TO: The CUNY Community
SUBJECT: Invitation to the 2009 CUNY Instructional/Information Technology Conference

I am delighted to extend to you and your colleagues this invitation to attend the 8th Annual CUNY IT Conference, which will take place on December 4, 2009 at John Jay College.

This year's conference, again chaired by George Otte, has somehow managed to surpass previous conferences in both the quantity and quality of the presentations, as a look at the program will confirm, but it also builds on prior successes -- notably with the return, by popular demand, of last year's highly successful keynoter, David Pogue, New York Times technology columnist, Emmy-winning CBS news correspondent, and best-selling author.

Our 2009 theme -- Instructional/Information Technology in CUNY: Managing Complexity -- has challenged presenters to think beyond introducing innovations to ensuring they're sustainable, scalable, worthy of wide dissemination and full integration. Academic as well as administrative colleagues should find much that is compelling, whether they are interested in the consolidation of current successes or in innovations still on the horizon.

The Conference Program is available at the URL below, which also links to the Conference e-registration application. Given previous years' "full house" attendance, I urge you to register in advance. Registration is free to all members of the CUNY community, but space is limited.

Here is where you go to view the Conference Program and to register:

http://www.convergemag.com/events/CUNY-8th-Annual-IT-Conference.html

I want to thank George and the Conference Committee for vetting the over 100 proposals, and for selecting those that seem best to represent the interests as well as the diversity of the CUNY community.

The Conference begins at 9:15am with Check-in for Registrants, Vendor Exhibits, and Breakfast. The first set of concurrent presentations will start at 9:45am. At 11:00am, we will hear from our Keynote speaker, David Pogue. Lunch will be provided from 12:10pm -2:10 in the Exhibit area. Concurrent presentations will resume at 12:40pm and continue to 4:00pm, followed by a wrap-up session in the Exhibit area. A special feature of the day will be the presentation of the 5th Annual Mike Ribaudo Award for Technological Innovation.

I hope you will join me in attending. Again, please register. The URL given above is for the full program schedule, and includes the link to register.

Thank you.