We will be able to provide a more detailed timetable later this fall.

Those wishing to purchase or renew Athletics memberships for the fall semester will only be charged through November 15 (as we indicated in previous communications), even though Coles remains in operation through the end of the fall semester. Users will not be subject to additional fees until the replacement facilities are up and running and a new pricing system as outlined below goes into effect. Please visit the information desk at Coles or Palladium, or submit inquiries here.

**Interim Fitness and Recreation Facilities**

While the new gym is being built, fitness users will have access to three NYU-owned and operated facilities:

- A newly-renovated fitness facility at 404 Lafayette Street (currently under renovation) that will house more cardio equipment than Coles currently provides
- The existing Palladium Athletic Facility with expanded hours, and
- The newly renovated Brooklyn Athletic Facility

The fitness center on Lafayette Street, which previously housed a Crunch gym, will include a full array of strength training and cardio equipment, as well as studios for various recreation classes.
Locker room and shower facilities will be available at all three locations. To view a rendering of the fitness center at 404 Lafayette Street, click here.

**Membership Discounts, and Discounts for Non-NYU Facilities**

The remaining pool (at Palladium) and basketball courts (at Palladium and in Brooklyn) will be made available to users as often as possible. Of course, while the new gym is being constructed, those courts and the Palladium pool will be less readily available; in addition, we will not be able to provide interim spaces on campus for tennis, racquetball, squash, or a running track.

We know this will be a hardship for the members of the community who favor those sports or facilities, so NYU has taken a number of steps to try to address the inconvenience while the new sports center is being built:

- **Membership Discount:** NYU will reduce the Athletics Department membership rate for its three facilities by **20% from the current price.** The lower price will stay in effect until construction of the new gym is complete.
- **Discounted Corporate Membership Rates:** For those who do not wish to purchase membership to the NYU facilities, discounted membership rates to several nearby external fitness facilities are available. Click here to learn more about purchasing these memberships.
- **Opportunities for Swimmers:** Based on the recommendation of the Housing and Benefits Committee of the Tenured/Tenure-track Faculty Senators Council and given the large number of members who swim, NYU will defray the cost of access to pools at the McBurney and Chinatown YMCA facilities for employees:
  - For those with Athletics Department memberships, the University will provide a partial reimbursement of the cost of swimming lessons at the YMCA for children. Click here to learn more, OR
  - For those current Athletics Department members who choose to forgo membership to the NYU facilities, the University will defray the cost of individual or family memberships to the YMCA. Click here to learn more.

For full information about memberships, rates, and swimming options, click here. In addition, please follow the links for lists of a list of nearby facilities with pools, tennis, racquetball, and squash courts.

**FYI: Interim Arrangements for NYU Athletic Teams**

To mitigate any interruption for NYU athletic teams, the University has entered into long-term agreements with CUNY-Hunter College, Pace University-Downtown, and other local colleges, for the use of their facilities for basketball and volleyball practices and competitions.

Palladium will be used to meet the various health, equipment, and training needs of NYU's varsity teams when Coles closes. Existing auxiliary gymnasiums located within Palladium will also be reconfigured to accommodate wrestling and fencing, as well as some recreational classes.

**CONCLUSION**
We are grateful for the efforts of the Athletics Department’s Advisory Committee -- comprised of faculty, students, staff, and alumni -- for helping to shape this plan to accommodate the many users of NYU’s athletic facilities in as responsive a fashion as we can.

In the coming months, as we construct the new gym, we are determined to sustain our student athletes’ ability to compete and to provide opportunities for other members of the community to exercise and have fun. Although there may be some inconveniences in the interim and some facilities will not return in the same form (such as an outdoor running track and tennis courts), ultimately we will have a modern, air conditioned, state-of-the-art sports center that will serve the NYU community far better, one that will be part of a wonderful new facility that will serve important academic needs.

Please feel free to click here to contact the Athletics Department with any questions regarding the plans for fitness and athletics, and visit the Coles Redevelopment website for more information about the project.
MEMORANDUM

To: NYU Students

From: Alison Leary, Exec. VP for Operations
       Christopher Bledsoe, Asst. VP for Student Affairs and Director of Athletics

Date: September 21, 2015

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While the remaining pool (at Palladium) and basketball courts (at Palladium and in Brooklyn) will be made available to users as often as possible, there will be less availability while the new gym is being built. And we will not be able to provide interim spaces on campus for racquetball, tennis, and squash courts, or a running track, during the development of the new athletic center.

We know limiting the hours available for students to swim and enjoy open court time is an inconvenience; club sports remain an option for our student users. We encourage interested students to reach out to click here for more information.
Interim Plans for Student Athletics and Intramurals

To ensure that NYU's athletic teams can keep playing their full schedule of games, the University has entered into long-term agreements with CUNY-Hunter College, Pace University-Downtown, and other local colleges, for the use of their facilities for basketball and volleyball practices and competitions. Many other teams already make use of non-NYU facilities, and will continue to do so as before.

This semester, Palladium will begin serving as the “home” for our varsity and club teams, meeting the various health, equipment, and training needs of NYU's teams. Existing auxiliary gymnasiums located within Palladium will also be reconfigured to accommodate wrestling and fencing, as well as some recreational classes. Palladium will also be the designated meeting and departure point for off-site athletic activities.

Intramural athletes who currently compete at Coles—primarily in basketball and volleyball—will use courts at Chelsea Piers for their games. Outdoor and intramural sports that are not played at Coles will not be affected.

All students should know that the University remains committed to continuing to provide for a robust athletics program and does not anticipate eliminating any clubs due to the closure of Coles.

We are grateful for the efforts of the Athletics Department’s Advisory Committee—which is comprised of faculty, students, staff, and alumni—for helping to shape and advise us on this complex plan.

Although there may be some inconveniences in the interim period while the new gym is being built and some facilities will not return in the same form (such as an outdoor running track and tennis courts), ultimately we will have a modern, air conditioned, state-of-the-art sports center that will serve the NYU community far better, one that will be part of a wonderful new facility that will serve important academic needs.

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MEMORANDUM

To:         NYU Alumni Members of the Coles Sports Center

From:      Alison Leary, Exec. VP for Operations
           Christopher Bledsoe, Asst. VP for Student Affairs and Director of Athletics

Date:    September 21, 2015

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In that vein, we want to update our alumni/ae members of Coles on how the University will address fitness and athletic needs while it is under development.

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**Replacement Fitness and Recreation Facilities**

While the new gym is being built, fitness users will have access to three NYU-owned and operated facilities:

- A large, newly-renovated fitness facility at **404 Lafayette Street** (currently under renovation)
- The [Palladium Athletic Facility](#), and
- The [Brooklyn Athletic Facility](#).

The fitness center on Lafayette Street, which previously housed a Crunch gym, will include a full array of strength training and cardio equipment, as well as studios for various recreation classes.
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**Membership Discounts and Non-NYU Facilities**
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We know this will be a hardship for alums who use those facilities, so NYU will reduce the membership rate for its three facilities by **20% from the current price.** All memberships effective following the closure of Coles will be prorated or renewed at the lower rate until the new athletic center opens.

For full information about memberships and rates, click here. In addition, please follow the links for lists of a list of nearby facilities with pools, tennis, racquetball, and squash courts.

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To mitigate any interruption for NYU athletic teams, the University has entered into long-term agreements with CUNY-Hunter College, Pace University-Downtown, and other local colleges, for the use of their facilities for basketball and volleyball practices and competitions.

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**CONCLUSION**

We are grateful for the efforts of the Athletics Department’s Advisory Committee, comprised of faculty, students, staff, and alumni, for helping to shape this plan to accommodate the many users of NYU’s athletic facilities in as responsive a fashion as we can.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Community Board #2 Resident Users of the Coles Sports Center

From: Alison Leary, Exec. VP for Operations
Christopher Bledsoe, Asst. VP for Student Affairs and Director of Athletics

Date: September 21, 2015

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In that vein, we want to update the CB2 members of the Coles community on how the University will address fitness and athletic needs while it is under development. Our goal is to minimize disruption as much as possible.

**Coles will remain in operation through at least the end of the fall semester.** We will not close Coles until adequate interim replacement facilities (see below) are available. We will be able to provide a more detailed timetable later this fall.

**Replacement Fitness and Recreation Facility:** We are pleased to announce that while the new athletic facility is being built, a new, interim facility -- **404 Lafayette Street** -- will be available to community members. This location, which previously housed a Crunch gym, will include a full array of strength training and cardio equipment, as well as studios for various recreation classes. Locker room and shower facilities will also be available. Residents of the Community Board #2 catchment area will be able to purchase 12-use passes for entry into 404 Lafayette Street. The 12-use passes will have the same restrictions that currently apply to Coles access. For more information about the fitness center at 404 Lafayette Street and to view renderings of the new space, [click here](#).

Unfortunately, due to the lack of pool and large court spaces around the University, NYU will be unable to provide a replacement pool; tennis, racquetball, and squash courts; and a running track, during the redevelopment. Please visit the following links to find lists of local facilities that offer: [Swimming Pools](#), [Tennis Courts](#), [Racquetball Courts](#), or [Squash Courts](#).

Although there may be some inconveniences in the interim and some facilities will not return in the same form (such as an outdoor running track and tennis courts), ultimately we will have a modern, air conditioned, state-of-the-art sports center that will serve the NYU community and the neighborhood far better, one that will be part of a wonderful new facility that will serve important
academic needs. Residents of the Community Board #2 catchment area will be welcomed to continue purchasing 12-use passes upon completion of the new athletic facility.

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