Greetings Talent Search! Fall is here and winter is fast approaching. Before we announce the scheduling for the fall semester we would like to recap all that we accomplished over the summer.

For starters, our summer enrichment program was a great success. For four weeks in July, our students ramped up their math and writing skills, preparing them for success in the coming school year. Outside the classroom we immersed ourselves into the natural sciences during our visits to The Bronx Zoo, Queens Environmental Center and the American Museum of Natural History. Our students displayed the energy, dedication and desire to perform at the next level of schooling. We at Talent Search are eager to see each of them climb their own individual ladders to success and achievement.

Talent Search is also looking forward to all that we have planned for the fall semester. We have already hosted an on-campus scavenger hunt for the High School for Youth and Community Development where students were able to participate in an interactive tour of the Brooklyn College campus; meeting and greeting the staff and faculty of different departments throughout the school. Our counselors hosted a College Boot Camp geared towards readying our seniors to take the next step in their education.

Diagnostic Day
Attention students! Regents tutoring is set to begin at Brooklyn College on November 12th. Students can expect to receive assistance in mathematics, science, English, U.S. and global history. Mr. Ybarra and his team of tutors will be on hand after school at select Talent Search high schools. On Thursdays, tutoring will take place at Brooklyn College from 3:30pm until 5:30pm and is open to all students. Mark your calendars. We will see you then!!!
In October we had the pleasure of hosting the 9th and 12th grade classes from The Academy for College and Career Preparation. Students were visited by speakers from the CLEF talk with our students about the importance of goal-setting, budgeting and the benefits of earning a college degree. We are anticipating a strong turnout for our visit to SUNY Downstate medical center for their Exposure to Health Careers fair on November 23rd. Students will be met by current medical students as well as specialists in particular medical fields including medicine, physical therapy

Talent Search is Happy to Welcome the New Pre College Counselor to Our Staff! - Mr. Mohammed Kaba

Peace. My name is Mr. Mohammed Kaba and I am thankful for this opportunity to serve as a Pre-College Counselor. I graduated from Brooklyn College in May 2015 with my B.A. in Sociology and am currently enrolled in the M.A. program in Sociology. Education is important to me, because I believe in its blossoming potential. Hence, serving as a Pre College Counselor affords me the opportunity to serve my community in a capacity that is beneficial to the collective progress towards liberty. To the future leaders of the morrow I say: “Dream and cultivate those dreams until they manifest into reality.” Peace.

Brooklyn College has played an interesting role in my life, way before I started high school. I had my junior high school graduation in the Whitman Auditorium. My mom looked around before going inside and said “It would be nice if Michelle went to school here.” And here I am. Being a part of the TRIO Program has pushed me into exploring my new goal of becoming a teacher. Thanks to the encouragement of my mom, getting an education was always something my sisters and I strived for. My relationship with my autistic brother is another reason for my wanting to be a teacher. I want our students to question everything, even things I tell them. I want our students to question everything, even things I tell them. Never let that sense of wonderment fade. If you want to know more about me, watch “Daria.” She’s kind of my alter ego.

Hello From the Staff

Ms. Webster, Pre College Counselor

Educational Talent Search at Brooklyn College is blessed to have within their staff Ms. Jennifer Van Cooten-Webster. Ms. Webster comes to us by way of Guyana where she learned at an early age that education is privilege worth investing in. She has served Brooklyn Talent Search members for eight years now. Aside from her wit and clever sense of humor she brings to the table a level of professionalism rarely seen today. Should you need college counseling or academic guidance I would strongly urge that you knock on her door. Which is always open to students and colleagues alike.

Ms. Gordon, Office Assistant

As a proud Brooklyn College alumna, I think to myself and wonder, “What does the future hold?”

Will I be accepted to Harvard, NYU, Brooklyn College?

Everyone in my family has been asking me what I want to be when I grow up.

I don’t know! That’s why I’m going to college. I’m going to college to discover.

I’m going to college to experience life.

Yes, I will study many many books.

I will stay up late preparing (cramming) for exams.

I will probably develop a coffee habit.

But I will also earn my Bachelor’s degree.

In four years I will have a diploma, I will be qualified for succeeding in the real world.

I can’t wait to graduate high school and begin my studies.

College is a new beginning, a great chapter in the book of life.

I can’t wait.