At the end of the spring semester, senior administrators served our students at Breakfast for Dinner, one of NYU’s most popular annual events, to show appreciation of their hard work. Students indulged in their breakfast favorites and enjoyed giveaways and live music.

Each fall, the annual Commuter Overnight Retreat welcomes incoming first-year commuter students to the NYU community. It’s a great way to learn about life at NYU, meet commuter assistants and classmates, and get set up for the coming semester. This year’s events included campus scavenger hunts, Manhattan bike lessons, and a Hayden Hall sleepover.

NYU’s Center for Student Activities, Leadership, and Service has partnered with VolunteerMatch.org to create NYUServiceConnect, an online database, making it easier than ever for NYU students to find community service projects. Through NYUServiceConnect, students can access NYU’s vast community of volunteers and nonprofit organizations and find thousands of ways that they can make a difference in their community.

NYU Athletics hosted the Manhattan Special Olympics Basketball Tournament and Skills Competition. Over 150 athletes and volunteers from the NYU community participated in this spirited event. Players competed in events ranging from dribbling to a full-court game.

As NYU’s graduating class is honored and congratulated, the ceremony recognizes honorary degree recipients and includes a Commencement speaker; past speakers have included former US president Bill Clinton, US secretary of state Hillary Rodham Clinton, Supreme Court associate justice Sonia Sotomayor, and renowned Harvard Law professor Laurence Tribe. This year’s speaker, attorney David Boies, was named one of Time’s 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2010. His many significant cases include serving as colead counsel for the plaintiffs in Perry v. Brown, where he won judgments establishing the constitutional right to marry for gay and lesbian citizens in California. The program concludes with the ceremonial passing of the University torch from a senior faculty member to the youngest graduating senior. And the crowd roars!