

CMD Hosts the Engineers of Tomorrow at EWR



Photo: Ron Shaw

PA and NJ DOT staff with the students of NSTI

On Monday, July 17, the Construction Management Division (CMD) together with Rowan University hosted local students from across New Jersey at Newark Liberty International Airport.

Chief of Construction **Mike Wallace** introduced the students to the Port Authority, from the agency's founding in 1921 to our current 21st century infrastructure projects. **Leonardo Iacoviello**, Senior Engineer of Construction for EWR Redevelopment, provided the students with an overview of the Terminal A Redevelopment Program. The students were then given a tour of EWR, which included an inside look at the partial demolition of old Terminal A and the work for new Terminal A's north airfield.

In addition to the presentations and the tours, students were treated to lunch and took part in a Q&A session with CMD's **Stephen Cotroneo**, **Gina Grillo**, **Forrest Conner**, and **Ronald Shaw**, in which they shared their experiences as engineers and their educational backgrounds. The students left with a great deal of knowledge and interest in the PA and our exciting construction projects.

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PAPD Officers Help Make Special Delivery at the Lincoln Tunnel

On the morning of July 17, PAPD officers at the Lincoln Tunnel helped a couple to deliver a new baby boy.

Officer **Timothy Jozefczyk** was the first to arrive on the scene, followed by Officer **Evan Butt**. Together, they helped to safely deliver baby Kylian Aaron Guallpa Castano, weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces, to parents Maria Marin and Nestor Guallpa.

While Officer Jozefczyk has never been helped with a delivery before, his training helped him to guide the mom through the delivery. "I was so relieved when the baby cried and so happy that everyone is healthy," said Officer Jozefczyk, who hopes to be a dad one day.

Officer Butt has now assisted with five deliveries.



Officers Butt (far left) and Jozefczyk (far right) visited baby Kylian and his parents at the hospital on July 19

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Perelman PAC to Welcome Audiences in September

The agency is excited to welcome a new, state-of-the-art performing arts center as the latest addition to the World Trade Center campus. Named after the philanthropist, [the Ronald O. Perelman Performing Arts Center \(PAC\)](#) will bring theater, music, dance, and film to the World Trade Center and Lower Manhattan.

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The exterior of the PAC

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The students are participants of the National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI), a national program sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and administered by the NJ Department of Transportation. The program provides students with exposure and experience for future careers in transportation engineering and other related fields.



Mike Wallace presenting to the students

PAHS to Collect School Supplies for Local Youth

Want to help support local students together with an EBRG? In the upcoming weeks, [the Port Authority Hispanic Society \(PAHS\)](#) will be setting up drop-off locations at PA facilities to collect back-to-school supplies. PAHS will then be distributing those donations at a Back to School Jam and School Supplies Giveaway on Saturday, August 26 at the Family Center in Rahway, NJ.

“Our goal is to distribute 500 school supply kits,” said PAHS Treasurer and Contract Administrator, Procurement, **Eduardo Jose**. “Donations will go to children in Rahway and surrounding Union County communities who could not otherwise afford them. This initiative will boost education interest and show the children in the Port District that we care enough to invest in their education.”

If you want to get involved, PAHS is seeking volunteers to help with the event setup and break down. PAHS will stop collecting supplies by August 12 in order to put the kits together. The event will have parking off-site, refreshments for volunteers, a DJ, and games.

If you can't join together in Rahway, you can still support by dropping off supplies ([suggested kit](#)), making a donation, or establishing collection sites. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please reach out to Eduardo (ejose@panynj.gov) by July 31. Stay tuned for more information!



PAHS Treasurer Eduardo Jose

July 27: Show Your Spirit for National Intern Day

Thursday, July 27 is National Intern Day! To celebrate, we're encouraging interns to show their school spirit by wearing clothing or apparel representing their colleges or universities. PA employees are also welcome to join in on the fun – take part by wearing clothing that represents your alma mater, a family member's school, or even the Port Authority or the states of New York and New Jersey!

We take great pride in our agency's interns, as we help to guide and develop them in their careers. We currently have over 200 interns across departments and facilities, and they have quickly adapted to become part of the Port Authority family. Please welcome and support them as they gain critical, hands-on experience working on projects that keep the region moving.

We look forward to seeing your spirit on July 27!

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“The concept [of the World Trade Center Campus] needed some sort of outlook for culture, something tasteful for the families of those who lost loved ones to reflect,” said **Steven Plate**, Chief of Major Capital Projects since 2015.

The nearly completed 129,000-square-foot cultural center offers multiple performance spaces and a public cafe and lounge, located at the intersection of Vesey, Fulton, and Greenwich Streets. The PAC is planning on opening to the public on September 15, days after the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The first performance, NYC Tapestry: Home as Refuge, will take place on September 19, followed by other musical performances and intimate conversations with Kerry Washington, Brian Stokes Mitchell, and Jada Pinkett Smith in October.

The theater is equipped with 56 options for layout, along with 20,000-pound doors to divide the space when needed. The PAC's construction started in 2019 after the temporary WTC PATH Station entrance that occupied this location was closed, and the new WTC PATH Station in the Oculus opened. However, the basement foundation for the PAC was constructed in 2006.

For more information on upcoming performances, visit the [Perelman PAC website](#).



A theater under construction

Want a sneak peak at the PAC before it opens?

You and up to three guests can be among the first to experience this state-of-the-art cultural venue by attending informal concerts the first three Saturdays in August. Learn more and RSVP on the [PAC Previews page](#).

Thirteen Local Students Graduate from Anthony Varvaro PAPD Youth Academy



On July 14, thirteen local high school students graduated from the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) Youth Academy following a weeklong training. The program, which was established in the summer of 2022, introduced the students to the real-life PAPD training, which includes law, investigations, and physical training. Students learned about the history of the PAPD, its departmental structure, emergency response, first aid, physical fitness, and team building.

The graduates were made up of high school students from Barringer High School in Newark, the High School for Law Enforcement and Public Safety in Queens, and Lincoln High School from Jersey City.

“In order to sustain the high-quality level of law enforcement the agency provides, we must continue to attract the best and brightest to this profession,” said Chief Security Officer **Greg Ehrie**. “Young people are our future and it’s important that we show them what we do and how important a law enforcement career is to maintain a safe and secure transportation system.”

The academy has been renamed in honor of fallen Police Officer **Anthony Varvaro**, who was instrumental in the inaugural class. Officer Varvaro died in a motor vehicle accident on September 11, 2022, while he was en route to work the 9/11 commemoration events at the World Trade Center. A banner with the youth academy’s new name was unveiled at the graduation, along with a wall along the academy’s floor at police headquarters to honor Varvaro’s service.

“This academy will provide future law enforcement professionals with a keen insight into what this career is about. It is only fitting that we’ve renamed the academy in fallen Police Officer Varvaro’s honor. He is the embodiment of a law enforcement career, to serve and protect,” said Port Authority Police Superintendent **Edward Cetnar**. “We’re sure that this opportunity will assist some of them in making the life decision to follow this career path.”

The program began following a [comprehensive report](#) by the Leadership Steering Committee on Race Dynamics, which outlined recommendations to foster increased engagement between the PA and the communities which the agency serves.

[Photos](#) and [video](#) from the graduation are available.

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Nestor, the father, said: “We are so grateful that they were there and that everyone is healthy. Seeing the officers work carefully and knew what they were doing was amazing. They’re our heroes. It was like something out of a movie, and I will never forget this experience.”



STAFF NEWS

Aviation Redevelopment Leadership Updates

Following the recent announcement of **Jacqueline McCarthy** as Director, Aviation Redevelopment, the agency has announced several other changes to the leadership teams for each of the major airport redevelopment programs.

Ralph D’Apuzzo is now Senior Program Director for Newark Liberty Redevelopment. Ralph first began his Port Authority career in 1987 in Engineering where he held progressively responsible roles. In 2002, he departed the agency and rejoined in 2011 with Major Capital Projects. Most recently he served as Program Director for Newark Liberty Redevelopment.

To support Ralph in his new role, **Laurie Balbo**, currently Program Director for LGA Redevelopment, has moved to become Program Director of Newark Liberty Redevelopment, reporting to Ralph. Laurie first began her Port Authority career in 1985 in Engineering where she held progressively responsible roles. In 2008, she departed the agency and rejoined in 2017.

Manuel “Manny” Rivera is now Program Director for LGA Redevelopment, which includes oversight of the new LGA Access program. Manny began his Port Authority career in 1999 as an Engineering Aide and rejoined the agency in 2002 as an Assistant Engineer. Manny has held progressively responsible roles within Engineering and Aviation. Most recently he served as Program Director for JFK Redevelopment.

Jessica Forse, Project Executive for JFK Redevelopment, will continue to lead JFK Redevelopment. This includes oversight of the four terminal redevelopment programs as well as the infrastructure program.

Saverio Leone, Deputy Project Executive for JFK Redevelopment and **James “Jim” Steven**, Program Director for JFK Redevelopment will remain in their current positions reporting to Jessica.

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PAHS: De Todo Un Poco (A little bit of everything)

NEW DATE Thursday, September 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. The Port Authority Hispanic Society (PAHS) will host a celebration of cultural diversity at “De Todo Un Poco,” a mixer and cultural exploration of flavors, rhythms, and traditions, at Xchange at Secaucus, 4000 Riverside Station Boulevard, Secaucus, NJ. Explore the many facets of the Hispanic culture, including music, dance demonstration, and cuisines. Early registration is \$25; tickets are \$35 at the door. PAHS members will receive an invitation. Non-members can register by emailing PAHS@panynj.gov.

WORKING ADVANTAGE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Port Authority employees and retirees can take advantage of hundreds of discounts at stores, theaters, theme parks, and more through Working Advantage, the PA's Employee Discount Program partner. Visit www.workingadvantage.com and use the PA Member ID number, 405042634.



‘PATH Performs!’ Returns to Bring a Soundtrack for Commuters

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For the first time since the start of the pandemic, the PATH Performs! program will welcome local performance artists to take center stage at the Harrison, Journal Square, Exchange Place, Newport, and Hoboken PATH stations. The program, which started in 2019, is a collaboration between PATH and the Hudson County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs and Tourism Development.



DJ Mayank at Newport PATH Station

“You just observe how people are reacting as they're walking into the station and you see a lot of smiles... it's just nice to see that people really didn't expect it,” said **Philip Silvestro**, the lead organizer tasked with planning and executing the performance schedule from start to finish. “A lot of people weren't anticipating a DJ set at the train station on their ride home.”

This year's lineup, which features 13 different acts, had been in the works for some time. The process started in April, when in-station and digital signage invited interested artists to apply for the 2023 season. By May, 42 acts had applied, of which 17 were invited to audition in front of four judges from PATH and Hudson County at the William Brennan Courthouse in Jersey City.

“We wanted to really tap into the communities we serve, and there's so much talent out there and we wanted to really give them an opportunity to shine and perform in our stations,” Silvestro said. “It's a great program. People look forward to it. They really enjoy it. It's a win-win for everybody.”

The performance schedule runs from July through October, with one performance each week at one of the five stations. PATH riders can catch performances on weekdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Information about each performance will be posted on the PATH Twitter account: [@PATHTrain](https://twitter.com/PATHTrain).

Read more on [Now Arriving](#).

PATH Push for More Sustainable Travel Comes Full Cycle

Originally published in [Now Arriving](#), written by Scott Ladd.

PATH customers are finding a new way to augment their daily commute, with two new secure bicycle parking enclosures now available at the plaza of the Harrison station, the latest in a longtime collaboration between the Port Authority and Oonee, a Brooklyn-based operator that maintains several bike parking pods in both states.

“When it comes to providing a more efficient, gratifying commute for our customers, our planning wheels never stop turning. Taking the bike to the train and then to all the destinations we go is good for our riders, and good for our environment,” said **Clarelle DeGraffe**, PATH General Manager/Director.

The Port Authority already hosts bike parking pods at three different agency facilities, two of which are on PATH property. The first was opened in 2019 near PATH's Journal Square station, and in March 2023 the largest freestanding free-to-use secure bike parking facility for public use in Manhattan opened outside the Midtown Bus Terminal. Those two structures have capacity for 20 bikes a piece.

After the PATH Harrison station bike pod, a fourth is scheduled to arrive on Port Authority property later this year along Hudson Street in Lower Manhattan, near the Holland Tunnel. Additionally, PATH is providing



electrical, ground, and logistical support to Jersey City to help the city open a new bike storage facility near PATH's Exchange Place station, which is expected to open soon.

Continue reading on [Now Arriving](#).