

LaGuardia Community College
(Kọleji Obodo LaGuardia)

E guzobere Kọleji Obodo LaGuardia na 1971 na Long Island City, Queens, ma buru otu n'ime kọleji obodo asaa nke City University of New York (CUNY). Ngalaba agụmakwụkwọ asatọ LaGuardia na-enye ihe kariri mmemme 50 nke digrii Associate (digrii afọ abuo) na mmemme asambodo. Mpaghara omumu kachasi bu Health Sciences (Sayens nke Ahuike), STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering na Mathematics), Business and Technology, na Liberal Arts. LaGuardia bu nke ato n'ogo imeputa umuakwukwo gusiri STEM n'ime kọleji 25 di na usoro CUNY. Mgbe ha gusiri akwukwo, otutu umuakwukwo na-ebuga onwe ha gaa senior colleges, otutu n'ime ha no n'ime CUNY, iji mezue digrii ha nke Baccalaureate (Bachelor's). Umuakwukwo gusiri mmemme oru di ka Nursing, New Media Technology, na Veterinary Technology na-abanye ozugbo n'ahia oru.

Na 2019, LaGuardia jere ozi umuakwukwo kariri 30,000 n'ime mmemme pre-college, digrii Associate, na mmemme Continuing Education (mmuta na-aga n'ihu). N'idakwasị odiche di iche iche nke Queens, 56 pasent n'ime umuakwukwo LaGuardia amuru ha n'awa ozu, o bughi n'United States. Ha si n'ala 158 di iche iche, nke na-anochi anya ihe ruru 81 pasent n'ime mba di n'awa. Kariri okara (54 pasent) bu umuakwukwo bu ndi mbu n'ezinulo ha gara kọleji. Iri isii na itoolu pasent (69 pasent) n'ime ha bi na Queens; foduru na-abia si Brooklyn na ebe ndi ozu. Nnoo ntakiri kari okara (48 pasent) na-ebi n'onwe ha, ha anaghi ebi n'ulo nne na nna ha. O foro nke nta ka umuakwukwo LaGuardia niile buru ndi agburu (ethnic minorities) – 88 pasent; 58 pasent bu umu nwanji, 31 pasent kariri afu 25. Iri anu na asato pasent (48 pasent) n'ime umuakwukwo LaGuardia bu ndi Hispanic, a na-abukwa nke a ihe foro nke nta ka okpuku abuo kari 25 pasent a choru ka e kwuo na otu ulo akwukwo bu Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) dika US Department of Education si tuo. Iri isii na isii pasent (66 pasent) n'ime umuakwukwo LaGuardia na-enweta udi enyemaka ego omumu (financial aid) di iche iche. Kariri 70 pasent n'ime umuakwukwo na-enweta enyemaka ego ma na-ebi n'onwe ha na-enweta ego erughi \$25,000 n'afu. Nnoo ntakiri kari okara n'ime umuakwukwo LaGuardia (46 pasent) na-aga kọleji n'aha part-time, n'ihu na otutu n'ime ha na-aruru oru iji lekota ezinulo ha. Ego akwu uguwu omumu bu \$2,400 kwa semester, tinyere uguwu ndi ozu.

Uzu ngusi akwukwo (graduation rate) maka umuakwukwo mbu biara kọleji n'aha full-time na LaGuardia ebidola iri elu nwayo nwayo: site na 20 pasent na 2012 ruo 32 pasent na 2017, nke di elu kari nkezi mba dum nke 22 pasent. Uzu idobe umuakwukwo ka ha ghara ihapu akwukwo (retention rates) adiworokwa n'otu ogo, na-agbanwe ntakiri. LaGuardia weere onodu nke ise n'ime kọleji obodo di na United States n'ihe a na-akpo economic mobility – bu inyefe umuakwukwo si ezinulo nwere obere ego gaa n'ogologo etiti ma kari ya – dika nnyocha emere site na Stanford University na 2017 na Brookings Institution na 2020 si gosi. A makwara LaGuardia nke oma n'ihe gbasara mmemme mmepe oru (workforce development), nke na-akwadebe ndi bi na Queens maka oru di na ngalaba a na-achosi ike n'ahia oru NYC, dika healthcare, IT, na construction. Site n'iruku oru onu na ndi otu ulo oru, ngalaba Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) nke LaGuardia na-enye ozuzu oru aka (hands-on occupational training), nka "ndu" di mkpa n'uloru, enyemaka ichota oru (job placement), na nkwa umuakwukwo. Umuakwukwo mezuru ozuzu ha na-enweta asambodo ulo oru na-anabata (industry-recognized credentials) ma n'otutu mmemme, ha na-enwetakwa academic credit nke a puru itinye n'ime digrii na LaGuardia. Mmemme ACE's Small Business & Entrepreneur Services – nke gunyere mmemme Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses mbu e tinyere n'ime kọleji obodo – na-enye agumakwukwo na enyemaka teknikal puru iche nye puku-puku obere azumahia, ma na-arukwa oru onu na ndi nwe ulo oru iji meputa uzu a na-esi erute ndi oru ohuru (talent pipelines), ime ka ndi oru di ugu a bawanye ogo ha, ma mee ka aku na uba obodo too.

****Nkwa maka ndi Igbo bi na New York City gbasara uru nke community college****

N'usoro agumakwukwo America, community college dika LaGuardia bu ulo akwukwo goomenti afu abuo, ebe mmadu nwere ike imalite mmemme digrii Associate ma o bu nweta asambodo oru n'efu ego kari ka a ga-esi na mahadum afu anu malite ozugbo. Maka otutu ndi Igbo bi na New York City – ndi biara ohuru, ndi ka na-emeghari asambodo ha si Naijiria, ma o bu umaka ndi malitere ulo akwukwo sekondri ha n'ebe a – community college na-enyere ka mmadu banye n'usoro agumakwukwo US nwayo nwayo. Otutu n'ime ha na-enye mmemme English as a Second Language (ESL), klas enyemaka n'ogugu na mgba, na tutors, nke na-enyere ndi na-achu ka Bekee ha sie ike ma muta otu e si ede na guo akwukwo n'uzu US.

Community colleges newkwara usoro oge di nro: enwere klas mgbede, klas izu uka, na nhoro part-time, nke bara uru maka ndi Igbo na-aruru oru – dika nlekota ahike, nursing aide, home care, inya ugboala, ma o bu obere azumahia n'ahia na ulo ahia. N'ihu na uguwu omumu (tuition) di ala kari mahadum afu anu, yana enyemaka ego sitere n'aka goomenti steeti na federal (dika financial aid, grants, scholarships), o na-eme ka ezinulo nwee ike ikwu uguwu agumakwukwo n'enweghi ibu aru di ukwu. Mgbe e mechara digrii Associate, mmadu nwere ike ibufe (transfer) gaa mahadum CUNY afu anu iji mezue digrii Bachelor, otutu mgbe na-anata otutu kredi e nwetara na community college.

N'aka nke ozu, otutu Igbo no na NYC choru oru ngwa ngwa iji lekota ezinulo ha, ma o bu iwulite

obere azumahia ha. Mmemme workforce development na short-term certificates a na-enye n'ulo akwukwo dika LaGuardia nwere ike kuziere mmadu ngwa ngwa nka di ka phlebotomy, medical assistant, computer support, construction management, new media, na management azumahia. Nke a na-eme ka mmadu nwee asambodo ulo oru na-anabata, nweta oru kwu oto ugwu elu, ma o bu mee ka obere azumahia Igbo — dika ulo nri, trucking, import/export, salon — nwee ezigbo nchikwa ego na teknuzu. Maka ndi Igbo bi n'obodo di oke onu dika New York City, community college bu uzọ di onu ala, di nro ma sie ike isi mepee uzọ maka umuaka na ndi okenye n'ezinulo banye n'etiti klaas ma o bu buru ndi oru okachamara n'uzọ zuru oke.