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Men's Basketball to Battle Rival Manhattanville at MSG

Purchase, NY (Oct. 6, 2010) – Purchase College men's basketball is finalizing plans to face neighborhood rival Manhattanville at Madison Square Garden in December, announced **AD Ernie Palmieri** and **head coach Jeff Charney**.

The announcement pushes the Panthers and Valiants one step closer to getting a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience "The Mecca" of college hoops on Sunday, Dec. 19, when the two longtime rivals are set to square off at "The World's Most Famous Arena."



The bright lights of MSG will play host to defending Skyline champs Purchase on Dec. 19 as the Panthers take on Manhattanville in a matchup of local rivals.

The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. and allows two of the best men's basketball teams in Westchester County to showcase their talents on the national stage.

The contest will be preceded by the Maggie Dixon Classic, which features four of the top Division I women's basketball teams in the country: Texas A&M University versus Rutgers University at noon and Ohio State University against the two-time defending national champion University of Connecticut at 3:30 p.m.

Both Manhattanville and Purchase have fielded strong programs in recent years, with both teams making the NCAA Tournament in the last four years. The Valiants won the Skyline Conference regular-season and tournament championships in 2007 and have won at least a share of the conference regular-season title in three of the last four years, while the Panthers took home the Skyline Conference tournament title this past year in 2010.

Tickets for the event will grant admission to the two women's contests as well as the Purchase-Manhattanville men's game. Ticket details will follow at a later date.

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