The John Jay College-College Now Program’s Law and Justice Summer Institute (LJSI) – offered in collaboration with the Justice Resource Center (JRC) - embraces the concept that inquiry into the source of state authority is often the beginning point of interest in a career in law. LJSI engages students’ in academic and hands-on learning opportunities designed to critically explore the inherent tensions between individual liberties and state power and to harness student interest in the law and legal profession.

The overall objectives of the Institute are as follows:

- To establish meaningful and intentional learning opportunities that advance the educational and career goals of NYCDOE students;
- To engage students in academically rigorous programming that advances their foundational knowledge of the American legal system;
- To increase students practical knowledge of the college-going process;
- To enhance student interest in public service careers in law and public administration;
- To encourage students to pursue college-level educational training in law and/or related public service careers, and;
- To increase student’s awareness of the educational programming opportunities offered through John Jay College.

Program Activities
The LJSI - a program for 20-25 NYC public high school students- will use a combination of classroom instruction, seminar, real-world testimonials of working professionals, hands-on activities in the form of Mock Trial court competition and informational workshops to both engage students in a critical examination of fundamental questions and to harness their interest in the law and legal profession. The five-week program will meet from Monday, July 7th thru Thursday, August 7th, four days each week (M-TH) from 9:30 to 3:00pm each day. Enrollment is open to rising 11th and 12th grade NYC public high school students who meet academic eligibility requirements.
The five-week program will include the following activities:

- **Classroom Instruction:** *Monday thru Thursday - 9:30-12:00:* Each day, morning sessions will be comprised of classroom instruction in the 3-credit *Law and Literature: The Origins of State Power* course. Combining aspects of an undergraduate literature course and law school, this course examines various philosophical, legal and literary texts as we examine inherent tensions between individual liberties and state power.

- **Law Workshop – Law-In-Focus Seminar:** *Mondays - 1:00 to 3:00:* Each Monday, afternoon workshop sessions will allow students to engage in an informed and critical discussion that centers on the exercise of state authority in the modern context. Here, students engage in critical examination around the practice and case law exemplifying a key principle derived from the morning session. Seminar topics will include:
  - Stop and Frisk
  - Search and Seizure
  - Racial Discrimination
  - Legal limits of Police Power
  - Rights of Citizens – The IV Amendment

- **Law Workshop – Moot Court Trial:** *Tuesday/Thursday- 1:00 to 3:00:* Two afternoon sessions each-week will work through several mock trial scenarios. The programs are designed to be fun and engaging and to teach the rudiments of criminal trial procedure. Students play various in case scenarios including jury, witnesses, bailiff, defense counsel, prosecutor, and defendant. Youth Mentor/Coaches lead teams in preparation for in-class competitions.

- **Guest Speakers:** *Wednesdays- 1:00 to 3:00:* The program will invite working professionals to the class to provide real world testimonials of the law in practice. Students also benefit from the experiences of attorneys and criminal justice professionals from local law enforcement.

**Eligibility Requirements**
The 20-25 institute enrollees will be selected from qualified applicants from NYC public high schools. To qualify for the program, students must:
- Submit a completed LJSI Application form;
- Enter the 12th grade in the Fall 2014; Exceptional Juniors will be considered
- For juniors, a minimum English GPA of 90 and ELA score of 75 or higher;
- For seniors, a minimum GPA of 85 and ELA score of 75.

**Applications due by Friday May 15, 2014**
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