

Brooklyn College

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COMMUNITY corner



A NEIGHBOR AND AN EMPLOYER

BROOKLYN COLLEGE IS NOT ONLY
EDUCATING BROOKLYNITES; IT'S
EMPLOYING THEM AS WELL.

From teachers to administrative assistants to groundskeepers, more than 2,300 men and women call Brooklyn College their workplace. Roughly 66 percent of our full-time staff lives in Brooklyn, as do 49 percent of the 531 full-time professors. Two-thirds of the employees have worked at the College for more than a decade. Clearly, Brooklyn College is good for Brooklyn.

There are career options for everyone at the College. There are positions for professors (full-time and adjunct), administrative personnel, clerical workers, college lab technicians, sports team coaches, and more. For information about job opportunities, visit the Human Resources Web site at <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/offices/hr/>

TOP TEN REASONS TO WORK AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE

10. Location, location, location!

Brooklyn College is in the heart of the beautiful, diverse Flatbush/Midwood neighborhood.

9. A rich cultural community. We're home to the Brooklyn Center for Performing Arts at Brooklyn College, which offers Broadway-quality shows and cultural performances year round at Brooklyn prices.

8. Not just another pretty face. In Princeton Review's *The Best 345 Colleges*, 2003 edition, Brooklyn College ranked number one in the country for its beautiful campus and number five for best academic value.

7. Great educational opportunities. Nearly all staff members may enroll in undergraduate courses tuition free and, in some cases, graduate courses as well.

6. Competitive salaries, health benefits and retirement plans. The College, as part of the City University of New York, pays as well or better than most private colleges. There is immediate medical coverage for most full-time staff and their families or domestic partners. The College offers several defined contribution pension plans, some of which vest after one year. There are also options for saving through tax-deferred annuities.

5. More perks. Employees enjoy a generous vacation schedule and extended weekends in the summer. Plus, there are inexpensive parking permits, library borrowing

privileges, reduced rates on recreational passes that entitle the bearer to free exercise classes and access to the gym and pool, and discounts at the Barnes and Noble campus bookstore and on shows at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College.

4. A diverse workplace. The workforce is truly representative of the many different ethnic and religious groups living in Brooklyn.

3. Events for employees and their families. We have Faculty Day, Staff Appreciation Day, Employee-of-the-Month Awards, and free screenings of popular movies in the 2,500-seat wide-screen theater in Whitman Hall.

2. Commitment. Our administration is dedicated to the professional development of faculty and staff. There are in-house training programs and seminars. Brooklyn College offers faculty travel stipends and help in processing grant applications.

1. The ultimate payoff. Working at Brooklyn College is a great way to contribute to the borough's most valuable asset—its youth. Earn a living and help shape a better future for tomorrow's teachers, doctors, artists, lawyers, scientists, executives, and professors!

Tell us how Brooklyn College might be a better neighbor. Send your suggestions to the Brooklyn College Office of Institutional Advancement, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11210. Call 718-951-5391 or e-mail us at communitycomments@brooklyn.cuny.edu. Let us know if you wish to be on our mailing list.

COMMUNITY RESIDENT CAMPUS ID PASS

Brooklyn College welcomes you to explore and enjoy our campus. The college will issue you a Community Resident Photo-ID Pass that will provide access to the campus. To obtain a pass, please drop by the Office of Campus and Community Safety Services, 0202 Ingersoll Hall, or call 718-951-5511. You will need to provide proof of local residency, such as a utility bill, and photoidentification.

INNOVATIVE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SHINES

The Science, Technology, and Research (S.T.A.R.) High School at Erasmus Hall High School officially opened on November 12, 2003. Joel I. Klein, CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein, State Assemblywoman Rhoda Jacobs, and Brooklyn College President Christoph M. Kimmich were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony presided over by Principal Henrietta Coursey. S.T.A.R., a joint effort of Brooklyn College and the New York City Department of Education, is funded in part by a \$400,000 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. President Kimmich glowed with pride about the part Brooklyn College was taking to improve the New York City school system. "S.T.A.R. provides students in our community with the meaningful educational experience that will enable them to achieve academic success in college," he commented.

S.T.A.R High School teachers collaborate with Brooklyn College faculty to create an interdisciplinary curriculum that fully integrates applications of technology and interactive assignments. Brooklyn College faculty also teach classes, including "From Bones to Behavior," offered by Sophia Perdikaris, associate professor of anthropology and archaeology. The course, which offers hands-on workshops, introduces the students to forensic paleopathology through the study of human bones. Other courses focus on aquatic research, mathematical puzzles, and computers. Once a week, students work with Brooklyn College faculty in science labs on the campus, where they enjoy access to the College's state-of-the-art library, physical education programs, and technology facilities.

Admission to this demanding college-preparatory high school is based on academic achievement, interest in science, and a letter of recommendation from a junior high school teacher or guidance counselor. One hundred and twenty-five freshmen will enter the high school in each of the next three years, until the school reaches its maximum enrollment of five hundred students.



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Number of students attending Brooklyn College: 15,513

Percent who are undergraduates: 71

Percentage of undergraduates who are women: 60

Age of more than 90 percent of incoming freshmen: Nineteen or younger

Mean SAT score: 1100

The most popular majors, by department: Economics, Education, Computer and Information Science, Psychology, and Speech Communication Arts and Sciences

Percentage of students receiving financial aid: 66

Percentage of students working more than twenty hours a week: 50

Of the Undergraduate Class of 2002 . . .

Within three months of graduation, the percentage employed: 67

Percentage intending to continue their higher education: 86

Percent applying for a doctoral degree: 10

For a professional degree: 11

For a master's degree: 63

For an advanced certificate or another degree: 2

Institutions to which applicants were accepted: University of California at Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia University, Cornell University, Duke University, Fordham University School of Law, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Michigan, Princeton University, Rutgers University, Stanford University, Yale University.

Of Our Faculty . . .

Number who are full-time: 531

Number hired since fall 2000: 104

A notable newcomer: painter Elizabeth Murray

Number who are Pulitzer Prize winners: 3

They are historian Ted Burrows, novelist Michael Cunningham, and journalist Paul Moses.

Percentage of full-time faculty that holds the highest degree in their field: 95

BROOKLYN COLLEGE COMMUNITY calendar

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Thursday, March 11

Library Guitar Series. Lars Frandsen, assistant professor of music. 1:30 p.m. Woody Tanger Auditorium, Brooklyn College Library

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

Thursday, March 11, to Sunday, March 14

We Won't Pay, We Won't Pay, a play by Dario Fo. New Workshop Theater. \$5.

Sunday, March 14

BREAK! The urban funk spectacular. Dance performance for ages five through twelve. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$15.

Tuesday, March 16

Women's History Month Keynote

Address. Nike Davies-Okundaye, Nigerian fiber artist and director, Nike Center for Arts and Culture. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Penthouse, Student Center.

A Night of African Culture. 5 p.m. Penthouse, Student Center.

Student Center Film Raps. *Desperately Seeking Susan*. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

Thursday, March 18

Student Center Film Raps. *A Soldier's Story*. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

Men's Volleyball. BC vs. Baruch College. 7 p.m. 211 Roosevelt Extension.

Monday, March 22

Men's Tennis. BC vs. Cooper Union. 6 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Tuesday, March 23

Student Center Film Raps. *Girl, Interrupted*. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

Thursday, March 25

"Women and Faith Traditions." A multi-faith panel discussion. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Maroon Room, Student Center.

Music for Strings. 2 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall.

Women's Softball. BC vs. St. Joseph's College. Doubleheader. 4 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

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

Saturday, March 27

Karen Saunders, chanteuse. 8 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$35.

Sunday, March 28

Puccini's Tosca. Teatro Lirico D'Europa. The opera is performed in Italian with English subtitles. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$40.

Monday, March 29

Women's Softball. BC vs. College of Staten Island. 4 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Monday, March 29, to Wednesday, March 31

Eleventh Annual International Electro-acoustic Music Festival. 2 p.m. Monday only. 7 p.m. every evening. Levenson Recital 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.

Tuesday, March 30

Student Center Film Raps. *The Cider House Rules*. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

Wednesday, March 31

"Poetry Is Not a Luxury." Margaret Randall, poet, photographer, and activist, discusses her work. 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Jefferson-Williams Lounge, Student Center.

Thursday, April 1

Women's Softball. BC vs. York College. Doubleheader. 3:30 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Wednesday, April 14

Women's Softball. BC vs. John Jay College. 4 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Men's Tennis. BC vs. Caldwell College. 4 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Thursday, April 15

Library Guitar Series. Matthew Slotkin, director of guitar studies, Mansfield University. 1:30 p.m. Woody Tanger Auditorium, Brooklyn College Library.

Women's Softball. BC vs. Baruch College. 4:30 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Student Center Film Raps. *Bringing Down The House*. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

Thursday, April 15, to Sunday, April 18

Silence, a play by Moira Buffini. New Workshop Theater. \$5.

Saturday, April 17

U.S. Citizenship Application Assistance.

Green card and passport required. Must be 18 years or older. Information and reservations: 718-951-5352 or e-mail jstarr@brooklyn.cuny.edu. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 113 Ingersoll Hall Extension.

Women's Softball. BC vs. Medgar Evers College. Doubleheader. Noon. Roosevelt Field.

Saturday, April 17, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 18, 2 p.m.

National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica. Whitman Hall. \$40, \$35.

Monday, April 19

Women's Softball. BC vs. NYC Tech. Doubleheader. 4 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Men's Tennis. BC vs. NYC Tech. 4 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Tuesday, April 20

Women's Softball. BC vs. College of New Rochelle. Doubleheader. 4 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Conservatory Guitar Ensemble. 5 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall.

Student Center Film Raps. 2 Fast 2

Furious. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student Center.

GET FIT! GET A RECREATION PASS!

From April 1 through June 30, 2004, for a fee of \$75, community residents may play tennis, use the track, swim, take a yoga class, or lift weights. To obtain a recreation pass and free tickets to intercollegiate athletic events, stop by the Recreation Office, 125 Roosevelt Hall, or call 718-951-5366.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE SUMMER CAMP

July 6 through July 30 at Brooklyn College.
Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: \$1,300 for four weeks. Open House:
Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.,
227 Ingersoll Hall Extension. For more
information, call Nava Renek, camp director,
718-951-5777.

Thursday, April 22

Men's Tennis. BC vs. Lehman College.
4 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

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

Saturday, April 24

Charlotte's Web. A play based on the book,
for ages five through ten. Theatreworks/USA
2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$15.

Sunday, April 25

The Rat Pack Encore. A comic musical
tribute. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$40.

Monday, April 26

Men's Tennis. BC vs. York College.
4 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

Week of Monday, April 26

**Student Life Make A Difference/
BC Volunteer Week.** For information or
to volunteer, call 718-951-5352.

Tuesday, April 27

Men's Tennis. BC vs. Yeshiva University.
3:30 p.m. Roosevelt Field.

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

Brooklyn College Marimba Ensemble.
7 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall.

Wednesday, April 28

Brooklyn College Percussion Ensemble.
7 p.m. Levenson Recital Hall.

Thursday, April 29

**Open House for Prospective
Undergraduate Students.** Information:
718-951-5001. 6 p.m. Student Center.

Student Center Film Raps. *As Good As It
Gets.* Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student
Center.

Thursday, April 29, to Sunday, May 9

All in the Timing, an evening of one-act
comedies by David Ives. Gershwin Theater.
\$12, seniors \$10, students \$5.

Tuesday, May 4

Save a Life Campaign. Blood Drive.
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Student Center.

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

Wednesday, May 5

Save a Life Campaign. Blood Drive.
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Student Center.

Thursday, May 6

Student Center Film Raps. *Terminator 3.*
Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student
Center.

Thursday, May 6, to Sunday, May 9

Pre-Thesis Festival. One-act plays.
New Workshop Theater. \$5.

Saturday, May 8

Jim West's Dinosaurs. Puppetry and music
for ages five through nine. Theatreworks/USA.
2 p.m. Whitman Hall. \$15.

Tuesday, May 11

Student Center Film Raps. *X2: X-Men
United.* Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. Student
Center.

Thursday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 16

Klezmer of Our Times. Two bands, Mikveh
and Golem, will perform. 2 p.m. Whitman Hall.
\$25.

GET A LIBRARY CARD

You and your family may use the new
Brooklyn College Library by joining the
Friends of the Library.

There are two membership levels:

- **Access**—For \$50 per year, you may
enjoy the reading rooms and library
facilities, access the Internet, and make
use of numerous electronic databases.
- **Borrowing**—For \$75 per year, you may
borrow books in addition to enjoying
access privileges. To learn more, please
call 718-951-5346 or 718-951-5335.

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Theatre Company of Jamaica,
and all children's shows.

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combined with any other offer.

This coupon is good only for
Brooklyn Center professional events.

Offer expires May 17, 2004.