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From academic symposiums featuring Columbia’s own Eileen Barroso and a large- scale music festival for Columbia’s neighbors to the Homecoming festivities put on by the Law School, Columbia’s 250th anniversary celebration offered something for everyone.

Universal officials traveled far and wide to mark the anniversary with alumni around the world. President Lee C. Bollinger attended enthusiastic gatherings in Asia and Europe, while American graduates from Boston to Los Angeles convened for showings of Columbia: A 250th Anniversary Celebration, the personal documentary by filmmaker Ric Burns, CC’76, at the Baker Field Complex. As at the C250 opening weekend, students, alumni and friends gathered for a gourmet barbecue, with a carni-

valesque setting of the children on hand.

Many more universities, in all walks of life, have now joined the previous five on the C250 Web site.

Newly licensed D.C. lawyer, CC’07, CC’94, and author of American Scans:Allen Ginsberg’s Howl and Its After

Generation, lectured at the School of Journalism on Allen Ginsberg’s epic poem “Howl.” A capacity crowd of 580 was on hand to hear the reading of Ginsberg’s epic poem “Howl.”

For more information, go to www.c250.columbia.edu.

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Representative Charles Rangel and New York City Council mem-

bers Robert Jackson and Miguel Martinez were also on hand at the packed news event to celebrate the creation of the new service.

At the announcement, Schnei-

derman said, “My office gets hun-

dreds of calls from people who desperate-

ly need legal help with immigration problems. There are thousands of people who can’t af-

ford legal assistance to deal with the system that’s in place, and that’s the need that’s going to start addressing with this.”

Law School students will provide pro bono assistance to Navarro and her clients. According to Law School Dean David Schizer, the partnership with AIL and The Legal Aid Society supports his vision that the Law School work more closely with local communities.

“This is how Columbia furnishes itself as a good neighbor and pro-

vides important work for the stu-

dents in fulfilling their service requirement.”

Maria Navarro, a longtime Washington Heights resident, com-

menting on her responsibilities, said, “As an immigrant growing up in Washington Heights, I have seen the many problems immigrants face.”

She also noted the difficulty it is to deal with a complicated legal system, especially for those who cannot afford legal representation. With this project, she hopes to make a difference.

The program was developed by Julissa Reynoso, Law’03, through conversations with State Sen. Eric S c h n i e d e r.

man ran right to Ellen Chipaskin, dean of social work pro-

grammers at Columbia Law School, to develop a response to the need for legal assistance.

President Lee C. Bollinger applaud-

ed the new program. “The work of the University must be tied to the work done in our neighborhoods,” he said. “This partnership illustrates how an effective collaboration with elect-

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