

## Crime Prevention News

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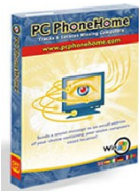


### Welcome to the Class of 2012, Message from AVP of Public Safety James F. McShane:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the incoming Class of 2012, and also to welcome back our returning students. As incoming first year students, you are about to begin a unique educational experience at a world class University located in the most exciting big city in the world and the safest big city in America.

While you will enjoy many new experiences on campus, the City itself also provides a wealth of opportunities for meaningful learning experiences. I urge you to take advantage of those opportunities. New York City is home to countless museums, art galleries, theaters and music venues. And, of course, there are the Yankees, the Mets, the Knicks, the Nets, the Rangers, the Islanders and even the (New Jersey) Devils. Take advantage of all the opportunities the city has to offer. Travel across the city is facilitated by extensive bus and subway systems. Both are safe and efficient. Of course, as in any large city, a little bit of common sense goes a long way in ensuring that you arrive safely and happily at your destination. The Department of Public Safety is here to help you with any safety or security issues. Stop by and visit with us, even if it is only to ask for directions to Yankee Stadium.

Finally, please be sure to attend a Public Safety orientation lecture to learn more about who we are and how we can work together to make your time here as safe as possible. **Again, welcome to Columbia!**



### CUIT, CUMC IT & Public Safety Team Up to Combat Computer Theft



In an effort to decrease laptop & PC theft, CUIT, CUMC IT, & Public Safety have teamed up to introduce a computer safety initiative. Columbia University has purchased a site license for the laptop and PC recovery program called "PC Phone Home." Students, Faculty and Staff can now download PC Phone Home onto their desktop or laptop computers for **FREE**. To download PC Phone Home, please go to [www.columbia.edu/acis/software/pcphonehome](http://www.columbia.edu/acis/software/pcphonehome). This link will bring you directly to the PC Phone Home page of CUIT's website. Please review instructions & information before installing. For more information on PC Phone Home, please call the CUIT help desk at **854-1919** or Public Safety Crime prevention at 854-8513. **Mac and Vista** users can call our crime Prevention office **854-8513** to set up an appointment to install Mac Phone Home or PC Phone Home for Vista. Mac & Vista users, coming soon, a link to these programs from the CUIT website.



### 2 Laptops Recovered in Different Incidents Thanks to Operation ID & Mac Phone Home Programs



Thanks to CU Public Safety's Operation ID program & Mac Phone Home, two CU students who thought the worst when they lost their laptops in two separate incidents were jumping for joy when their laptops were recovered. In the first incident, a student assigned to do research off campus, lost her laptop on the F-train in Brooklyn. A good samaritan noticed the Police Department's unique ID number on the back of the laptop and turned it in to the police. CU Public Safety notified the owner a short time later and made arrangements for the computer to be picked up and returned. In a second incident, a GS student's Mac was stolen while on a commuter bus travelling from Buffalo to New York. As soon as the student notified Public Safety, an alert was activated for his laptop by the Brigadoon Software Security group (Mac Phone Home). A short time later, his Mac was calling in its location. Several days later, the computer was reunited with its owner!