

Alumni Association of The City College of New York

2021 Administrative Staff Service Award



Herbert Seignoret, is the Director of the Colin Powell School's Academic Advising Office. He has worked for over twenty years in the academic setting of CCNY working as a program coordinator for two teacher education programs, from them, he observed the importance of good pedagogical approaches to teaching and learning. He has also served as an advisor to student clubs and organizations at CCNY. Academic Advising is an exciting position for him because it continues to give him the opportunity to encourage, support and motivate students to excel and be their best. CCNY's diverse study body brings him into contact with students from all over the world, whose narratives are constitutive of the rich fabric of everyday life at CCNY. He is committed to their success and that of the institution.

Outside of his work as an academic advisor at the Colin Powell School, Seignoret is helping to preserve the history of New York City's first settlement of African-American property owners. An alumnus of the Colin Powell School's anthropology department, Seignoret is the Associate Director of the Institute for the Exploration of Seneca Village History and previously served on the advisory board of the Seneca Village Project. The goal of these projects is to conduct research on the site of Seneca Village and to educate the public about its significance to the city's history. Just east of Central Park West, Seneca Village was first settled in the 1820s by African American residents as well as Irish and German settlers. Census records show that by the 1850s, more than 260 people resided in the community before the city took over the site through eminent domain to build Central Park. Seignoret's work has been influential in the quest to raise awareness about this important piece of African American history.