To: NYU Alumni Members of the Coles Sports Center  
Subject: Purchasing Spring Memberships for the NYU Fitness Network  
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With the new fitness facility at 404 Lafayette Street currently on track to open on Monday, January 25 and the Coles Sports Center currently on track to close by Friday, January 22, I am writing you about Athletics Department memberships for spring 2016.

We have worked in close collaboration with the Coles Advisory Committee, a group of Coles stakeholders representing faculty, students, staff, and alumni, to develop plans that best accommodate the many users of NYU’s athletic facilities during the interim between the closing of Coles and the opening of a new, mixed-use facility that will include a high-quality gym, classrooms, performance arts spaces, faculty housing, and student housing. We developed these plans in as responsive a fashion as we could, while also accomplishing our three main goals of: permitting student athletes to continue to compete; enabling others to exercise and stay fit; and minimizing lay-offs for Coles employees, both student and professional.

**NYU Fitness Network Memberships**

We are pleased to announce that the Athletics Department will begin selling spring memberships to the NYU Fitness Network on **Monday, November 16**. With such memberships, NYU faculty, students, administrators, staff, and alumni will have access to any or all of three facilities:

- **The new gym at 404 Lafayette Street**, between East 4th Street and Astor Place, which will feature new strength and cardio equipment (more than are present at the Coles facility), and two studios for various classes. The gym will be open from 7:30am – 11:00pm on weekdays and from 8:30am – 8:00pm on weekends during the academic terms.

- **The Palladium Athletic Facility** on 14th Street between 3rd Avenue and Irving Place, which will have extended operating hours once Coles closes (from the current hours of 7:30am - 11:00pm on weekdays to **5:30am - midnight** on weekdays and from 8:30am – 9:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays during the academic terms); and

- **The newly-renovated Brooklyn Athletic Facility** in the Jacobs Building and Roger Hall at 6 MetroTech Center in downtown Brooklyn, which already has **extended operating hours** and nearly double the workout space. The Brooklyn facility is easily accessible by the A, C, and F subway lines to Jay Street-MetroTech; the B to DeKalb Avenue; and the 4 and 5 to Borough Hall.

All three facilities have locker rooms, showers, and air conditioning. Community Board 2 residents will continue to be able to purchase 12-use passes for entry into 404 Lafayette Street, subject to the same rules that currently apply to Coles access.
NYU Alumni will be able to purchase memberships by visiting the Membership Offices in Coles and Palladium during Membership Office Hours, beginning on November 16. You may also purchase memberships at the StudentLink Brooklyn Office at 5 MetroTech Center during Office Hours, from Tuesday, December 1 through Tuesday, December 15, and then again from Monday, January 4 through Monday, February 8, 2016. You will also be able to purchase memberships at 404 Lafayette Street when it opens. Click here to download the appropriate membership application form.

The Athletics Department will hold Open Houses at 404 Lafayette Street during its first two weeks of operation for current Coles members and other potential users who would prefer to see the gym before making a decision about purchasing memberships.

During the construction of the new, mixed-used facility on the existing Coles site, NYU will reduce the Athletics Department membership rate for its three NYU Fitness Network facilities by 20% from the current price.

**Information for Swimmers, Court Sport, and Track Users**
Although we will make the basketball courts at Palladium and in Brooklyn available as often as possible, we recognize that they will be less readily available during the construction phase. We will not have racquetball courts, squash courts, tennis courts, or a running track available. We have created lists of external tennis courts, racquetball courts, and squash courts, and hope you are able to find an alternative during the construction period.

**CONCLUSION**
Current members will be able to use Coles, Palladium, and the Brooklyn Athletic Facility until 404 Lafayette opens on January 25, at no additional charge. If you choose to purchase spring memberships to the NYU Fitness Network, you may do so beginning on Monday, November 16. Memberships purchased after February 8 will be prorated accordingly. We will continue to update you during the construction phases.

Please contact the Athletics Department with any questions you may have regarding the University’s plans for interim athletic and recreational facilities.