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The Josephine Herrick Project

Seeing Our Community

The International High School at LaGuardia Community College Spring 2019









Through its free photography programs, the Josephine Herrick Project (JHP) works to transform the lives of individuals facing social, physical, and economic barriers in life. We partner with schools, human service agencies, health care facilities, libraries, and community organizations to deliver customized and hands-on digital photography courses taught by professional photographers.

For JHP participants, the camera is a transformative tool, helping individuals build self-confidence and visual literacy, think creatively and critically, engage actively with their communities, tell their own stories, and advocate for themselves, effecting change in their own lives and the world around them.

JHP was established in 1941 by pioneering photographer Josephine Herrick (pictured left) to teach photography to wounded service personnel returning from World War II. Since then, our programs have expanded to serve a variety of marginalized and vulnerable communities for whom photography provides a way to share their stories with a wider audience.

About this Project

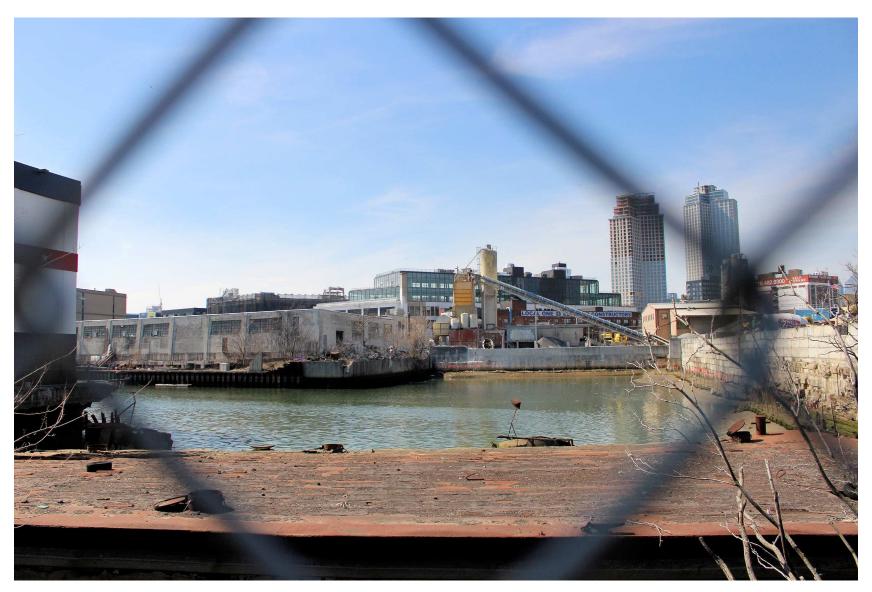
In partnership with the International High School at LaGuardia Community College, the Josephine Herrick Project presents *Seeing Our Community*, a collection of images featuring the work of students from International High School at LaGuardia Community College. For eight weeks, these students met weekly to learn basic techniques in digital photography. Their 90-minute sessions often included a walk around the neighborhood, as well as peer critiques, helping students develop their visual literacy skills while engaging with their community.

Throughout the course, students explored the idea of "community." They used their new photography skills to compose responses to questions like: What defines a community? What is unique about our community? What communities do I belong to? The images presented here are a response to these questions, comprising portraits, documentary, and landscape images that tell us something about the student(s) who took them and the community from which they come.

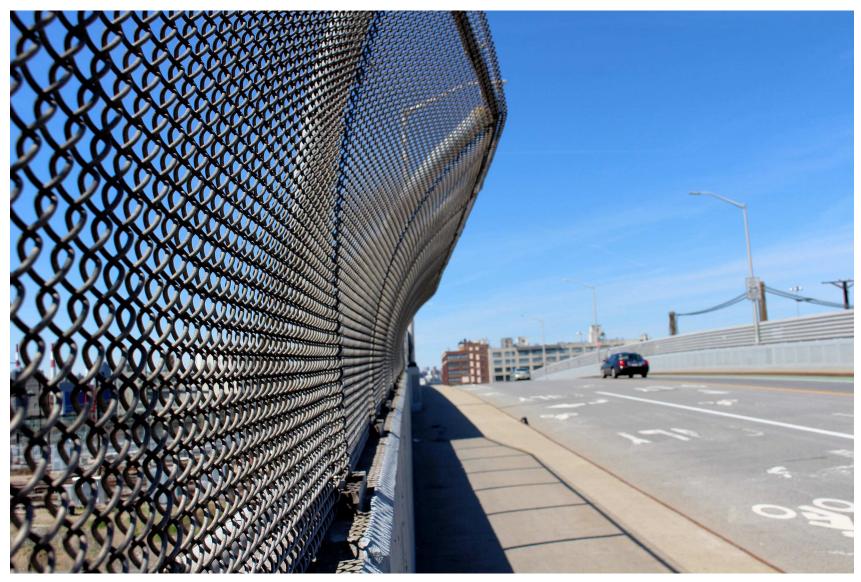
About The International High School at LaGuardia Community College



Located in Long Island City, Queens, The International High School at LaGuardia Community College offers a rigorous college preparatory program for English language learners in a multicultural educational environment. IHS LaGuardia is part of a national network of International High Schools that prioritizes students of limited English proficiency who have been in the U.S. fewer than four years at the time of application. Once admitted, the students remain with the school for their entire high school career. They receive a substantive high school and college preparatory curriculum taught with a content-based English-as-a-new-language approach.

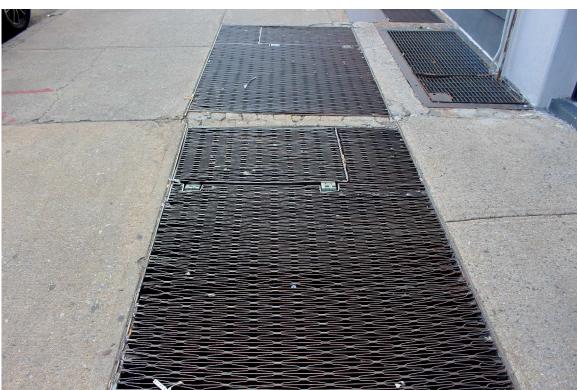


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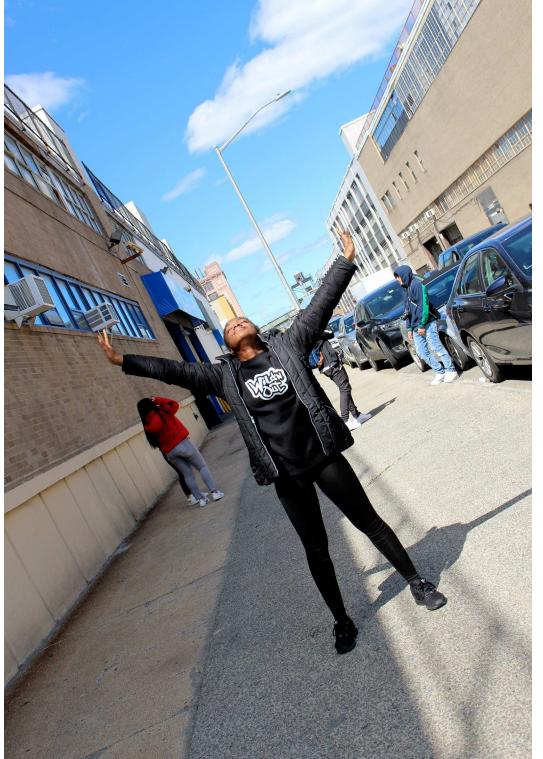
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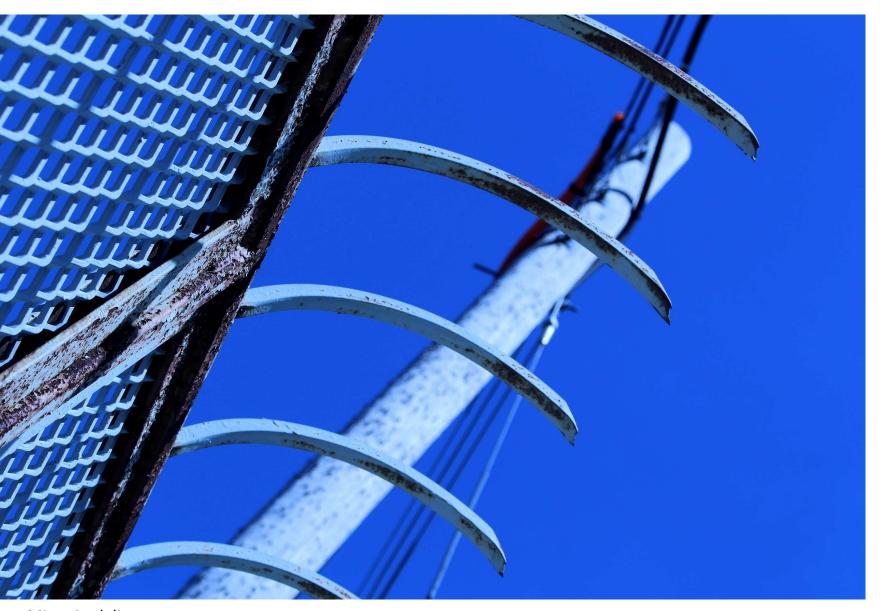
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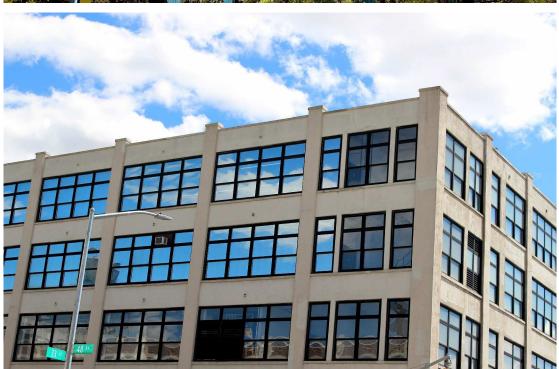
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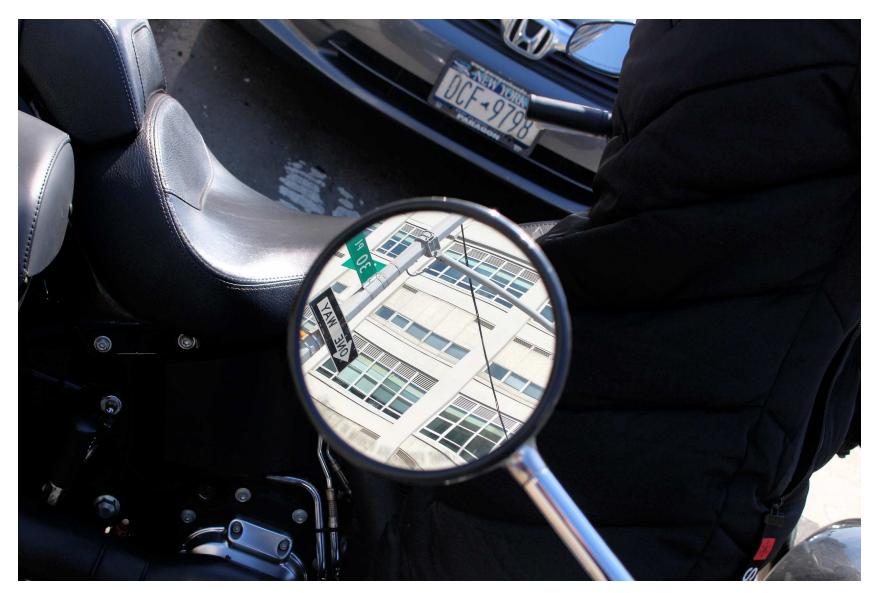
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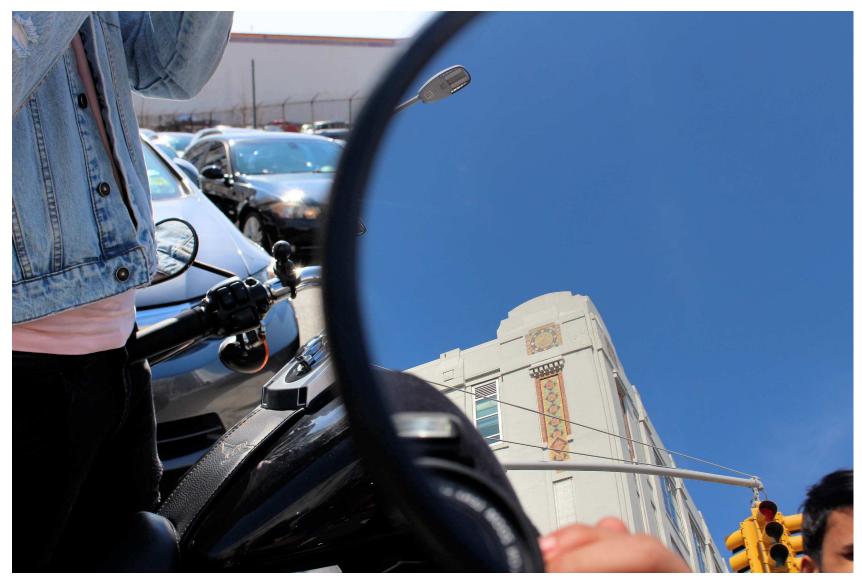
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