

LOOKING FORWARD

As we build on the lessons of 2021, the MCNY community is focused on enhancing its capacity to achieve its educational and social justice mission in a rapidly changing world. One of the immediate impacts of the pandemic has been a significant decrease in college and university enrollment; this trend is especially pronounced among adult students and students of color—the students that MCNY serves. To the extent that these students do not return to higher education, social and economic inequality will continue to grow, and the quality of life in our communities will decline.



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In this context, the MCNY community is purposefully focused on reimagining its programs and services to assure that we are focused on initiatives that hold the highest promise for expanding access to transformational higher education to all students, particularly those who have been socially or economically marginalized. MCNY trustees, faculty and staff will work together to reach new populations of students and offer them the life-changing power of the MCNY educational experience, which is characterized by four unique strengths:

- Purpose-Centered Education and its centerpiece, Constructive Action
- Our experience and expertise in educating adults, particularly those from underserved populations
- MCNY's historic role as a college that is uniquely positioned to promote the effectiveness of governmental agencies, community-based-organizations, and businesses within NYC and beyond
- Our Community: The individualized, supportive environment of MCNY

MCNY's mission of social justice is more important than ever. We look forward to working with our current and future partners to support our students in achieving their personal and professional goals through Purpose-Centered Education, which empowers them to lead positive change and strengthen our communities.