Health and Wellness Initiatives

• A new operational model was implemented in August 2006 to increase access to health services for all matriculated students by charging either no out of pocket expense or a very minimal basic service fee (generally, $5-10). This new initiative resulted in a 25% increase in patient volume, serving a record 50% of NYU students (up from 37% in 2005-06).

• The Wellness Exchange (WE) hotline, in its 3rd year of operation, received 6,947 calls from September 1, 2006 to May 11, 2007; this reflects a 26% increase from 2005-06 and a 115% increase from 2004-05.

• Screened all non-urgent care students accessing Primary Care and Women’s Health Services for depression. This initiative is part of an eight-college consortium led by NYU and funded by the Actna Foundation and New York Community Trust with combined funding of $382,000 over two years.

• The 2006 Reality Show was written and performed at Welcome Week for all new first-year and transfer students. The all-NYU cast of Tisch students was directed by faculty member Liz Swados. The show received overwhelmingly positive feedback and was featured in the New York Times. It serves to educate students on wellness issues and resources.

• The Moses Center was one of only eight schools in the country to receive a renewal grant ($53,000) from the Newcombe Foundation for student scholarships and accommodations needs.

Career Development Initiatives

• Enhanced and re-branded publications and online resources and content, leading to the Wasserman Center for Career Development website receiving over 1.9 million hits (an average of more than 5,200 hits per day). Attracted 11,600 subscribers to Wasserman listservs, enabling students to receive class and program specific career information.

• Introduced Business Boot Camps, a conference-style career exploration series. Success was immediate, as Business Boot Camp for Liberal Arts Students sponsored by Morgan Stanley, received a 2007 NACE Excellence Award and was attended by 100 students. Boot Camp: Skills to Change the World, with a focus on non-profit careers, followed in Spring 2007.

• "Life Beyond the Square," an annual survey of new undergraduate degree recipients shows that as of January 2007, 94.6% of respondents were employed (average starting salary, $48,675) or enrolled in a graduate or professional school. 80% of respondents stated that they utilized the Wasserman Center in their job search. 47% of full-time employed respondents indicated they obtained their position directly through Wasserman resources.

Diversity Initiatives

• A collaboration between LGBT, ResEd, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Housing resulted in the successful implementation of a new Gender Identity Housing Option for incoming first-year students for Fall 2007.

• The Office of Student Activities recognized NYU’s first gay, bisexual and progressive men’s fraternity, Delta Lambda Phi.

• The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services was selected as the #1 school in the “Gay Community Accepted” category by the Princeton Review.

• Served a record-number 5,090 international students from 139 countries who enrolled for the Fall 2006 semester (up from 4,666 in 2005). These numbers placed NYU in the top five for the highest foreign student enrollment – despite being the only school to not offer engineering.

• NYU’s second-annual Martin Luther King Celebration Week was based on the theme, “Making a Global Connection with the Dream.” Over 2,500 people attended the 60 events, spanning the marquee celebration, service learning, film screenings, lectures and educational workshops.

Residential Education

• Earned the prestigious NASPA Excellence Silver Award for its Explorations program, a network of academic theme-based floors that utilize NYC as a living-learning laboratory. Explorations expanded to 35 communities involving 1,123 students (533 first-year students and 598 sophomore/junior/senior students).

• Earned four NACURH Awards, including national awards for Program of the Year (UltraViolet Live) and School of the Year, as well as regional awards for Student of the Year (IRHC President Tom Maguire) and the Student Award for Leadership Training (IRHC’s TORCH Day).

• Planned, developed and approved for implementation NYU's first-ever Residential College, scheduled to launch in August 2007 with two locations: Goddard, for freshmen only, and Broome Street, for upperclassmen. These new living-learning communities provide students with unique educational programming, service learning opportunities, interdisciplinary
dialogues and enhanced community leadership. Faculty-In-Residence, Faculty Affiliates (who support the Explorations Floors), and Resident Assistants all work collaboratively in creating a stimulating intellectual community for their residents. 545 students were accepted into the Residential College.

**Office of Student Activities**

- Launched *Alternative Breaks Program*, a service initiative designed to provide opportunities for students to learn about social issues and participate in related service projects including hurricane relief efforts in the Gulf area, school building in Jamaica, tutoring in Tampa, and immigrant services projects in Chicago and South Carolina. 115 students participated.

**Student Resource Center**

- The Student Resource Center (SRC) continues to increase visibility and expand services to students. Walk-ins increased by 52% with 15,065 visits and the Info Line experienced a 34% increase with 2,371 calls. Coinciding with the launch of a new student-focused website, the site had 100,793 hits (up 31% from 2005-06).

**Athletics**

- NYU earned a best-ever mark of 5th (of 440 schools) in the national *Director’s Cup* competition at the conclusion of the winter sports season, and finished the year at #13. Men’s cross country finished as the National Runner-Up and men’s soccer and women’s basketball advanced to the Final Four. In all, five teams finished with Top-10 national rankings and six more finished with Top-30 rankings. 135 varsity student-athletes earned a 3.50 GPA or better. Additionally, over 5,000 students, faculty, staff and alumni visited Coles and Palladium daily, totaling more than 1,000,000 visitors last year.

**NYU Traditions Focusing on Community Development**

- *Welcome Week* (for freshmen) and *Back to the Square* (for sophomores, juniors, seniors and grads) offered something for everyone. The more than 350 events attracted a total of 50,671 attendees.

- The *Tear It Up!* campaign to build student involvement and community grew into 13 events spanning 11 sports. TIU basketball games each drew 2,000+ fans, while all other TIU events more than doubled regular home game attendance.

- 1,253 commuter and graduate students attended the Fall and Spring *Breakfast for Dinner* events in Kimmel, while more than 4,800 undergraduate resident students attended the two coinciding *Midnight Breakfast* events in the Residence Halls.

- In only its second year, the *Super Bowl Party* for graduate students was a resounding success with 650 participants.

- The *Commuter Appreciation Awards Luncheon*, recognizing leadership among commuter students and members of the NYU community who support their engagement, drew 267 participants.

- In its first year, 255 graduate students attended the sold-out *Harvest Banquet*, as University Professor Anna Deavere Smith addressed the question, “What do we as a democratic society have to be thankful for today?”

- Class Councils offered over 50 class-specific events, including *Senior Week’s* sell-out success that boasted a trip to Six Flags, the chance to revisit your freshman residence hall (with your old floor mates), the Senior Boat Cruise, the Senior Formal, the President’s Strawberries and Champagne Toast to the Senior Class, and much more.

**Other Notable Endeavors**

- In a city that never sleeps, a new study conducted by NYU’s Division of Student Affairs found that undergraduates are getting nearly a full eight hours of sleep per night (7.9) while still managing to dedicate 42.7 hours a week to academics (more than a traditional 40-hour work week). The *NYU Undergraduate Time-Use Study* was a week-long online survey administered to a random sample of 284 full-time NYU undergraduate students.

- Convened senior team members to develop and brand *NYUeVita*, a new online service that provides students a convenient and organized place to record and archive their many experiences outside the classroom that will be of interest to potential employers and/or graduate and professional school admission officers. Designed to complement a student's academic transcript and professional resume, *NYUeVita* is a cutting-edge tool that presents accomplishments, interests and level of involvement in the NYU community and beyond. Launched in August 2007.

- Collaborated with the Office of Alumni Relations on 12 *Freshman Sendoffs*.

- The Student Health Center, ResEd, Athletics, the SRC, LGBT and CMEP worked with students to establish 10 free and confidential HIV testing events that were held in various locations across campus.

- Commuter Affairs established *Faculty Discoveries*, a program that creates opportunities for commuter students to connect with faculty outside of the classroom at local restaurants in small group settings.

*The complete NYU Student Affairs annual report can be found at [http://www.nyu.edu/student.affairs/publications](http://www.nyu.edu/student.affairs/publications).*