Welcome to the 2015-16 Academic Year!

The staff in Student Affairs is eager to work with you to make this a productive year. We welcome back returning students and look forward to meeting new students.

Manhattan School of Music is a special place. We are proud of our tradition of musical excellence, and proud that we are known as the “warm and caring” conservatory. As a staff we are committed to having MSM be a place where each student is known. We count on all MSM students to be there for each other, to take the time to get to know each other, and treat each other with kindness and respect. We work to make all students feel recognized and appreciated for what they contribute to life here at the School. Lofty goals, but ones we really do try to live.

One of the things I look forward to at work is reading my “Success at MSM” emails – emails which outline the unbelievably varied achievements of our alumni and students (and sometimes staff and faculty). To me, it feels like we are all rising in the world each time one of “us” makes a recognized contribution. I enter into this next academic year in the hope that some of the events of the year – whether they occur in the classroom, practice room, auditorium or residence hall -- will be the small steps toward the larger achievements in each of your lives.

The Student Handbook is our attempt to put all you need to know to succeed as a student at MSM in one place. Please take a look at each section so that you will know what policies and procedures we follow, what rules we enforce and what services and opportunities the School provides. I hope you will also take a moment to think about the ways you will become involved here. Students serve the community in so many ways – as ushers, Peer Educators, student organization members, Paint Crew members, members of the Advisory Committee on Campus Safety, workers in the bookstore, RAs, members of Student Council, library workers, etc. Whatever involvement you choose, I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Monica Coen Christensen
Dean of Students