

Senate Resolution No. 2014

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the Grand Opening of the Center for Design Thinking at Manhattanville College on September 10, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in higher education for the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Grand Opening of the Center for Design Thinking at Manhattanville College on September 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Manhattanville College is continually evolving to remain competitive in offering a high-quality, liberal arts education that prepares students for their future; and

WHEREAS, Design Thinking is one initiative that is key to its goal of equipping students with the skills to be effective and collaborative contributors in the global community; and

WHEREAS, Manhattanville College has started integrating Design Thinking principles into its curricula; and

WHEREAS, Design Thinking takes a human-centered, design-based approach to help organizations innovate and grow; it urges examination of complex problems from multiple angles and encourages prototyping and testing to evaluate how well a solution meets the needs of the end-user; and

WHEREAS, The goal of Manhattanville College's Design Thinking program is to train all students, regardless of their professional direction, in using the techniques of cross-disciplinary collaboration, empathy and observation for any occupation; and

WHEREAS, A key component is for students to learn that they can "successfully fail" as part of the process in problem-solving; and

WHEREAS, Manhattanville College's Center for Design Thinking will be located in what is currently the President's Cottage, a c. 1860 structure on the Purchase campus behind Reid Castle; and

WHEREAS, Fully renovated under the direction of Spillman Farmer Architects, the 7,850 square foot two-story space will be home to four classrooms, one fabrication lab, a director's office, a kitchen and dining area, and a lounge; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history,

Manhattanville College may look back with pride upon its humble beginnings, find just satisfaction in its purposeful growth and hold true of purpose in its commitment to serving the educational needs of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Grand Opening of the Center for Design Thinking at Manhattanville College on September 10, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Center for Design Thinking at Manhattanville College.