



CUNY EDGE NEWS



Brooklyn College and CUNY EDGE

Upcoming Workshops and Reminders

Workshops

- **Thurs. Aug. 2—Financial Aid workshop:** Need help completing your FAFSA? The office of Financial aid provides FAFSA and TAP application workshops. [12:15PM-2:15PM; 105F WEB Building (behind West Quad)]

- **Mon. Aug. 13 to Fri. Aug. 17—Summer Enrichment Academy** [12:30PM-2:30PM]

- **Tues. Sept. 4—Save the Date! CUNY EDGE Welcome Back Event** [12:30PM-2:30PM]



Reminders

- **Fri. Aug. 3—Last day to withdraw from a course with a “W” grade for Summer II**
- **Thurs. Aug. 16—Undergraduate final exams**
- **Sun. Aug. 26—Last day to drop a course for a 100% refund for Fall 2018**
- **Mon. Aug. 27—Fall 2018 classes begins!**
- **Sun. Sept. 2—Last day to add a class**

A Message from Monique:

Welcome to our Summer CUNY EDGE newsletter, On May 22nd, we celebrated the end of semester with graduating CUNY EDGE students. The balloons from the event are still decorating our office! We enjoyed hosting the workshops for the Summer Enrichment Academy and several students wrote reviews on page 2.

We are working on planning for the Fall 2018 semester. We will have lots of workshops, events and resources available for you. We will begin issuing FIA letters on July 31st, 2018. You may submit your request via email (see over) or in person and we will notify you when you can come in to sign it take it to your TAG appointment. Please request your form as early as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Fall at our Welcome Event. Save the date Tuesday September 4th, 2018. We will also host orientation events for new and transfer students and hope to see you at various university wide Fairs.

Monique Ngozi Nri

Director CUNY EDGE

To register for Career and CUNY EDGE workshops:

Login to BC WebCentral > Career > Career Workshops

BC Web Central> E- Services> Schedule an Appointment >

CUNY EDGE Advisement Scheduling Tool & CUNY EDGE Workshops



(from left) Director Monique Ngozi Nri, CUNY EDGE graduate Stefanie Feyko and Assistant Academic Dean Lucas Rubin

Congratulations to the 23 students who were recipients of a \$50.00 Applebee's Gift card for achieving a GPA of 3.0 or above and engagement in the CUNY EDGE program. Look out for the Incentives for Fall 2018!



Successful Prep!

Here at SUCCESSFUL PREP we celebrate students who are mastering the ongoing tasks of their academics and life!

Congratulations to our graduates:

Stephanie Feyko; Raina Niles;

Dawne Roberts; Dawn Smith and

Boris Mullayev!



Staff and students engaged in conversation at CUNY EDGE's End-of-semester/Graduation event



CUNY EDGE's End-of-semester/Graduation event



LET'S SHARE THE NEWS!

Do you have a success story or study tip(s) that you would like to share? Have you been to an interesting workshop that you'd like to speak of?

Email: CUNYEDGE@brooklyn.cuny.edu and we will try to include it in the September Newsletter!



FIA letters will be issued on a first come first served basis.

To maximize efficient use of time, you may send an FIA form and a scan of page 1 of your TAG appointment letter to CUNYEDGE@Brooklyn.Cuny.Edu with the Subject line: First Name Last Name FIA Letter Request Semester Date (e.g. Veronique Jones FIA Letter Request Fall 2018.)

Please include the following information in the email.

Your First Name/ Last Name ; Case Name if different; Case Number; Center Number; EMPLID

Summer Enrichment Academy (SEA)

My name is Grey and as a student in CUNY EDGE's Summer Enrichment Academy, I am provided with workshops that help to encourage a successful academic journey while attending Brooklyn College. These workshops help CUNY EDGE students meet staff members that should and *will* be an important aspect to students' success. One of the many CUNY EDGE workshops that I attended was the Stress Management workshop. It focused on learning why people undergo stress when in regards to classes and employment as well as how students could avoid stress and procrastination in advance. This workshop provided myself and my fellow CUNY EDGE classmates with tips and initiated a connection with personal counselors whom are here, on campus, to help students relax and let them know that there is someone else who's here to support you. Another workshop provided to us CUNY EDGE students featured the advisors from the Center of Academic Advisement and Student Success (CAASS). CAASS Academic Advisor Claudine Marcantonio informed us on how to utilize *DegreeWorks* and how important it is to students every semester in order to stay on track for graduation. She also shared tips on how to identify which courses are required, which classes are important to YOU as a student and many more topics that are beneficial to a student in Brooklyn College. We were also taken on a tour, exclusive to the CUNY EDGE program, to learn more in-depth about what each building can provide a student with as well as who and what the roles of the staff members who work there are. These workshops served as a guide to us students and reminded us that we don't have to do everything on our own— We have people who can assist us in accomplishing our goals.

Study Abroad Experiences: Summer Edition!



Deborah Alves Rosen Fellowship

Trip to Kasos Greece Summer 2018

I don't even remember what day it is today—time seems to stand still here in Kasos. I arrived on Tuesday, June 5th, on the 12:30 ferry from Athens after two days of travel which included a seven hour trip from New York to Spain, a four hour stop-off in Spain and an 18-hour trip by ferry with the occasional stops at other Greek islands. Two

days and seven hours in the future, I arrived in Kasos, Greece.

I am here in Kasos to observe the cooperative that is being formed by the beekeepers. Last summer, I visited Kasos along with a group of students at BMCC studying political science abroad with Professor Peter Bratsis. I was intrigued by the beekeepers that regularly moved their hives to take advantage of the abundance of wild thyme that grows all over the island. The honey is very unique to Kasos Island because the honey bees only pollinate the thyme plant. My family members are beekeepers and own an apiary in my native country of Trinidad and Tobago.

I was invited to the Brooklyn College Rosen Fellowship Banquet where the 2017 Rosen Fellows spoke about their exciting trips. When I heard about their adventures, I started thinking that maybe I could apply for the Brooklyn College (BC) Rosen Fellowship as well, giving me an opportunity to study independently. I had also studied cooperatives at BC so I applied to the Brooklyn College Rosen Fellowship to study bee keeping coops in Kasos and to my great surprise and honor my proposal was accepted. It was an amazing experience.

Pictured above: Deborah exploring sights in Greece.



(above) Deborah Alves as a beekeeper in Greece



Beekeeping in Kasos, Greece



Deborah Alves' view of Greece

Serving the Community of Brooklyn: One Grocery Bag at a Time

My name is Brittany Wilson and I've been volunteering at *Bedstuy's Campaign Against Hunger* food bank as a part of my engagement in CUNY EDGE's Summer Enrichment Academy. The experience, overall, is just as the CUNY EDGE program's title states—enriching! It surpasses simply handing out food to the members of the community, it's far more rewarding than that. You build connections with each person that enters the food bank and the warmth from their smiling "thank you" assures you that to eradicate the world of hunger, you must first supply it with an immense amount of smiles. From packaging loose items, such as bread and other food donations from restaurants, to assisting community members in their selection of grains, protein, meats and dairy, there is never a dull moment at *Bedstuy's Campaign Against Hunger*. The staff there are just as amazing as the community members! They accommodate each person that enters in any way necessary—whether it be carrying their groceries to their vehicles or simply walking around with them to provide their insight on each food item in the pantry. Everyday that I leave, I always feel better than when I arrived. I feel that I've made an impact in the community and if we, as a whole, continue to volunteer and serve our communities, the depth of that impact could only grow; One grocery bag at a time.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:30AM-4:45PM
 Tuesday 9:30AM-4:45PM
 Wednesday 9:30AM-4:45PM
 Thursday 9:30AM-4:45PM
 Friday 9:30AM-12:30PM (Drop off/ Pick up only)

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