

Bridging the Campus

Your life at Brooklyn College

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Raising the Bar, Creating Student Stars

“Raising the Bar: Creating Student Stars” is the 2011-2012 theme, that has been chosen by Brooklyn College’s Division of Student Affairs (D.O.S.A.) and for a good reason. D.O.S.A. members believe that active and engaged students make great students (on and off campus) and works to create the kind of environment where B.C. students can go beyond the expected and further than they ever thought possible.

To that end D.O.S.A. has a variety of offices, programs and events available to students to get ahead of the curve and above “the bar” of excellence.

The hub of student life at Brooklyn College, **Student Activities Central**, is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Center. Student

Activities Central provides support and advisement to over 150 student organizations (based on academic, religious, cultural and other interests),

The new Office of Civic Engagement and Orientation (C.E.O.) is also here for students! Studies show that students who are more civically

engaged are more apt to graduate and enjoy their academic experience. Therefore the Division of Student Affairs wants to help each student to become civically engaged and acquainted with campus life.

The C.E.O. office offers a number of educational workshops, conferences, and many programs

designed to provide students with a memorable and enjoyable co-curricular experience at BC.

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Message from the Vice President

Welcome to a new issue of Bridging the Campus, the newsletter of Brooklyn College's Division of Student Affairs (D.O.S.A.). This issue spotlights several of the student clubs and organizations found at Brooklyn College. We have over 150 student organizations, based on academics, culture, faith, and special interests that students can become actively involved in. These organizations are founded and led by students just like you who share your concerns – and if there's not a club that shares your interest, you can create your own!

For the 2011-2012 academic year D.O.S.A. has chosen to focus on "Raising the Bar, Creating Student Stars". This theme highlights our determination to continuously inspire our students to reach their full potential. As you endeavor to achieve your academic and personal goals the staff of the Division of Student Affairs will be there to help guide you. I urge everyone to stop by our office in 2113 Boylan Hall for more information and assistance. Have a great semester!



Milga Morales, Ph.D.
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Raising the Bar, Creating Student Stars

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Some of the many programs offered by D.O.S.A. through the Office of Civic Engagement and Orientation are year long Orientation Programs for New Students, a Voter Education and Empowerment Initiative, Student – Initiated Town Hall Meetings, and the C.L.A.S.E. passport (Civic Learning and Student Engagement Passport).

The C.E.O. office also sponsors a weekly "Campus Conversations", where students have the opportunity and the



venue to share experiences and opinions with the campus community, as well as make suggestions to the Brooklyn College administration that can improve the campus experience.

The belief that nurturing civically minded students will create civically active citizens is one of the reasons behind the Division's commitment to providing opportunities for students to get involved.

Stop by the Student Affairs Office at 2113 Boylan Hall to receive information concerning campus life. Let B.C.'s Division of Student Affairs help you make the most out of your Brooklyn College experience!

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National Black Science Students Organization

The 1st Annual Alternative Winter Break Volunteer Program

The Brooklyn College chapter of the National Black Science Students Organization (NBSSO) took part in their "1st Annual Alternative Winter Break Volunteer Program" on January 16 - 23, 2011. 10 members of NBSSO traveled to Orlando, Florida to volunteer for an organization called "Give Kids the World".



"Give Kids the World" is a non-profit organization that was created to fulfill wishes of magical experiences for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The organization provides memorable, joyful, cost-free weeklong visits to "Give Kids the World" Resort for families with special needs.

Our students volunteered in a number of ways to assist a group of terminally ill children. Activities ranged from serving food to their families to helping the children use the rides of the organization's amusement park safely. The members of NBSSO enjoyed their time volunteering with

the organization as they learned more about illnesses that they have studied in their science programs on campus. The leaders of the organization learned a great deal about the trip planning process at Brooklyn College and hope to take this trip again next year!

NBSSO is one of our campus' most active organizations with a mission to provide support to minority students in the sciences at Brooklyn College as well as local high school students. NBSSO fulfills this mission by collecting information concerning graduate opportunities, offering tutoring and counseling services, creating scholarships and formulating programs which will encourage and assist minority students in the pursuit of the sciences and enrich their college experience.

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Turkish American Student Association

Introduction to Ebru



On Thursday, April 14, 2011, the Turkish American Student Association (TASA) at Brooklyn College hosted an event in the Student Center to introduce the campus to a traditional Turkish marbling art called "ebru".

Ebru is briefly described as the art of printing multi-colored swirled or stone-like patterns on paper after handmade natural inks or paints are dripped with handmade brushes onto the surface of thickened water. Artist Yasemin Ozsavasci displayed her own painting at the event while she taught attendees about the art and then helped them to create their own pieces.

Besides this event, TASA also held a number of other events including a Thanksgiving feast and raised funds for Japan relief efforts. TASA's mission is to introduce Turkish culture and traditions to the Brooklyn College student body through meetings, events and trips.

“Happily Ever After” @ Hillel House



On May 5th, 2011 an event called “Happily Ever After” brought a large number of student organizations into the Brooklyn College Hillel House to raise funds for an organization called “Children’s Rights”.

Children’s Rights is a national advocacy group working to reform failing child welfare systems on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of abused and neglected children

who depend on them for protection and care.

After a night of performances from predominantly Brooklyn College students, the event raised \$450 for Children’s Rights. The evening was planned and supported by the Russian Jewish Club, the Tae Kwon Do club, ABADA-Capoeira club, NYPIRG, Seeds of Hope, Science Fiction & Fantasy Society, Kappa Sigma fraternity, Newman Catholic

club, National Broadcasting Society/ TV club, Model United Nations club, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Art Group, Ballroom Dance society and Chabad Youth.

Check out Hillel’s web site at: <http://www.bchillel.org> for additional opportunities to volunteer!

Meet Your Club Liasons



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(Evening) and GSO
(Graduate) Student
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Ask them about how YOU can get more involved!

Contact StudentAffairs@brooklyn.cuny.edu for more information

National Association of Black Accountants

40th Annual Convention



On Tuesday June 21st, 2011 18 members of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) at Brooklyn College embarked on a journey of professional development, career and networking opportunities at their National Convention. The convention took place in Orlando, Florida and lasted until June 25th.

Students from Brooklyn College were able to interview and receive job offers from some of the companies present at the convention. The incoming Executive Board for NABA at Brooklyn College built relationships with the representatives from these and other companies which will hopefully result in panel discussions to be held at the campus.

The seminars, led by the representatives from different firms such as Cargill and Deloitte,

instructed students on how to develop themselves professionally. These seminars allowed students to interact with professionals as well as with their peers in a classroom type setting. The trip was very successful and students gained valuable insights that will hopefully stay with them throughout their college and professional lives.

Looking forward they intend to continue to live by NABA's motto which is "Lifting as we climb". NABA's mission is to address the academic and professional needs which enable students to maximize their academic and career potential in the accounting profession, to promote and develop the professional skills of the members and encourage and assist students in entering the accounting profession.

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Table Tennis League

Competition in ACUI Tournament

The Brooklyn College Table Tennis League's mission is to improve and compete in table tennis as well as provide the opportunity for beginners to learn about table tennis. The organization was created three years ago, and this is the first time it has taken part in the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Tournament.

The Table Tennis League was represented at this year's ACUI Region 3 qualifying tournament on February 12th, 2011 at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Founded in 1914, ACUI is a nonprofit educational organization that brings together college union and student activities professionals from hundreds of schools in seven countries. ACUI collegiate championship tournaments are designed to contribute to social, physical, mental, and emotional development of students and professionals.

Students who would like to participate in this program must first compete in a table tennis qualifying tournament and receive an invitation to the championships. While our Table Tennis League did not advance to the championships we are looking forward to participation again next year!

For more information on this program and how you can get involved contact Christina Haney in Student Activities Central.



Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS)

*At the Student National Medical Association's 2011 National Conference in Indiana
by Hope Taitt*

From April 20-24th 2011, the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS) attended the Annual Medical Education Conference held in Indiana. The Conference enumerated the challenges that we would face as premedical and future medical students and prepared us for the steps we had to take to be successful through the medical school application process.

Through several workshops and events, we have learned a number of practical applications for improving our resumes, personal statements, and mock interviews. We were advised on MCAT diagnostic preparation, personal well being, and managing issues such as family stress, leisure time and academic studies while in medical school. We had an opportunity to speak to current medical students, medical professionals and Admissions personnel about the application process and various ways of financing a medical education.

We also attended a cultural competency workshop that enumerated the challenges faced by minority doctors in dealing not only with patients that do not look like them but also with patients that do. This workshop incorporated role-play and interaction with the audience members to drive the point home.

In addition, we attended several sponsored receptions hosted by various medical schools and the army. These events allowed for a formal time of networking, as

well as highlighted the programs and opportunities that are offered for minority health students. We attended a medical school recruitment fair that had about 70 different medical schools represented. Here we were able to speak with diversity and admissions officers about how to best package our applications when we apply. We were able to tour the Indiana University School of Medicine and see not only their admissions personnel but also the facilities which include 9 campuses connected by a "People Mover" (air train).

One of the nine facilities was a simulation center which had a virtual hospital and ambulance which was really impressive. We were able to learn how to place IVs, give eye and ear exams, perform ultrasounds, properly ventilate a patient, and suture, among other techniques that medical students must learn and become proficient in very quickly. We were also able to sit in on a medical school lecture and speak to the financial aid officer about paying for medical school.

As part of our trip to Indiana we met other MAPS members from schools all around the country. Being able to network with such successful premedical students was enlightening as it allowed us as premed students to see what others are doing as they prepare to apply to medical school. All in all, we had a wonderful time at the conference.



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Difference
Excellence in
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B.C. Art Group

Free Arts NYC fundraiser



Throughout the Spring 2011 semester the Brooklyn College Art Group supported the work of Free Arts NYC with a volunteer information session and bake sale. Free Arts NYC delivers creative arts programs directly to low income, homeless, abused and neglected children with the help of volunteer mentors. Free Arts NYC volunteers have now served over 24,000 children and families.

At the March 29, 2011 information session the Art Group brought together twenty-five Brooklyn College students who were interested in volunteering with Free Arts NYC. These students would participate in the weekly programs where children express their emotions through art and develop a relationship with these children as their mentors.



The students present at the information session also volunteered to bake an item for the April 14th bake sale that the Art Group was holding. The bake sale raised over \$100 towards Free Arts NYC.

The Brooklyn College Art Group's mission is to further stimulate the practice and understanding of problems in the field of art. It will be holding a number of events this year and looks forward to continuing the work with Free Arts NYC.

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Haitian American Student Association

Christmas Toy Drive



From November to December of 2010 the Haitian American Student Association (HASA) collected toys from the Brooklyn College community for their Christmas Toy Drive. By the end of December the students had collected over 100 toys in their organization's room, located in 0229 Ingersoll Hall. The toys were donated to the Colline Foundation.

The Colline Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by Brooklyn College student, Jimmy Toussaint, and dedicated to raising funds for projects and initiatives to be facilitated by the Colline Academie, a school in Leogane, Haiti.

The Colline Foundation is currently running an international volunteer program and working hard to rebuild the Colline Academy destroyed during the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

HASA is one of our most active student organizations and was created to serve and help Haitian students and all other Brooklyn College students interested in the Haitian culture and its people. They achieve their mission by educating members and the campus community about Haitian interests and needs through a number of campus events.

Global Medical Brigades

Trip to Honduras



On May 27th, 2011, members of the Brooklyn College Global Medical Brigades embarked on a trip to Honduras to provide 3 days of medical and dental health services to the Cuesta Grande community.

The students learned how to triage patients, take blood pressure, tested blood sugar levels, and familiarized themselves with the names of medications commonly used to treat parasites, colds, gastrointestinal problems, fungus infections and other ailments.

The students who were fluent in Spanish provided medical translations for physicians and participated in Charla education, which are 10-20 minute conversations with the people in the community regarding proper hygiene, clean water, and steps they can take to prevent common ailments. All of the students also shadowed a dentist and learned about tooth extractions, fillings, and other dental treatments.

During the reflection session many students commented on how much they learned from this experience. The

discussion also raised important points regarding cultural sensitivity, respecting the locals' culture and the difference between providing medical services in a hospital and an under-resourced facility.

Global Brigades is the world's largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization. Since 2004, Global Brigades has mobilized thousands of university students and professionals through nine skill-based service programs to improve quality of life in under resourced communities.

This was the first time that Brooklyn College students traveled on behalf of this organization and they are looking forward to hosting this trip again next year!



B.C. GUIDEPOST

Your Guide to Campus Life and College Services

For general information- visit the Office of Student Affairs, 2113 Boylan Hall, the web: studentaffairs.brooklyn.cuny.edu or e-mail: studentaffairs@brooklyn.cuny.edu. To call an office from off campus use (718) 951 + extension listed, unless otherwise noted.

If You Need Information About (A-P)

Accessing Resources & Problem Solving

After Hours Access to Campus

Bulletin Boards

CLASE Passport Activities/Civic Engagement

Child Care

Clubs/Joining a Club/Starting a Club

Commencement Ceremony Information

Disability Services

Emergency Contact Request

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Emergency Personal Resource Assistance

Events Calendar

Fitness Center

Flyers (Posting Information for Student Activities)

Food Services

Housing Referral/Residential Life

Immunization & Health Insurance Info

International Students

Internships/Jobs

Legal Services

Lost and Found

Medical Care

Orientation Program for New Students

Personal Counseling

Call or See:

S.A.R. (2106B, x 5352)

Judicial Affairs (2113B, x 5352)

Campus Beautification Project (2113B, x 5352)

Civic Engagement & Orientation (2110B, x 5352)

Early Childhood Center (1604J, x 5431)

Student Activities Central (302BCSC, x 5712)

www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/commencement.htm,

Student Affairs (2113B, x 5352)

Center for Student Disability Services (138R, x 5538)

Campus Security and Public Safety (0202N, x 5511)

Volunteer Emergency Medical Squad (021NE, x 5858)

S.A.R. (2106B, x 5352)

Web Portal/BCNN/"What's Happening"

(1st Fl. BCSC, x 5842)

Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals (426WQ, x 5366)

Student Activities Central (302BCSC, x 5712)

Student Center Café (1st Fl. BCSC)/Cafeteria
(Lower Level Boylan Hall, x 4348)

Office of Student Life and Housing Referrals
(219BCSC, x 6534)

Health Programs Office (0710J, x 4505)

International Students Office (1600J, x 4477)

Magner Center (1303J, x 5696, x 5774)/

Human Resources (1219B, x 5277)

Lay Advocate (139NE, x 5360)

Campus Security and Public Safety (0202N, x 5511)

Health Clinic (1148R, x5580)

Civic Engagement & Orientation (2110B, x 5352)

Personal Counseling (0203J, x 5363)

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Religious Holidays

Rules and Expectations

Safety/Security/Workplace Violence

Shuttle Service to bus/subway

Sports/Recreation

Student Affairs

Student Filming on Campus

Student Government

Student Grievances (non-academic)

Student Media (Newspapers, Radio Station, etc.)

Study Skills/Test Anxiety Workshops

Substance Abuse Information

Time Management Workshops

Transfer Credits Information

Transfer Credits within

Transfer Credit Tool (Non-CUNY)

Transfer Information/Evaluations

Transfer Orientation

Transfers Facebook site

Transfer Student Admission Requirements

Transfer Student Advisement

Transfer Student FAQ

Veterans Affairs and Counseling

Volunteer Service Recognition (SERVA)

Voter Registration /U.S. Citizenship/Poll Workers

Yearbook

Women's Center

Call or See:

Schedule of Classes (www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/portal)

Judicial Affairs (2113B, x 5352)/B.C. Student Handbook

Campus Security and Public Safety (0202N, x 5511)

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Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals (426WQ, x 5366)

<http://studentaffairs.brooklyn.cuny.edu>

Student Affairs Office (2113B, x5352),

Judicial Affairs (2113B, x 5352)

SG Offices, 3rd Floor BCSC/C.E.O. (2110B, x 5352)

S.A.R. (2106B, x. 5352)

Student Activities Central (302BCSC, x 5712)

Personal Counseling (0203J, x 5363)

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www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/200.htm

CUNY TIPPS website: www.tipps.cuny.edu

<http://websql.brooklyn.cuny.edu/transferbc>

Office of the Registrar (306WQ, x 5911)

Civic Engagement & Orientation (2110B, x 5352)

www.facebook.com/bc.transfers, S.A.R. (2106B, x. 5352)

www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/521.htm

Transfer Student Services (3207B, x 5471)

www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/723.htm

Veterans Office (0303J, x 5105)

SERVA (2113B, x 5352, e-mail: serva@brooklyn.cuny.edu)

Civic Engagement & Orientation (2110B, x 5352)

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Women's Center at Brooklyn College (227NE, x 5777)

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