About Model New York City Council Project

In 2002, the City University of New York and City Council leaders developed the Model NYC Council Project as a way to expose high school students to the intricacies legislative democracy and the realities associated with policy making and representation in a diverse urban setting like New York City.

This project provides a rare opportunity for College Now students to work closely with the Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program in Government and Public Affair by working on a legislative agenda that they themselves develop. The students who participate in the Model City Council Project play a central role in their own pursuit of a public service education. They are introduced to a “hands-on” approach to understanding how political and policy processes affect them and their communities while developing leadership, research, and public-speaking skills.

The students come together in the Chamber of the New York City Council to debate and vote on public policies that concern New York City residents.

This project is open to high school students who will:

- Be a high school junior or senior enrolled in or who has completed at least one College Now course or activity
- Be able to attend all the Training Sessions and the final event
  - Saturdays - 10/29, 11/05, and 11/12 from 11am-4pm
  - Final Event in the Council Chambers, City Hall – 11/19 from 10am-5pm

How can students apply? Submit the following:
- Completed and signed application
- Typed essay
- List of work, volunteer and extracurricular activities
- Official academic transcript

For applications, contact your local College Now program. Contact information for all campus-based College Now offices can be found at http://collegenow.cuny.edu/participating-colleges/.