

To: NYU Faculty, Administrators, and Staff
Subject: Purchasing Spring Memberships for the NYU Fitness Network
From: Christopher Bledsoe, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Athletics

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- The [Palladium Athletic Facility](#) on 14th Street between 3rd Avenue and Irving Place, which will have extended operating hours once Coles closes (from the current hours of 7:30am - 11:00pm on weekdays to **5:30am - midnight** on weekdays and from 8:30am – 9:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays during the academic terms); and
- The newly-renovated [Brooklyn Athletic Facility](#) in the Jacobs Building and Roger Hall at 6 MetroTech Center in downtown Brooklyn, which already has [extended operating hours](#) and nearly double the workout space. The Brooklyn facility is easily accessible by the A, C, and F subway lines to Jay Street-MetroTech; the B to DeKalb Avenue; and the 4 and 5 to Borough Hall.

All three facilities have locker rooms, showers, and air conditioning. Community Board 2 residents will continue to be able to purchase 12-use passes for entry into 404 Lafayette Street, subject to the same rules that currently apply to Coles access.

NYU faculty, administrators, and staff will be able to purchase memberships by visiting the Membership Offices in Coles and Palladium during [Membership Office Hours](#), beginning on November 16. You may also purchase memberships at the StudentLink Brooklyn Office at 5 MetroTech Center during [Office Hours](#), from Tuesday, December 1 through Tuesday, December 15, and then again from Monday, January 4 through Monday, February 8, 2016. You will also be able to purchase memberships at 404 Lafayette Street, beginning on Monday, January 25. Click [here](#) to download the appropriate membership application form.

The Athletics Department will hold Open Houses at 404 Lafayette Street during its first two weeks of operation for current Coles members and other potential users who would prefer to see the gym before making a decision about purchasing memberships. Matriculated students need not take any additional action and will incur no additional cost to obtain membership to the NYU Fitness Network.

During the construction of the new, mixed-used facility on the existing Coles site, NYU will reduce the Athletics Department membership rate for its three NYU Fitness Network facilities by [20% from the current price](#). We know, however, that the interim facilities do not meet the needs of every fitness user, and have negotiated [lower rates to external fitness centers](#) for all NYU faculty, administrators, and staff who feel the interim measures do not meet their specific needs.

Transportation

Palladium users can utilize the free university shuttle service that runs between 715 Broadway and 14th Street & 3rd Avenue via [Route E](#) (Monday – Friday), [Route F](#) (Monday – Thursday), and [Route W](#) (Saturday & Sunday). Brooklyn Athletic Facility users may utilize the free shuttle that runs between 715 Broadway and 6 MetroTech Center via [Route A](#) (Monday – Thursday).

Information for Swimmers

We know that swimmers are unhappy with the reduction in pool availability, and we explored a range of options to minimize the interruption. In response to the Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty Senators Council request that NYU prioritize swim instruction for children and continue to make lessons available on an affordable basis, the University agreed to help defray the cost of access to the [McBurney](#) and [Chinatown](#) YMCA facilities for employees and their families by providing 1) [partial reimbursements](#) for swimming lessons for the children of NYU employees who belong to the NYU fitness facilities so that the actual cost of lessons remains the same as the current cost at Coles (\$55); and 2) [partial reimbursements](#) for full memberships at these two YMCA locations that have lap pools. These reimbursements will be available to employees who belong to the NYU Fitness Network as of **Monday, February 8, 2016**. Employees who had been members in fall 2015, academic year 2014-2015, or 2013-2014 are also eligible. New hires to the University will also be eligible to receive reimbursement following satisfactory proof of hire date.

We also hope to offer as many non-beginner level aquatic classes as possible at Palladium, subject to safety, demand, and availability.

Information for ball court and track users

Although we will make the basketball courts at [Palladium](#) and in [Brooklyn](#) available as often as possible, we recognize that they will be less readily available during the construction phase. We will not have racquetball courts, squash courts, tennis courts, or a running track available, and acknowledge that ball court and track users may experience the most disruption in service. We have created lists of external [tennis courts](#), [racquetball courts](#), and [squash courts](#), and hope you are able to find an alternative during the construction period. (Some of the [external fitness centers](#) to which we have negotiated lower rates, as referenced above, include ball court options.)

Conclusion

Current members will be able to use Coles, Palladium, and the Brooklyn Athletic Facility until 404 Lafayette opens on January 25, at no additional charge. If you choose to purchase spring memberships to the NYU Fitness Network, you may do so beginning on **Monday, November 16**. Memberships purchased after February 8 will be prorated accordingly. We will continue to update you during the construction phases.

Please contact the [Athletics Department](#) with any questions you may have regarding the University's plans for interim athletic and recreational facilities.

We appreciate your patience – and hope you will enjoy the NYU Fitness Network.

To: NYU Alumni Members of the Coles Sports Center
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Information for Swimmers, Court Sport, and Track Users

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CONCLUSION

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To: Community Board #2 Resident Users of the Coles Sports Center
Subject: Purchasing 12-Use Passes for 404 Lafayette Street
From: Christopher Bledsoe, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Athletics

We are pleased to announce that the new NYU gym at [404 Lafayette Street](#), between East 4th Street and Astor Place, is currently on track to open on **Monday January 25, 2016**. This location, which previously housed a Crunch gym, will feature new strength and cardio equipment (more than are present in the Coles facility), and two studios for various classes.

During the “open house” week of January 25-31, 2016, you will be able to access and use the facility without charge. If you wish to purchase 6-use or 12-use passes for 404 Lafayette Street, you may do so by visiting the Membership Office in Coles during [Membership Office Hours](#). You will also be able to purchase passes at 404 Lafayette Street when it opens. A 6-use pass will cost \$55 and a 12-use pass will cost \$110. The rules that currently apply to Coles access will remain in effect.

We regret that we were unable to find an interim pool and large court spaces around the University during the interim between the closing of Coles and the opening of the new, mixed-used facility on the existing site. We have developed a list of alternate [pools](#), [tennis courts](#), [racquetball courts](#), and [squash courts](#) you may wish to use during the construction period.

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