Health and Wellness Initiatives

- Expanded Regional College Breakthrough Series for Depression Project (that involved eight universities and screened 70,000+ students for depression) to a National College Depression Partnership Project (involving 20 universities screening 200,000 students). The project is supported by the Charles T. Engelhard Foundation with $460,000 of funding for an 18-month period.

- Began implementation of Student Health Center’s three-year Strategic Plan, Health Center Without Walls, which seeks to continue reducing barriers to access through off-site services; enhanced use of technology to improve customer service and health education; and develop national visibility as leader in college health.

- The Wellness Exchange (WE) hotline, in its 4th year of operation, received 7,979 calls from September 1, 2007 to May 11, 2008; this reflects a 15% increase for the same period in 2006-07 (6,947).

- The 2007 Reality Show was written and performed at Welcome Week for 5,000 new first-year and transfer students. The all-NYU cast of Tisch students was directed by faculty member Liz Swados. The show, which has been featured in the New York Times, again received overwhelmingly positive feedback and 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 totaling $58,000 (up from $53,000 in 2006-07) from the Newcombe Foundation for student scholarships and accommodations needs.

Career Development Initiatives

- Designed and executed a strategic, targeted job development effort, resulting in almost 49,000 job listings, 11,168 on-campus recruitment interviews, 3,244 students participating in on-campus recruitment, and 800 employers attending career fairs.

- Created the Wasserman Widget (a downloadable desktop and hand-held program that enables users to obtain dynamic information regarding Wasserman Center career events, “hot jobs,” career tips, and news) and a complete Mobile Site.

- "Life Beyond the Square," an annual survey of new undergraduate degree recipients shows that as of January 2008, 94.8% of respondents were employed with an all-time high average starting salary of $50,272 or enrolled in a graduate or professional school. Just under 80% of respondents stated that they utilized the Wasserman Center in their job search. 46% of full-time employed respondents indicated they obtained their position directly through Wasserman resources.

Diversity Initiatives

- The Office for International Students and Scholars served a record-number 6,404 international students and 670 international scholars, not including the NYU School of Medicine (up from 5,090 students in 2006-07). These figures placed NYU second only to the University of Southern California for the highest foreign student enrollment – despite not offer engineering.

- The Center for Multicultural Education and Programs developed and implemented diversity training for administrators, faculty and student staff in Student Affairs units and in the schools. In its inaugural year, 2,000+ NYU professionals and students participated in The Center’s diversity training sessions.

- Successfully expanded Gender Identity Housing Option for all students for Fall 2008.

- The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services, in collaboration with University Counseling and Behavioral Health Services, continued its innovative, one-of-a-kind online outreach program Q-Chat which offers a comfortable and anonymous online support service to discuss coming out issues. In 2007-08, LGBT added Outspoken peer educators during chat sessions to provide a student viewpoint and voice.

- The Center for Multicultural Education and Programs –ISM Project received the prestigious NASPA Excellence Bronze Award. In its 9th year, the –ISM Project provides grants for students to create original artistic projects that critically examine the complex ways “–isms” permeated their lives, especially in regard to diversity, intolerance and individuality.

- NYU’s third-annual Martin Luther King Celebration Week, “Dare to D.R.E.A.M.,” drew 2,700+ attendees for 60+ events, spanning the marquee celebration, service learning, film screenings, lectures and educational workshops.

Residential Education

- NYU’s first-ever Residential College had a successful inaugural year, as 571 students were accepted into these two new living-learning communities that provide students with unique educational programming, service learning opportunities, interdisciplinary dialogues and enhanced community leadership.

- Explorations, a network of academic theme-based floors that utilizes NYC as a living-learning laboratory, engaged a record-number 1,262 students (685 first-year students and 577 sophomore/junior/senior students). These 33 communities offered more than 600 programs in 2007-08.
• To supplement the Faculty Fellows in Residence program, Rabbi Yehuda Sarna and Imam Khalid Latif were named NYU’s first-ever Chaplains in Residence and will reside in Gramercy Green in 2008-09.

• Successfully planned and implemented several new initiatives for fall 2008, including the International House at Palladium, the Green House at 7th Street, and the Faculty Guest Program.

Student Resource Center
• The Student Resource Center (SRC) earned the prestigious NASPA Excellence Gold Award, and continued to see an increase in utilization by the NYU community. Walk-ins increased by an astounding 71% totaling 25,688 visits (up from 15,065 in 2006-07) and the Student Resource Center Help Line experienced a 27% increase with 11,051 calls (up from 8,686 last year).

Office of Student Activities
• 160 students participated in the Alternative Breaks Program, a service initiative designed to provide opportunities for students to learn about social issues and participate in related service projects; totaled 15 events across the the U.S., as well as two abroad (Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic and Oaxaca, Mexico).

Athletics
• Men’s cross country won NYU’s first-ever National Championship in the sport, while men’s volleyball finished 5th, men’s swimming finished 9th, and men’s and women’s fencing finished 15th in the nation. 131 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 356 events attracted a record-setting 65,699 attendees.

• Earned the prestigious NASPA Excellence Gold Award for Tear It Up! – a campaign based around varsity athletics contests to build student involvement and community. The TIU initiative now includes 10+ events each year.

• Explore New York...Explore the World was created to give students the opportunity to learn and engage New York City’s proud cultures, histories, traditions and cuisines spanning the five boroughs. Faculty, administrators, global ambassadors and prominent community leaders accompany students on day trips throughout the city.

• Created and planned Faculty in and of the City which gives commuter students (and the general student population at large) an opportunity to participate in faculty-led programs in New York City's five boroughs. Beginning in fall 2008, faculty may choose to visit theaters, museums, or restaurants in their neighborhood, or facilitate topic-based conversations in their homes.

• Created Grad Week bringing together offices and schools with over 20 workshops, socials, and exhibits specifically for graduate students.

• 1,298 commuter and graduate students attended the Fall and Spring Breakfast for Dinner events in Kimmel, while more than 3,600 undergraduate resident students attended the two coinciding Midnight Breakfast events in the Residence Halls.

• 273 students attended the annual Commuter Welcome Reception and Luncheon, while 181 students attended the annual Commuter Appreciation Awards Luncheon that recognizes leadership among commuter students and members of the NYU community who support their engagement.

Other Notable Endeavors
• In a city that never sleeps, the second-annual NYU Undergraduate Time-Use Study found that undergraduates are getting a full eight hours of sleep per night (8.1) while still managing to dedicate 41.0 hours a week to academics (more than a traditional 40-hour work week). The week-long online study was conducted by NYU’s Division of Student Affairs and administered to a random sample of 1,212 full-time NYU undergraduate students.

• Played active role in developing plans for an NYU Abu Dhabi Student Affairs program, including but not limited to issues related to Residential Education, Athletics, Student Activities, Career Development, and Student Health.

• Since its launch in August 2007, more than 6,500 students have created online portfolios through NYUeVita, a web-based 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; in February 2008, integrated system with NYU CareerNet for a more seamless user experience.

• Collaborated with the Office of Alumni Relations on 15 Freshman Sendoffs.

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