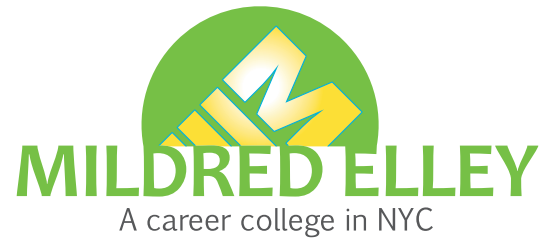


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## Newsletter



### Letter from the Dean

#### Dear Students,

I hope you and your family are well and safe during these unsettling times. I am writing to welcome you to the Spring One 2021 Module.

At Mildred Elley we are focused on providing an exceptional educational experience for all our students. We do this at our very special campus at 25 and 26 Broadway in New York City. The campus offers a vibrant atmosphere for academic and cocurricular engagement in a global urban center.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainty for all of us and forced us to shift most classes to an on-line format. Please rest assured that the same services available to you on campus, are available to you online. The Center for Academic Support and Professionalism (ASAP) offers tutoring in all subjects. We also have mental health counselors available to speak with you via phone or through Microsoft

Teams. Your Academic Advisors are just a phone call or email away and can answer any questions you have.

My laptop is always open to you, so please do not hesitate to reach out. I hope you have a wonderful module and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Kind Regards,

**Dr. Jill Carol Maggs**

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New York, NY 10004  
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#### Join Us!

#### Work/Life Balance Workshop Hosted by ASAP

**February 4 • 4- 5pm**

Having trouble balancing school work with the rest of your life? Wondering how to manage your time effectively? In this one-day seminar, we'll discuss strategies for planning your schedule and give you tools to navigate your work at Mildred Elley and beyond.

Link to Join Teams:

<http://bit.ly/ASAP-Work-Life>

#### Other Dates to Remember:

**Monday, February 15, Presidents' Day – No Classes!**

**Mid-Terms: Tuesday, February 22 – Saturday, February 27**

**Final Exams: Monday, March 22 – Saturday, March 27**



# Be Inspired

*"I did then what I knew  
how to do.*

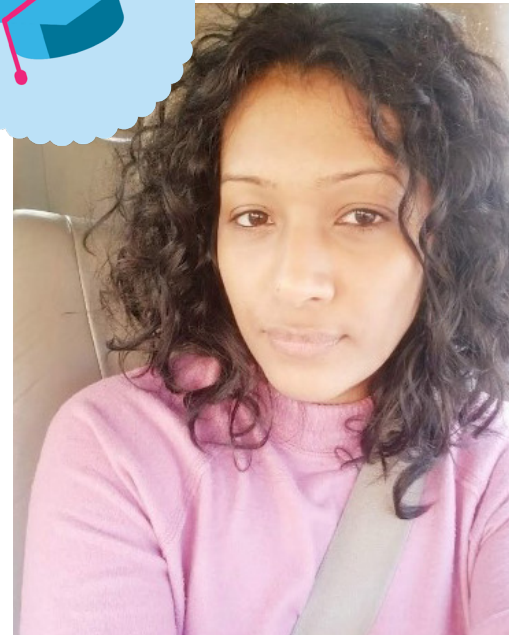
*Now that I know better,  
I do better."*

*– Maya Angelou*

The library held a **Poetry Contest** for the month of December. The contest was open to all students. **Sequeena Wiley Taylor** was selected as winner. She received a Mug, Poetry Journal Notebook, and a \$25.00 Amazon Gift Card. **Congrats!**

## A Letter to Santa This Year by Sequeena Wiley 'Taylor

*Dear Santa, have you heard?  
I have some news that may sound absurd.  
The Carona Virus has come upon us  
But continuing with the holidays is a must  
Everything seems to be put on hold  
Some children have been nice and don't deserve coal  
Because staying safe is a major task  
There is just one question that I have to ask  
When visiting homes this year please do wear a mask  
We didn't leave you milk and cookies this year  
But we did leave extra sanitizer for you and your deer  
How is Mrs. Clause? I hope that she's doing well  
Children are antsy and listening for your sleigh bells  
The children will be fast asleep, for they are smart  
Ill wave hello from upstairs, that way we stay six feet apart  
Doctors, nurses, all first responders have worked very hard too  
Working day in and day out because they care about what they do  
So please send them joy and blessings as a special thank you  
What do we do? Parents look to each other and say  
They cannot fathom the thought of not seeing their children play  
Holidays will be different in a way  
No grandparents no cousins, for its Christmas day  
Tis the season for graceful greetings and wishing good wealth  
But we've been so busy with gloves, mask and distancing,  
like my gosh is there anything else  
Oh, how we all wish not to worry like that elf on that shelf  
But you know what Santa?  
Even with all of the rules to follow this year  
The Carona virus will not stop our cheer!*



*"Congrats to everyone  
graduating alongside  
me, we all have come so  
far on this incredible and  
enlightening journey. I am  
grateful to everyone!"*

*–Hema Velaidum, A.O.S.*



I am **Ilesha Brown** a single mother from Staten Island. Mildred Elley is a wonderful College. The teachers are supportive and they know how to give you a push when you need it. I always manifest my future. I write down what I want and then I visualize getting it. When I graduated with my Medial Assisting A.O.S. Degree, I worked with Lisa Rini in Career Services. I was so nervous about interviewing. Lisa worked with me. We role played, tightened up my resume, and practiced, practiced, practiced. By the time I went out on interviews, I was confident. Next thing you know I landed a job at Mount Sinai. I was hired in the middle of a pandemic. The job was good but it was far from where I live and I wanted to make more money. I wrote down on a piece of paper my dream job and dream salary. I kept picturing myself at NYU Langone.

Mildred Elley offers lifetime Career Services, so even though I was graduated and working, I contacted Lisa again. She was happy to hear from me and immediately set me up with an interview at NYU. Because of COVID, the first interview was virtual. Lisa gave me pointers on how to ace a virtual interview. When the day came, I was relaxed. The actual interview was like a conversation with a friend.

**Charles Roberts** was born in Liberia in 1967. The country had an internal conflict that lasted from 1989 to 1997 killing about 250,000 people. Charles wanted his wife and five children to be safe, so they went to the Ivory Coast for a year and a half and then spent four and a half years living as refugees in Ghana. Charles never lost hope that things would improve. Through a friend, he and his family made their way to America. "My family and I all survived the war and made it to safety. I am so grateful. Once we were in America, one of my children wanted to get into nursing and she encouraged me to come to Mildred Elley with her. She said 'Dad, you always said you wanted an education.' She convinced me to come. The funny thing is, one day she disappeared from the college. I went home and told her you have to come back to school. You must come back. People look at us and they are so envious that a man gets to go to college

***"My advice to fellow Mildred Elley students is, whatever life gives you - push through! You can do it! You've just got manifest what you want."***

# Student Spotlights

with his daughter. They say look! They are both getting an education. However, the time was not right for my daughter. She had a child and she needed to work. She never came back. I never gave up. I had my setbacks. I did not get into the LPN program, but I kept going. I realized there were other careers in the medical field. I realized if I left it would be a shame on me. I continued to go to school to show my children that if I can do it, they can do it. I may look older, but my brain is fresh. I can learn. Now I have my degree! I can do what I want and I impressed my children. Some try, but they cannot make it.

***"My advice to those of you who are sitting home and do not go to school – you can make it if you focus. Just try and go back to school."***







## **Tutoring**

### **Online Schedule**

Hours of Operation:

**Monday–Friday: 11am–8pm; Saturday: 12pm–5pm**

For assistance or to make a tutoring appointment, email:

[ASAPTutoring@mildred-elley.edu](mailto:ASAPTutoring@mildred-elley.edu)

or you can access the Tutoring Center in Moodle. Reply with your name, contact information (email and phone), and a brief description of what you need help with, and a tutor will reach out to you immediately

#### **How to Access the Moodle Tutoring Center:**

Log in and navigate to “Online Tutoring Center” in the dashboard, and select your campus.

[Elearn.mildred-elley.edu/my](https://Elearn.mildred-elley.edu/my)

## **Counseling**

**Individual Counseling:** Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm

For an appointment, email: [ASAPcounseling@mildred-elley.edu](mailto:ASAPcounseling@mildred-elley.edu)

**Virtual Group Counseling:** Mondays 12pm

*We’ll discuss how to manage the stress of our daily lives.*

You can find the Zoom meeting link for these sessions  
on [Mildred Elley Student Portal | Albany, NYC & Pittsfield \(mildred-elley.edu\)](#)

