CUNY JUSTICE ACADEMY

The CUNY Justice Academy (CJA) is a unique educational partnership connecting John Jay College of Criminal Justice to CUNY’s six traditional community colleges. This program provides academic pathways leading from associate degree study to a bachelor’s degree and ultimately to exciting careers in the fields of Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, and Forensic Financial Analysis.

By enrolling in a degree program of the CUNY Justice Academy, CJA students receive dual admission into one of the six participating CUNY community colleges and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

‘JUSTICE and the INDIVIDUAL’

CJA Essay Contest Winners:

Grand Prize: Tasawar Jahan
Borough of Manhattan Community College
Major: Criminal Justice

Justice can never prevail as long as injustice occurs; … ‘if you see something, say something’ should be applied everywhere, rather than just in the subway.

2nd Place: Ronald Reid
Borough of Manhattan Community College
Major: Criminal Justice

I discovered at a young age that bad things happen to good people. … It opened my eyes that even when justice is being served, injustice can occur.

3rd Place: Kossi Atchrimi
Bronx Community College
Major: Criminal Justice

I promised myself that when I grow up I will embrace a study that focuses on justice for all, a study in which I can use laws to make sure that we all play by the same rules.

CJA ESSAY CONTEST

CJA students at community colleges submitted essays that addressed one of these three questions:

Q1: What is your earliest memory or experience related to justice or injustice? How did this shape you as a person?

Q2: OR Imagine you could change one aspect about New York City to make it a more ‘just’ place. What would it be and why?

Q3: OR ‘Who’ does justice look like? Describe someone in your life, either past or present, who you feel embodies justice.

The winning essays will be published on the CJA website: www.jjay.cuny.edu/CJAcontest