

NBE Bake Sale Honors the Late Carl Creque

On Wednesday, June 7, the Network of Black Employees (NBE) held a bake sale at 4 World Trade Center in support of the annual **Carl Creque** Book Scholarship.

Sweet treats including chocolate chip cookies, red velvet cupcakes, zucchini muffins, and gluten-free and vegan bars were featured, all available for just a few dollars each.

This yearly bake sale attracts PA employees from across the agency to indulge in delicious goods while also helping raise money for an important cause.

The Carl Creque Book Scholarship was established in the memory of Carl, a 30-year employee and NBE chair at the time of his passing in October 2007. Carl was an Aviation General Operations Supervisor who advocated for field staff to have a voice and was known by his fellow employees for his courage in doing the right thing.

“Creque was often referred to as ConCrete,” said **Audrey Dagnachew**, Scholarship and Fundraising Chairperson of NBE. “I think he would be happy to know that the

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PA employees gathered on the 15th floor at 4 WTC to support the NBE fundraiser



A selection of the goodies available

PAPD Meet and Greet at the Midtown Bus Terminal

On Tuesday, May 30, members of the Port Authority Police Department joined together to meet and greet the traveling public at the Midtown Bus Terminal. Passersby shared their appreciation for the PAPD officers who patrol the bus terminal on a daily basis.

Among those on hand were Deputy Superintendent **Michael Brown**, Assistant Chief **Raymond Bryan**, Captain **Michael Belcher**, Deputy Inspector **Brendan Bane**, Deputy Inspector **Scot Pomerantz**, and Lieutenant **Jason Bailey**.



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Midtown Bus Terminal Hosts Live Chorus in Honor of Pride Month

In recognition of Pride Month, the Midtown Bus Terminal on Friday, June 2, welcomed the world renowned [New York City Gay Men's Chorus](#) (NYCGMC) for a live concert performance.

The NYCGMC has been a leader in the LGBTQIA+ arts community since its founding in 1980. With over 280 talented singers of various ages and backgrounds, its mission is to use music to promote acceptance, understanding, and love to combat discrimination and prejudice.

For more photos and videos of their performance, see the [PA News website](#).



The New York City Gay Men's Chorus performing at the Midtown Bus Terminal

LGA Hosts Tour with WTS-GNY

On Wednesday, May 24, employees from LaGuardia Airport hosted a tour of the airport with members of Women in Transportation Seminar's Greater New York Chapter (WTS-GNY) as part of the ongoing Port Authority and WTS-GNY Partnership Series.

The tour included a presentation about LaGuardia's history, an escorted visit to the solar panel farm located on the roof of the Terminal B Parking Garage, the deck of Runway 22 and the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) facility.

In addition, the ARFF team, which ensures the safety of passengers and crew members at LaGuardia Airport, provided a high-level overview of its day-to-day operations, including how they save lives as first responders.

For years, the PA [has partnered with](#) WTS-GNY to identify and develop future leaders in transportation. The [WTS-GNY Chapter](#) originated in 1980 and since then has been dedicated to advancing professional women in the transportation industry.

Special thanks to the ARFF team, LGA team, airfield escorts, and operations.



Members of WTS-GNY on LGA Runway 22



From left: Officer Peter Kassimatis, Sergeant Michael Orsillo, Deputy Chief Derek McCarthy, Sergeant Brian Vitale, Sergeant Matthew McGillen, from the ARFF team



From left: Jean P. Solide Jr., Christopher Carter, and Leslie Jordan, from Operations

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scholarship program is a concrete part of NBE today."

The first annual book scholarship was awarded in August 2007 and in 2020, the network expanded the scholarship program to include full time trade school students as well. In 2022, NBE awarded six \$1,000 scholarships.

Established in 1983, NBE, led by President **Anthony Miller** and Vice President **Monique Lanier**, has a diverse membership of Port Authority and PATH employees from all levels of the agency and strives to promote programs which enhance business opportunities and community outreach.

NBE hopes to continue its fundraising efforts and to support students with scholarships.

PA Marks Bike Month at the GWB

On Tuesday, May 30, the PA in collaboration with Bike New York capped off Bike Month with an educational and informational meet and greet on the recently opened bicycle and pedestrian pathway on the north side of the George Washington Bridge. During the heart of the evening commute, cyclists, pedestrians, and travelers came by to learn about bike safety and accessibility and also got a chance to pick up free reusable water bottles and bike lights. TB&T's **Dante Vigliotti** was on hand to greet passersby and share information.



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[NBE: Juneteenth Celebration](#)

Thursday, June 15 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Network of Black Employees (NBE) will host an in-person rooftop Juneteenth Celebration at The Banker's Club on 120 Broadway, 40th Floor, New York. NBE members will receive a calendar invitation. Non-members can RSVP to NBE@panynj.gov.

[PAVA: Wounded Warrior Project Information Session](#)

Wednesday, June 21, noon to 1 p.m. The Port Authority Veterans Association (PAVA) will hold for an information session with the [Wounded Warrior Project](#) at 4 WTC, 23 Floor Conference Room 2. Members of the community will offer information

and assistance with benefits and claims, volunteer events and activities, career counseling with mental health and wellness, and more. Email PAVA at pava@panynj.gov. PAVA members will receive a calendar invitation. Non-members can register [here](#).

[NET: Facility Tour at the Midtown Bus Terminal](#)

Wednesday, June 21 from 3 to 4 p.m. The Network of Emerging Talent (NET) will host a tour of the iconic Midtown Bus Terminal. Learn its history and plans for upcoming redevelopment. NET members will receive a calendar invitation. Non-members can RSVP to NET@panynj.gov. RSVP by June 16. Spots are limited to the first 20 registrants. The tour will be followed by a NET Summer Get Together at the Joyce Public House on West 39 Street, New York.

STAFF NEWS

Jacqueline McCarthy Named Director of Aviation Redevelopment

Jacqueline McCarthy has been named Director, Aviation Redevelopment. In this role, Jacqueline will be responsible for advancing our multi-billion-dollar aviation redevelopment programs working to coordinate with internal and external stakeholders to advance critical projects across EWR, JFK and LGA.

Jacqueline brings nearly 20 years of experience to this role. She recently assumed the role of Deputy Director, Aviation Planning & Development and prior to that served for two years as a Program Director for Aviation Redevelopment. She first joined the agency in 2003 and then began as a full-time Engineering Trainee in 2004. Most recently she played an integral role in the successful and transformative EWR Terminal A redevelopment. Jacqueline holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering and Master of Science in Project Management from Stevens Institute of Technology. She is a Professional Engineer (PE) and a Certified Member (C.M.) of the American Association of Airport Executives.



Jacqueline McCarthy

Aviation Department Leadership Update

Lana Van Marter has joined as Deputy General Manager, New Jersey Airports.

Lana brings extensive experience in the airport industry, having been part of the management team at George Bush Intercontinental and William P. Hobby airports of the Houston Airport System. She has been a representative to the Second Committee of the U.N. General Assembly and has participated in the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Lana is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) with the American Association of Airport Executives and International Airport Professional (I.A.P.), with master's degrees in Development Studies from Erasmus University Rotterdam and in Business Management from Asian Institute of Management.

Kevin O'Driscoll has been named Deputy General Manager, LaGuardia Airport.

Kevin brings 17 years of diverse experience to this role, serving most recently as Aviation Chief of Staff. Kevin previously served as Interim Chief of Staff and lead of the Customer Experience Working Group in the Office of the COO and Manager of Business Solutions. Kevin joined the PA in 2006 as a Leadership Fellow. After working in various departments, including the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, HR, and TB&T, he joined the Aviation Department in 2016.

Kevin is a Certified Member (C.M.) with the American Association of Airport Executives and holds a Master of City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University. He is a co-founder of the agency's PA PRIDE EBRG, where he recently completed several years as Vice President.



Lana Van Marter



Kevin O'Driscoll

Strength in Solidarity: LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

This June, in cooperation with and in support of [PA PRIDE](#), we recognize LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. 'LGBTQIA+' stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual, while the '+' represents the many identities that exist within the broad spectrums of gender identity and sexuality.

The 2023 Pride Month theme is [Strength in Solidarity](#), highlighting the strength of the community and the steadfast commitment to ensuring equity and safety for all. June was established as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots on June 28, 1969, which were a turning point in the LGBTQIA+ movement, as it marked the first time the community came together in solidarity against violence and discrimination.

You can be an ally to colleagues by [adding your pronouns to your name in Outlook and Microsoft Teams](#) and by [joining PA PRIDE](#).

This month, you can **get involved with PA PRIDE by becoming a member and by participating in the NYC Pride Month march: Sunday, June 25, noon**, New York. For more than 50 years, the NYC Pride March has been an annual civil rights demonstration and a celebration of LGBTQIA+ culture and history.

If you'd like to march together alongside PA PRIDE, [complete this form](#).



Asbury Park, NJ, held its annual Pride celebration on June 4, which was attended by PA PRIDE members Steven Resch and Kevin O'Driscoll

GOT NEWS FOR NEXT TIME?

Do you have news from your team, department or employee group to share in the next PA News? Send it to panews@panynj.gov by June 16 to be included in the June 23 issue.

