



## WELCOME TO METRO U NEW YORK CITY

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Throughout the city this week, more than a quarter of a million students are beginning classes on the 25 campuses of The City University of New York, an annual ritual that reaffirms CUNY's long-standing and inseparable

connection with the city. This is an exciting time in the University's history, one marked by prestigious awards for our students and faculty and national acclaim for our senior and community colleges. In the past two weeks, CUNY colleges have figured prominently in the rankings of the Chronicle of Higher Education and Money magazine, among other publications. The rankings take a variety of factors into account, includ-

ing tuition charges, alumni earnings and social mobility, a measure of a school's success in lifting low-income students into the middle class. The rankings affirm research by leading economists showing that CUNY's singular quality, affordability and diversity set it apart as perhaps the most potent engine of economic advancement in the United States. Not surprisingly, that quality, affordability and diversity have fueled a surge in enrollment over the past 10 years of 40,000 students – an increase roughly equivalent in

size to the student body of the University of Michigan! Regards, As we grow, we do more and more to ensure that our students are graduating on time and pursuing successful careers. CUNY is on the cutting edge of implementing academic strategies and programs that help students to navigate intractable challenges and achieve their goals. Throughout my 40-year career at CUNY, I've always embraced what makes our community dynamic and special. CUNY is arguably the most diverse university in the nation, if not

the world, in all the ways that matter: race, ethnicity, country of origin and languages spoken at home, gender identity, sexual orientation, and religious affiliation and observance. That diversity is not happenstance. We are built for the students we have, and out of this grows our sense of purpose.

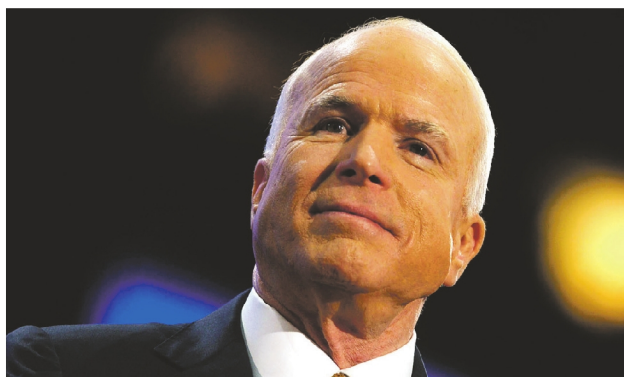


# Presidents react to McCain's death

Sen. John McCain, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam who ran for president in 2008 as a maverick Republican and became a prominent critic of President Donald Trump, died on Saturday. He was 81.

An Arizona senator for more than three decades, McCain had been suffering from brain cancer since July 2017 and had not been at the U.S. Capitol this year.

All five living former presidents — Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter — paid tribute to McCain's courage and character.



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**BARACK OBAMA:** "Few of us have been tested the way John once was, or required to show the kind of courage that he did. But all of us can aspire to the courage to put the greater good above our own. At John's best, he showed us what that means. And for that, we are all in his debt.

Michelle and I send our most heartfelt condolences to Cindy and their family."

**BILL CLINTON:** "He frequently put partisanship aside to do what he thought was best for the country, and was never afraid to break the mold if it was the right thing

to do. I will always be especially grateful for his leadership in our successful efforts to normalize relations with Vietnam."

**GEORGE W. BUSH:** "Some lives are so vivid, it is difficult to imagine them ended. Some voices are so vibrant, it is hard to think of them stilled.

John McCain was a man of deep conviction and a patriot of the highest order. He was a public servant in the finest traditions of our country. And to me, he was a friend whom I'll deeply miss."

**JIMMY CARTER:** "John McCain was a man of honor, a true patriot in the



best sense of the word. Americans will be forever grateful for his heroic military service and for his steadfast integrity as a member of the United States Senate."

**GEORGE H. W. BUSH:** "John McCain was a patriot of the highest order, a public servant of rarest

courage. Few sacrificed more for, or contributed more to, the welfare of his fellow citizens - and indeed freedom-loving peoples around the world. Another American maverick and warrior, General George Patton, once observed: "We should thank God that men such as these have lived." REUTERS

# TRUMP'S SHORT SEND-OFF FOR JOHN MCCAIN

Analysis

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What do you say when someone dies who never really liked? Very few Americans are wrestling with that quandary today.

John McCain was one of the very most beloved people anywhere in public life. Republicans, Democrats, people who loathe everyone in politics — almost everyone had a soft spot for the crusty senator from Arizona, who died over the weekend after a valiant bout with brain cancer.

McCain was an inspiring throwback to a day when people could disagree and still not hate each other, when personal character actually meant something in Washington.

You know, before Donald Trump. Trump did everything he could to ignore the man, even failing to acknowledge him while signing a defense bill named for McCain.

White House flags were lowered to half-staff on Sunday. But Trump's condolence tweet could

hardly have been any stinger. It was exactly 21 words long. Despite the respectful tone, not one of those words contained an ounce of praise for John McCain. "My deepest sympathies and respect go out to the family of Senator John McCain," Trump wrote. "Our hearts and prayers are with you!"

Could the president have said any less? Like most of Trump's feuds, this one goes on forever. Not even death can heal these wounds.



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