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### WANT to get A college degree?

f you've dreamed about getting a better job or wished you could pursue a special interest or wanted to get a solid educational foundation, Brooklyn College may be able to help you achieve those goals. It really is possible to earn a bachelor's degree while working and managing family life.

Adult Degree Programs at Brooklyn College, which is currently celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, offers two program options to accommodate the needs of adult students. The Special Baccalaureate Degree is a full-time program for academically strong students that creates a learning support network in which classmates take the Brooklyn College core curriculum as a group for six semesters. The second program, Small College, allows students to take classes full or part time during days, evenings, and weekends.

Admissions criteria are tailored toward adults, taking into account life accomplishments and placing less emphasis on past grades. SAT scores are not required. New students receive personal attention, special services, one-on-one counseling, and priority registration.

Anyone who wants to pursue a four-year college degree may apply. A student who holds either a GED or a high school diploma, and who is at least twenty-one years old (for Special Baccalaureate) or twenty-five years old (for Small College), may apply for one of these programs. Applicants must pass the CUNY skills assessment tests, and there is an additional entrance examination for the Special Baccalaureate program. Transfer students are also welcome to apply. For more information, visit the Office of Adult Degree Programs, 1411 Boylan Hall, call 718-951-5525, or view the Web site: www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/conindex.htm.



Returning to school as an adult was a major step. I was concerned about job and family responsibilities. Thanks to the many supportive individuals in

Adult Degree Programs and the Offices of Student Life and Institutional Advancement, I realized my dream. I now have the skills to succeed in the professional arena.

-Jennifer VanCooten-Webster, '03, right, with her children.



studied and experienced. I am grateful Brooklyn College offers this program and that I have the opportunity to be part of it.

—Linda Dwyer

The Special

Degree

Baccalaureate

Program is a

unique way to

earn a college

degree. Many

areas of my life

have already

been enriched

by what I have



The Special Baccalaureate Program allows me to explore my academic side, something which I postponed for personal reasons. I study

philosophy and classics. In a few years, I intend to pursue a second career, perhaps as a teacher or an administrator

—Patrick Alfarano



As a third-year student in the Special Baccalaureate Degree Program for Adults, I feel both joy and gratitude; I find the program

challenging, exciting, and rewarding. For many years, I have wanted to further my education, not only for my own gratification, but also to do work that will help others.

-Lawrence Hopper

### WANT to get ready for college, get certification, or just take a class?

Brooklyn College Continuing Education provides opportunities for those interested in changing careers, preparing for college, upgrading skills, learning about a new field, or just having fun. Courses and certificate programs are offered in English as a Second Language, test preparation for adults and children, academic skills, communication, health care, childcare, legal careers, real estate, American Sign Language, and information technology. Test preparation courses for the GED are also offered.

Children in grades one through twelve can have adventurous learning experiences through the Young Persons' Academy and the Children's University at Brooklyn College (CUB), which provide intellectual stimulation and creative inspiration in a college setting. These enrichment programs develop reading, writing, or math skills and prepare students for the next step in their academic careers. The academy welcomes students in grades seven through twelve while the CUB Program is offered to elementary school students in grades one through six.

During the school year Brooklyn College Continuing Education offers classes for children and teens on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. On Saturday afternoons gymnastics and tae kwan do are offered to students in grades one through eight.

For more information, stop by the Office of Continuing Education, 1212 Boylan Hall, call 718-951-4141, or visit http://academic.brooklyn.cuny. edu/adulted.

## COWE ON

#### LIBRARY CARD

There are two library membership levels available to our neighbors:

- Access—For \$50 per year, you may enjoy the reading rooms, books and materials, electronic databases, and the Internet.
- Borrowing—For \$75 per year, you may borrow books as well as have all of the access privileges.

Come to the library for a day to see if either of these options is right for you. You may obtain a free one-day library card for an exploratory visit. To request a one-day pass or for more information, call 718-951-5346 or 718-951-5335.

#### COMMUNITY RESIDENT ID PASS

Brooklyn College welcomes you to explore and enjoy our campus. The College will issue a photo ID to residents from neighborhoods that border the campus. To obtain a pass you will need to provide proof of local residency—such as a utility bill—and photo identification. For more information, drop by the Office of Campus and Community Safety Services, 0202 Ingersoll Hall, or call 718-951-5511.

#### RECREATION PASS

Recreation passes are available to all students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members. Facilities include tennis courts, a fitness center, and a basketball gym. Our popular yoga class is also available to all pass holders, so come to Brooklyn College for fun, fitness, and relaxation!

To check rates or pick up a schedule, stop by the Recreation Center, 125 Roosevelt Hall, or call 718-951-5366.

Note: Due to construction of the new West Quad building, the Brooklyn College pool and racquetball courts are closed. We apologize for the inconvenience. A newly designed athletic center will open in the future, featuring a state-of-the-art fitness center and a competition-sized pool. We'll keep you posted!



DID YOU KNOW...?

Brooklyn College is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary with a yearlong calendar of special events and performances. Check for updates on our Web site, www.brooklyn.cuny.edu. In the meantime, here are a few things we'll bet you never knew about Brooklyn College!



During the Second World War, students could work during the summer for \$1.60 a day at Brooklyn College's own farm-labor camp in Dutchess County.

In William Styron's novel *Sophie's Choice* (1980), Sophie meets Nathan at the circulation desk of the Brooklyn College Library.

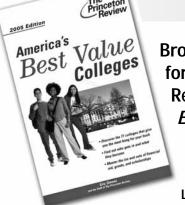


Brooklyn College owns the earliest portrait of Walt Whitman. This 1860 painting by Charles Hine was purchased in 1955 by faculty and students of the Department of English.

### parents: how can we help you?

The Office of the Provost at Brooklyn College wants to help neighborhood parents whose children attend schools in Region 6 (Community School Districts 17, 18, and 22) with the things that matter most. Are you concerned about immigration issues? Wondering how to get a high school-equivalency diploma? In need of some advice on helping your child do better in school? Want information about the college admissions process and financial aid available for your teenager? Please take a few moments to fill out our questionnaire, and we'll develop workshops and lectures to assist you.

Our questionnaire will be given to children in the Region 6 public schools to take home. You may also find it online at www.brooklyn.cuny.edu.



Brooklyn College was named #3 in the nation for "Best Academic Value" by the Princeton Review in their 2005 guidebook, *America's Best Value Colleges*.

#### FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE

Late at night? Heavy bags? Too far to walk?

The Office of Campus and Community Safety Services operates a free shuttle service around the perimeter of the campus and to nearby subway stations (the 2, 5, and Q). The van, marked "Brooklyn College," is driven by a safety services officer. Shuttle service is available Monday through Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. All residents who possess a Community Resident ID Pass may use the shuttle. For more information about the shuttle and its route, please call 718-951-5511.

#### **BROOKLYN COLLEGE**

## community calendar

FALL 2004

**Tuesday, November 9 Student Center Film Raps.** *Starsky & Hutch.*Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

Wednesday, November 10 Transfer Admissions Open House. 6 p.m. Brooklyn College Library. For more information, call 718-951-5001.

Thursday, November 11 Student Center Film Raps. 13 Going on 30. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

#### Thursday, November 11, to Sunday, November 14

**Blue Surge**, a play by Rebecca Gilman. New Workshop Theater. \$5

#### Saturday, November 13

*Miss Nelson Is Missing.* Musical theater for ages four through ten. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$15.

#### Tuesday, November 16

**Library Guitar Series.** Stephen Marchionda, College of the Performing Arts, Columbia University. 1:30 p.m. Woody Tanger Auditorium, Brooklyn College Library.

Haiti, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. "The Twenty-first Century." Lecture by Kim Ives, Haiti Progres. 1:30 p.m. 3139 Boylan Hall.

**Graduate Admissions Open House.** 6 p.m. Brooklyn College Library. For more information, call 718-951-5001.

**Student Center Film Raps.** *Paycheck.* Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

**Conservatory Guitar Ensemble.** Works by Brouwer, Ramos, York, and others. 7 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall.

#### Thursday, November 18 Adult Degree Programs Admissions Open

**House.** 6 p.m. Student Center. For more information, call 718-951-5001.

**Student Center Film Raps.** *Cold Creek Manor.* Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

#### Saturday, November 20

**Men's Basketball.** BC vs. Berkeley College. 3 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

**Leslie Uggams.** Pop and Broadway songs. 8 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$50.

#### Sunday, November 21

**A Concept in Dance.** Complexions. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$30.

#### Monday, November 22

**ConTEMPO.** Conservatory students, led by Tania León, perform contemporary works. 7 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall. \$5.

#### Tuesday, November 23 Brooklyn College Marimba Ensemble.

2 p.m. Whitman Hall.

**Women's Basketball.** BC vs. SUNY Purchase. 5:30 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

**Undergraduate Admissions Open House.** 6 p.m. For more information, call 718-951-5001.

**Student Center Film Raps.** *15 Minutes.* Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

#### Sunday, November 28

**The Nutcracker.** Moscow Classical Ballet. 3 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$40, \$35, \$30.

#### Monday, November 29

**Composers Concert I.** Conservatory students present their new acoustic and electro-acoustic works. 7 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall.

Tuesday, November 30 Student Center Film Raps. *Master and Commander.* Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

Wednesday, December 1, and Thursday, December 2 Save a Life Campaign. Blood Drive. Noon to 5:30 p.m. Student Center.

Thursday, December 2
Student Center Film Raps. The Last Samurai.
Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

Thursday, December 2, to Sunday, December 5 How I Learned to Drive, a play by Paula Vogel. Gershwin Theater. \$12.

Saturday, December 4, and Sunday, December 5 Brooklyn College Opera Theater. *La Rondine* by Puccini. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$10. Thursday, December 9
Brooklyn College Percussion Ensemble.
Performing with the Brooklyn College Chorale.
2 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall. \$5.

**Women's Basketball.** BC vs. College of Staten Island. 5 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

**Brooklyn College Big Band.** Works by Basie, Jones, Mingus, and others. 7 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall. \$5.

**Men's Basketball.** BC vs. College of Staten Island. 7:30 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

Thursday, December 9, to Sunday, December 12 Suburbia, a play by Eric Bogosian. New Workshop Theater. \$5.

Friday, December 10
Brooklyn College Opera Theater. *The Consul* by Menotti. 7 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall.

Friday, December 10, to Sunday, December 12 How I Learned to Drive, a play by Paula Vogel. Gershwin Theater. \$12.

Monday, December 13

**Composers Concert II.** Conservatory students present their new acoustic and electro-acoustic works. 7 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall.

Brooklyn College String Project Fall Showcase. One hundred school-age students, ages five and above, perform. 7:30 p.m. Whitman

**Women's Basketball.** BC vs. Yeshiva University. 7:30 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

All events are free unless otherwise noted. Programs in the Student Center require a valid Brooklyn College ID or a Community Resident Pass for admission. For the full schedule of athletic events, contact Alex Lang, sports information director, 718-951-5366. For tickets and information about events at Whitman Hall, Gershwin Theater, and the New Workshop Theater, call the box office, 718-951-4500.

Monday, December 6
Brooklyn College Chorale and
Conservatory Chamber Choir. Works by
Charpentier and Bach. 7 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$5.

**Tuesday, December 7 Women's Basketball.** BC vs. NYC Tech. 5 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

**Men's Basketball.** BC vs. NYC Tech. 7 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

Conservatory Jazz Ensemble (small group). Works by Coltrane, Ellington, Mingus, and others. 7 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall.

Wednesday, December 15
Conservatory Wind Ensemble. Works by
Reed, Sousa, and Wagner. 5 p.m. Whitman Hall.
\$5.

Tuesday, December 21

Citizen Application Assistance. Naturalization applications. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Maroon Lounge, Student Center. Information and requirements: 718-951-5352 or e-mail jstarr@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

**Sunday, December 26** *Laughing from Right to Left.* Comedian David Glickman. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$25.

## community calendar

FALL 2004 continued

#### 2005—SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

#### Sunday, January 16

**Rabbi Bob Alper.** Stand-up comedy. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$30.

#### Wednesday, January 19

**Women's Basketball.** BC vs. Lehman College. 5 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

**Men's Basketball.** BC vs. Lehman College. 7:30 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

#### Saturday, January 22

**Philadanco.** Dance ensemble. 8 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$30.

#### Sunday, January 23

*Circo Comedia.* Circus arts and acrobatics for ages three and above. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$15.

#### Saturday, January 29

**Maureen McGovern.** Pop songs and standards. 8 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$50.

#### Sunday, January 30

**Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.** Musical. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$40.

#### Monday, January 31

**Women's Basketball.** BC vs. St. Joseph's College. 7:30 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

#### Sunday, February 6

**Justin Roberts.** Family concert for children ages three through ten. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$15.

#### Monday, February 7

**Men's Basketball.** BC vs. SUNY Purchase. 7 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

#### Wednesday, February 9

Women's Basketball. BC vs. Medgar Evers College. 5 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

**Men's Basketball.** BC vs. Medgar Evers College. 7:30 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

#### Saturday, February 12

**Women's Basketball.** BC vs. York College. 12:30 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

**Men's Basketball.** BC vs. York College. 3 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

**Moiseyev Dance Company.** Folk troupe with theatrical style. 8 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$45, \$40.

#### Sunday, February 13

**Aida.** Opera Verdi Europa. Performed to live music in Italian with English supertitles. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$40.

#### Wednesday, February 16

Women's Basketball. BC vs. New Jersey City University. 7 p.m. 322 Roosevelt Hall.

#### Saturday, February 19

One Love: A Tribute To Bob Marley. Featuring Morgan Heritage and Richie Stephens. 8 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$40, \$35.

#### Sunday, February 20

FOLK FEET: Celebrating Traditional Dance In Brooklyn. Greek, Brazilian, Senegalese, Puerto Rican, Israeli, Haitian, and Bangladeshi dance presented by the Brooklyn Arts Council and Danskin, Inc. Free post-performance workshops. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall.

#### Sunday, February 27

**Porgy and Bess**, the musical by George and Ira Gershwin. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$40.

#### CELEBRATE CUNY MONTH

November is CUNY Month, and we're celebrating at Brooklyn College! CUNY Month offers prospective students and their families the opportunity to visit the College and attend open houses, financial aid workshops, and cultural events.

Check for updates at the City University of New York's special Web page: http://www1.cuny.edu/ portal\_ur/content/cuny\_month/cuny\_month.html

#### free citizeNship Workshops

#### Want to become an American citizen?

Free Citizenship Workshops on Tuesday, December 21, from 1:30–4:30 p.m., in the Maroon Room of the Brooklyn College Student Center, will assist you in the following ways:

- Obtain help in completing the N 400 Application (Forms will be provided.)
- Receive an information packet including answers to civic test questions that are likely to be asked at your naturalization interview
- Get counseling on the citizenship filing process
- Have your photo taken for free

To participate in the workshops, you must bring your current Green Card. You also must be:

- At least eighteen years old
- Legally competent to take the oath of allegiance
- A resident of the United States for five consecutive years, or three years if you are married to a U.S. citizen
- Able to read, write, and speak basic English

If you wish to participate, you must reserve a spot in advance. To do so or for more information, call 718-951-5352, or e-mail jstarr@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

## visit one of our open houses

to learn more about the many educational opportunities at Brooklyn College.

#### Freshman Open House

Tuesday, November 23, at 6 p.m.

### Undergraduate Adult Degree Open House

Thursday, November 18, at 6 p.m.

#### **Graduate Open House**

Tuesday, November 16, at 6 p.m.

Open Houses will be held at the Brooklyn College Student Center, Campus Road and 27th Street.

clip this coupon and bring it to the brooklyn center box office for discounted tickets.



Take 10% off\* the regular ticket price of a Brooklyn Center performance.

\*Offer excludes Leslie Uggams, Complexions, Moiseyev Dance Company, *Aida*, Bob Marley tribute, and all children's shows.

Limit of two tickets per coupon.

Prior purchases excluded. May not be combined with any other offer.

This coupon is good only for Brooklyn Center professional events.

Offer expires May 22, 2005.