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MORNING, NOON & NIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BC CAMPUS LIFE

Welcome to another exciting semester at Brooklyn College (BC). Every year students come to BC to take advantage of its many stellar (and affordable) academic opportunities. In addition, students may also take advantage of the many events, organizations and services available to them right here on campus – morning, noon and night.

Events go on year-round on and off campus at Brooklyn College. BC is home to dozens of clubs and organizations, including chess, dance, professional organizations, athletic programs, and ethnic and religious clubs. There is a dazzling array and variety of groups represented on campus ... and if you can't find one that fits, you can found your own. For the aspiring journalist or photographer, there are three student newspapers (*The Excelsior*, *The Kingsman* and *Night Call*) to choose from, each with its own distinct point of view.



Students who want to be part of making BC better can join student government or the Campus Beautification Project, and those who want to help make a difference in the community at large by volunteering should apply to join SERVA:

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

The Student Center, located on Campus Road, is the hub of Brooklyn College's campus life. At the Student Center, everything from volunteer sessions and workshops, special lectures and film screenings, and student government meetings are regularly held. On the lower level is the TV room and a study area. You can go there to relax and unwind between classes. On the first floor, you'll find the computer corner, the gaming room (complete with billiards, table tennis and arcade games), and a café where you can get an affordable snack or drink.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DOING A GOOD THING?

Contact the Office of Student Affairs at studentaffairs@brooklyn.cuny.edu for more information.

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In addition, the Office of Student Development (where you can get information about becoming a member of BC's varied clubs and organizations), the Brooklyn College Conference Center, takes up the Student Center's two top floors. **The Conference Center** is a state-of-the-art meeting complex open to students, faculty, staff, and all Brooklyn residents, in general. It can accommodate assemblies, conventions, movie screenings, and ceremonies of all kinds. The Conference Center was made possible through the support of the Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz. Rooms can be utilized by the community for a nominal fee used to support programming, activities, and maintaining the Center. On any given day there's always something new going on at the Student Center.

From the early morning hours when the first classes of the day begin to the late evening when the last classes let out, students can always find something to do at BC. Even when the semester ends, everyone will find in Brooklyn College a center for cultural and educational activities they can keep coming back to again and again.



Whether it's an indoor event at the Student Center or an outdoor walk to benefit Breast Cancer research, students are involved in something new everyday at Brooklyn College.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Milga Morales, Ph.D.
DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS,
BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Dear Students,

I want to wish all of you, incoming and entering students, a warm welcome to the BC community. The theme of this year's incoming student Orientation and Convocation is "*LEARNING TO LEAD IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY*" and as you can see from this month's issue, Brooklyn College offers many opportunities for you to experience the enjoyment of being part of a team, learn about the diverse society around you, and discover the skills you have within.

In this issue of *Bridging the Campus*, the newsletter of BC's Division of Student Affairs, you will find some wonderful examples of peer-initiatives, as well as information on diversity programs taking place on campus in the upcoming semester. It is safe to say that opportunities to experience leadership will be offered to you in many different ways.

Once again, welcome to Brooklyn College, remember to visit the various Student Affairs areas, and most importantly, have a successful semester!

A MEMORABLE MEMORIAL:

The 2008 Veterans Affairs Trip to Washington D.C.



Now an annual event, The Brooklyn College Office of Veteran Affairs celebrated Memorial Day weekend (May 24-26) with a trip to Washington D.C. Veterans from Brooklyn College and other CUNY colleges, their families, and those who just wanted to share in the patriotic feeling, joined in on this weekend journey. Participants stayed at a hotel in the heart of the nation's capital and took part in sightseeing tours and organized outings in the local area. The culmination of the weekend's festivities for the BC party included a tour of the Washington Mall and monuments and participation in the nationally televised Annual Memorial Day Parade. Holding the photos of U.S. veterans past and present, the BC group marched under the Brooklyn College Veterans Affairs banner. On the ride back home many agreed on one thing – what a great journey it was!



Photo Highlights: Meeting former Senator Bob Dole (a WWII veteran and Brooklyn College alumnus) at the WWII Memorial; Marching under the BC Veterans Affairs banner at the Parade; The cheering crowd of hundreds of well-wishers lining the parade route - An exciting and unforgettable experience for all those who took part.



FOCUSED GROUPS

By David Wells



Ms. Pamela Holmes
*Asst. to the Dean for Civic
Engagement and Student
Diversity Programs*



Last Spring, focus groups, led by Ms. Pamela Holmes, helped to serve two major purposes for Brooklyn College; the first was to provide an avenue for an exchange of ideas, and the second was for assessment. The three focus groups that were held included two on Student Governance and one based on the 2007 results of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) for Brooklyn College, held in conjunction with the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

The NSSE focus group was unique in that it saw both faculty and students coming together, for the first time, to discuss ways in which they could improve on the results of the survey, and consequently improve Brooklyn College. The group discussion was set up in two phases; first the students and faculty were separated for thirty minutes to discuss various issues amongst themselves, and they all collectively exchanged ideas and suggestions. The dialogue between both parties was very productive; both gave and accepted constructive criticism, while agreeing more needs to be done to increase student engagement and improve the relationship between each other.

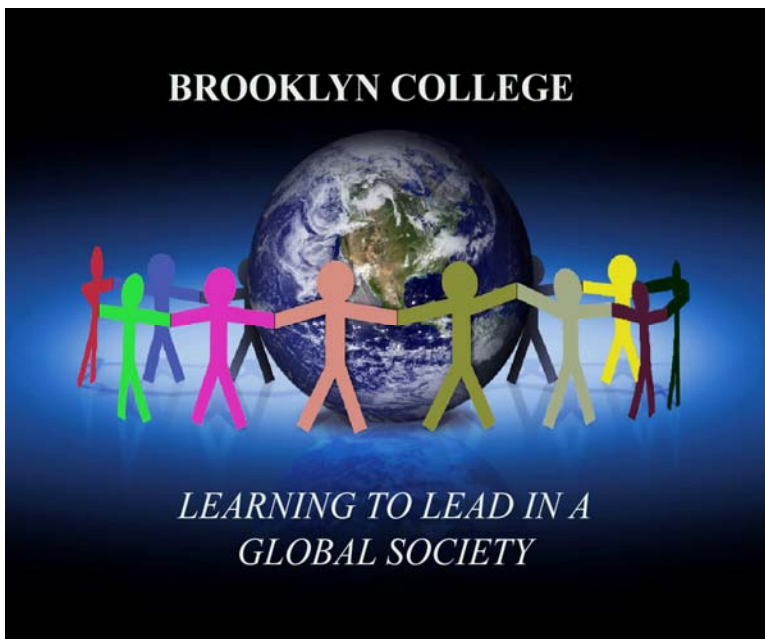
Since Student Governance was deemed too important a topic to discuss in a single session; there were two Student Governance groups. The first group had students who were not involved in student governance, while the second was composed of students who were either in office or running for office or involved in student governance. The aim of these focus groups was to show students that “student governance” was not strictly up to student government, while getting their views on the performance of student government, and what they felt “student governance” was. These focus groups were platforms for students to share their views and concerns; they were not restricted to student government or governance, but they also expressed what they felt the role of administration should be.

The common sentiment for all those involved in the focus groups was that more dialogue is needed between students, administration and faculty. They all see the need for more *FOCUSED GROUPS*!

UPCOMING DIVERSITY PROGRAMS AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE

By Christina Waszak

The Brooklyn College campus offers an environment where you can learn to lead in a global society! Whether you register for classes such as Core 1.1 or Core 20.03, attend an event planned by one of our student organizations or participate in Volunteer Day, you will meet a diverse group of students, staff and faculty!



Each semester you can find a myriad of ways to educate yourself about people of other backgrounds! Listen to captivating guest speakers in Hillel House, discuss political, social and economic issues with the Black Student Union and learn about the music, dance, food and history of Italian Heritage Month in October.

Other activities include Athletics, Diversity committees, Greek Lettered Organizations, SERVA (Students Engaged in Responsible Voluntary Action), student clubs & organizations, student government & governance, Student Leadership Development Retreat and Volunteer Day.

We encourage you to meet new people, learn about cultures different from your own and take the opportunity to teach others about yourself. Doing these things will enhance your education at Brooklyn College!



STUDENT PROFILE

DANIEL CHERIVAL:

LEARNING TO LEAD

When Paul Richard Daniel Cherival (called “Daniel” by his friends) chose Brooklyn College he did it to be close to family. He had no idea at the time how much that decision would alter his life. Daniel has gone through many high and low points at BC, experiencing everything from dropped classes to receiving awards. Overall, he says it has been a great experience.



After his first year as a student, Daniel felt he had a lot of free time on his hands and decided to seek a job on campus in order to work in between classes. He had no great expectations when he arrived at the Brooklyn College Information Booth, but before long he found himself heavily involved helping students and answering questions ranging from directions to the restrooms to who to speak to when it comes to changing a grade.

Now in his second year at BC, Daniel juggles class work and the many responsibilities of being a Team Leader at the Information Booth. At the same time, as a Business and Finance major, he continues to aspire to a “career as an investment banker or financial analyst or consultant”, while saving some of his leisure time for his hobby in the field of the computer graphic arts.

When he first started at the Info Booth, Daniel would approach both work and academic duties, with a first-come first-served approach. Needless to say, this method squeezed his schedule and didn’t give him a lot of occasion to try new things. Now he plans at least a week ahead, a decision that lets him accomplish what he needs to do, while leaving him with a good deal of free time for new prospects, as well as enabling him to take up a leadership role mentoring other students. At an early age,

Daniel’s experiences at Brooklyn College thus far have taught him to do something people in their 30s and 40s are still struggling to do – how to navigate his professional and private life successfully and to achieve his goals in both.

First Person...

by *Paul-Richard D. Cherival*



At first, my only reason to attend Brooklyn College was the convenience it provided, since my mother did not live far away. After a couple of months I fell in love with the campus, I felt right at home. I quickly made friends and was elected on the e-board of the newly forming student club, Business Leadership Society. With support from our faculty advisor, Professor Bassell, who motivated us to give out our maximum in everything, my journey began.

The club kept me active on campus, but still I had some void in terms of time, and like nature, I can't stand a void. I decided to apply for a campus job and I was hired at the Information Booth. I came in with no expectations, but

quickly all that changed. When I saw the commitment and dedication everyone put in to everything they did, I wanted to do more.

I got involved in anything I could, from making Cool Calls to designing posters, and looking back, I would not have it any other way. I am surrounded by amazing people, like Ms. Moraima Burgos, Mr. Ryan Buck, and Dr. Jacqueline Williams, just to name a few, who encouraged me to be an active student; and at the Info Booth we have an amazing staff who enjoy what they do and who see each other more as family members. With a positive environment like that, the outcome can only be positive.

Working with Student Affairs has been an experience; it has gotten me out of my shell and given me a lot of networking opportunities. I had a chance to meet the President of the college at a reception he had in his office honoring the staff of the Enrollment Services Center and the Information Booth.

These are a few of the many things Student Affairs has given me. I would definitely encourage students to get involved; the experience can only benefit you. It might seem hard to balance school, family, work, and involvement, but once you start, it will become normal to you. Inactivity will seem odd. The journey continues and I know it has a great ending.

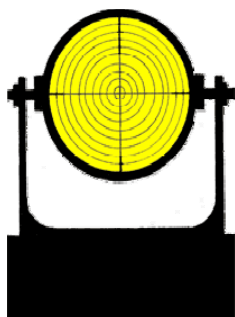
Brooklyn College's Info Booth Honored



Front Row: Moraima Burgos, President Kimmich, Jacqueline Williams Back Row: Isabel Fung, Daniel Cherival, Serge Wexler, Tracey Rojas, Richard Mendoza, Raquel Wilson, Yinet Rodriguez

On Wednesday, July 23, 2008*, Brooklyn College President Christoph M. Kimmich recognized and thanked the staff members of the BC Information Booth for their commitment to serving our students.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INFORMATION BOOTH
STOP BY 1139A BOYLAN HALL OR E-MAIL THEM AT: INFO@BROOKLYN.CUNY.EDU**



THE SPOTLIGHT

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

AUGUST - OCTOBER 2008*

Aug. 27-28	"Ask Me!" Info Days, Tent on the Quad
Sept. 2	Greek Rush, Quad, 12:00pm-2:00pm
Sept. 2	Free MMR Immunization, 0710J 12:00pm-7:00pm
Sept. 9	Primary Election Day
Sept. 10	Men's Soccer Home Opening Game (Parade Grounds) against FDU Florham- 4:00pm
Sept. 11	Day of Remembrance
Sept. 12	Men's Soccer Game against Maritime College-4:00pm
Sept. 16	Club Fair, Quad, 12:00p.m.
Sept. 16	Women's Volleyball Home Opening Game against City College of New York-7p.m.
Sept. 17	Constitution Day
Sept. 20	Women's Tennis Home Opening Game against Kean University-12:00pm
Sept. 22	Men's Soccer Game against Centenary College-4:00pm
Sept. 23	Welcome Back Bash, Student Center, 12:00pm-2:00pm
Sept. 23	Diabetes Awareness - Location TBA - Contact HPO x4505
Sept. 23	Women's Tennis Game against Medgar Ever College-4:00pm
Sept. 23	SERVA Training
Sept. 24	Men's Soccer Game against York College-4:00pm
Sept. 24	Free MMR Immunization, 0710J, 12:00pm-7:00pm
Sept. 25	Women's Tennis Game against College of New Rochelle-4:00pm
Sept. 27	Men's Soccer Game against John Jay College-12:00pm
Sept. 30	Women's Volleyball Game against Baruch College-7:00pm
Sept. 30	First Day of Rosh Hashanah
Oct. 2	Free MMR Immunization, 0710J, 12:00pm-7:00pm
Oct. 2	Men's Soccer Game against Purchase College-4:00pm
Oct. 2	Women's Tennis Game against Hunter College-4:00pm
Oct. 6	Women's Tennis Game against Farmingdale State-4:00pm
Oct. 7	SERVA Training
Oct. 7	Women's Tennis Game against Baruch College-4:00pm
Oct. 10	Last day to register for the General Election
Oct. 10	Women's Tennis Game against Lehman College-3:30pm
Oct. 11	Men's Soccer Game against Medgar Evers College-12:00pm
Oct. 18	Men's Soccer Game against City University of New York-12:00pm
Oct. 19	Breast Cancer Walk, Prospect Park, 10:00am-2:00pm
Oct. 21	Women's Volleyball Game against Hunter College-7:00pm
Oct. 23-25	Cool Calls, 2113 Boylan
Oct. 28	SERVA Training
Oct. 28	CPR training - Call HPO x 4505 for time and location
Oct. 28	Women's Volleyball Game against York College-6:00pm

*Dates are subject to change. Please check the smart calendar for the latest information or e-mail studentaffairs@brooklyn.cuny.edu

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