

Bridging the Campus

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Your life at Brooklyn College

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STUDENT AFFAIRS AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE Special Issue!

"I love the beautiful campus" is one reason students come to Brooklyn College but there are many reasons students choose to attend Brooklyn College. There is B.C.'s renowned faculty and highly regarded programs attracting students from across the globe. There is B.C.'s campus - located in the center of one of the most diverse cities in the world - rated by the Princeton Review as one of the most beautiful in America. B.C. is also well-known as one of the best bang-for-your-buck colleges, giving students a top-flight education at an affordable price.

Whether it is your first or last semester you should know some of the many student services available to you as members of the Brooklyn College community. Maybe you want to join one of Brooklyn College's athletic teams or become a member of student government? Or perhaps you are looking for a workshop on time management? From a free check-up at the Health Clinic to information on health insurance to assistance for US military veterans and their families, the Division of Student Affairs (D.O.S.A.) spans a wide range of services.

The Division of Student Affairs is well aware that, for most of you, college life is a balancing act as you juggle your course load, work, and family. Participation in campus

experience is also important to your success. We can help you plan ahead.

This special issue is designed to introduce you to the many D.O.S.A. services available on campus to make your co-curricular life at B.C. easier and more rewarding. Within the pages of this issue you will find an overview of many of the offices that make up the Division of Student Affairs, as well as the B.C. Guidepost to help students during their time at Brooklyn College. Just turn the page to get started!



life will not only help you get the most out of the Brooklyn College experience but can also help you be more successful when you graduate. Keep in mind that work experience is not the only thing you can put on your resume in order to stand out - volunteer and leadership

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN
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A Message from the Dean



Milga Morales, Ph.D.
Dean of Student

Welcome to a special issue of Bridging the Campus, the newsletter of Brooklyn College's Division of Student Affairs (D.O.S.A.). This issue is designed to profile the many varied student services that fall under our Divisional umbrella. Some of these you may have heard of when you applied to B.C., while many others may be new to you. It is the goal of the Division to guide each student to enhanced personal and academic success and every area of

D.O.S.A. is dedicated to helping you reach that goal.

It is my hope to see you at many of the events taking place on any given day. From Town Hall meetings to Greek Rush and the Club Fair, from the latest session of Student Government to the latest lecture in the Student Center, there is something for every student at B.C. So, good luck and stay engaged!

Inside the Brooklyn College Student Center



The Student Center is home to Student Activities Central, various organizations including the day, night, and graduate Student Governments and the Inter-Greek Council. It also contains study and lounge spaces, a TV room, and a Campus Information Desk where you can check-in your personal belongings, inquire about campus services and events, and contact Brooklyn College departments. A game room/cafe, 'The Spot', is located on the 1st floor where you can grab lunch, a cup of coffee and play Guitar Hero or game of pool. All proceeds generated by Student Center services are invested back into the Student Center to make it an even more exciting place to be!



Built in 1962 by student groups, the Center faced a challenging situation as funding to maintain the building and the staff was limited. With the college's students intervention and support, the staff and Student Center administration have guided it back to life. The Student Center continues to be the hub of student life.



The Brooklyn College Conference Center, comprised of the top two floors of the Student Center, is a meeting complex open to students, faculty, staff, and residents of the borough. It offers flexible meeting spaces that can accommodate large assemblies, conventions, movie screenings, and award ceremonies. A plaque recognizes the contribution of the Office of the Borough President, Marty Markowitz, to the refurbishing of the Conference Center.

The Office of Civic Engagement

The goal of the Office of Civic Engagement is to promote student life, student learning, and academic and personal success. We hold workshops, conferences, and many other programs designed to provide students with a meaningful and enjoyable academic and co-curricular experience during college. Students can stop by to get information on how to become engaged with campus life. The Office of Civic Engagement aspires to engage as many students as possible in activities on campus.

The Office of Civic Engagement also runs the C.L.A.S.E. Passport Program. The Civic Learning and Student

Engagement Program (C.L.A.S.E.) is designed to engage students in co-curricular activity on campus that is beneficial to their educational and personal development. These activities cover a broad range of topics such as leadership development, diversity and multi-cultural activities, volunteer and community involvement, health/wellness awareness and fitness, civic learning and student engagement, professionalism and career development, and student affairs. These programs all coincide with the office's endeavor to encourage a well-rounded college experience for each student on campus.



Visit Us!

signed by

Pam Holmes,
Coordinator,
The Office of
Civic Engagement,
2110 Boylan Hall

Civic Engagement

Food Pantry Drive



In conjunction with Assemblywoman Rhoda Jacobs, the office of Civic Engagement and B.C. students, faculty and staff held a Food Drive to help restock local area food pantries. During the week of March 10th through the 18th, the Brooklyn College community generously donated over 1584 items. The food was disseminated to 15 food pantries in the community. Students in need will be referred to these pantries for assistance. Additionally, B.C. students will take part in workshops on nutrition

and students in need will be eligible for food vouchers and other assistance.



**Feeding the
Community**

Veterans Affairs

The mission of the Brooklyn College Veteran Affairs and Counseling Center is to assist America's veterans, their family members, and their survivors in obtaining all federal and state educational benefits and entitlements they have earned by serving in the United States military, and to provide guidance and support services that will aid veterans in their transition to academic and civilian life.

Some of the services Veterans Affairs provides are: assisting veterans in applying for the GI Bill, certifying and validating educational benefits in compliance with current Veterans Administration regulations, and aiding veterans with updated information regarding changes in

educational benefits, federal laws and support services. In addition, the Center mentors incoming veterans, assisting



them with academic course planning, helps with discharge upgrades, military transcripts, and college services, regulations and procedures. We also

provide referrals for personal counseling, immigration, pro bono legal services, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) counseling, and potential career opportunities.

Located in 0303 James Hall, Veterans Affairs can be contacted by calling 718-951-5105, by e-mail at veteransaffairs@brooklyn.cuny.edu or by visiting our website: <http://dephome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/vacc>.



Did You Know About the Info Booth?

The Information Booth offers assistance to students and campus visitors. Located on the first floor of Boylan Hall and in operation since 1996, it operates seven days a week during the Fall and Spring semesters with a reduced schedule during the Summer sessions. A mobile Information Booth is also located in James Hall. Staffed by trained student assistants, the Information Booth provides information on campus services, maps of the campus, and directions to campus offices. With a goal of providing accurate answers to inquiries from students and others, the staff reflects Brooklyn College's multicultural and multilingual nature. This diversity allows students to receive assistance from other students who are just like them. The Info Booth can be reached by phone at 718-951-4748 or by e-mail at info@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

LAY ADVOCATE



Lay Advocate is a student volunteer organization, which offers preventive law and paralegal counseling under the supervision of an attorney to B.C. students. It is located in 139 Ingersoll Hall and can be reached by calling 718-951-5360. Confidentiality is assured in all matters.

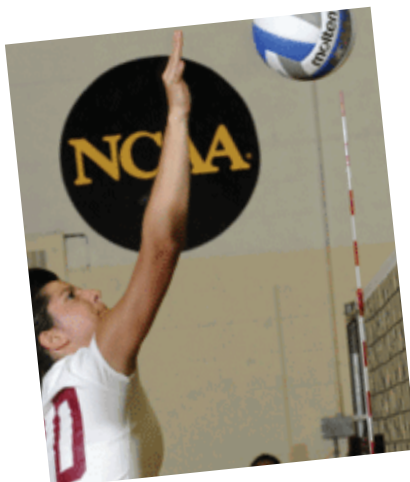
Recreation, Intramurals & Athletics: Get in the Game!

A good education, health, and interaction with others are vital to personal well-being and a fulfilling life. To help Brooklyn College students achieve these aims, Recreation, Intramurals, and Intercollegiate Athletics (funded mostly by student activity fees), organizes, administers, and promotes a diversified program of activities and services - from individual workouts to a broad array of team sports.

The Brooklyn College Bulldogs compete in Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The college fields ten teams - five each for women

and for men. All students, whatever their level of athletic experience, have the opportunity to be part of a team. The recreation program at Brooklyn College provides a wide range of noncompetitive experiences to individuals. Members of the college community may use the excellent facilities to work out for relaxation and physical fitness during their leisure time. Intramural events include team sports, individual and dual sports, and one-day special events.

These activities complement the academic curriculum by meeting needs for relaxation, physical fitness, achievement, and belonging. Centered in the new West Quad Center, Recreation, Intramurals, and Intercollegiate Athletics can be reached by phone at 718-951-5366. For more information visit: www.brooklyncollegeathletics.com, the official web site of Recreation, Intramurals, and Intercollegiate Athletics.





BC Guidepost

Your Guide to Campus Life and College Services Brooklyn College Division of Student Affairs

For general information visit the Information Booth, 1139a Boylan Hall, the web: studentaffairs.brooklyn.cuny.edu or e-mail: info@brooklyn.cuny.edu. To call from off campus use (718) 951 + extension listed, unless otherwise noted.

If You Need Information About (A-P)

Call or See

Accessing Resources & Problem Solving	S.A.R. (2106B, x 5352)
After Hours Access to Campus	Judicial Affairs (2113B, x 5352)
Bulletin Boards	Campus Beautification Project (2113B, x 5352)
Civic Engagement/C.L.A.S.E Passport Activities	Civic Engagement and Voter Empowerment (2110B, x 5352)
Child Care	Early Childhood Center (1604J, x 5431)
Clubs/Joining a Club/Starting a Club	Student Activities Central (302 BCSC, x 5712)
Commencement Ceremony Information	http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/commencement.htm S.A.R. (2106B, x 5352)
Emergency Contact Request	S.A.R. (2106B, x 5352)
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	Volunteer Emergency Medical Squad (021NE, x 5858)
Emergency Personal Resource Assistance	S.A.R. (2106B, x 5352)
Events Calendar	Information Booth/Web Portal/BCNN "What's Happening" (1st Fl. BCSC, x 5842)
Fitness Center	Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals (426 WQ, x 5366)
Flyers (Posting Information for Student Activities)	Student Activities Central (302 BCSC, x 5712)
Food Services	Student Center Café (1st Fl. BCSC)/Cafeteria (Lower Level Boylan Hall, x 4348)
Housing Referral	Office of Student Life and Housing Referrals (219 BCSC, x 6534)
Immunization & Health Insurance Info	Health Programs Office (0710J, x 4505)
International Students	International Students Office (1600J, x 4477)
Internships/Jobs	Magner Center (1303J, x 5696, 5774)/Human Resources (1219B, x 5277)
Legal Services	Lay Advocate (139NE, x 5360)
Lost and Found	Campus Security and Public Safety (0202N, x 5511)
Orientation Program for New Students	G.O.L.D. (314 BCSC, x 5712)
Personal and Social Services	Personal Counseling (0203J, x 5363)
Planning Events	Students (302BCSC, x 5712)/All Others (1st fl. BCSC, x 5528)
Primary Health Care	Health Clinic (114R, x 5580)

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WQ=West Quad Center

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If You Need Information About (R-Z)

Call or See

Religious Holidays	Schedule of Classes (www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/portal)
Rules and Expectations	Judicial Affairs (2113B, x 5352)/Brooklyn College Student Handbook
Safety/Security/Workplace Violence	Campus Security and Public Safety (0202N, x 5511)
Shuttle Service to bus/subway	Campus Security and Public Safety (0202N, x 5511)
Sports/Recreation	Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals (426 WQ, x 5366)
Student Filming on Campus	Student Affairs Office (2113B, x5352), Judicial Affairs (2113B, x 5352)
Student Government	SG Offices, 3rd Floor BCSC/ G.O.L.D. (314 BCSC, x 5712)
Student Grievances (non-academic)	S.A.R. (2106B, x. 5352)
Student Media (Newspapers, Radio Station, etc.)	Student Activities Central (302 BCSC, x 5712)
Study Skills/Test Anxiety/Time Mgmt Workshops	Personal Counseling (0203J, x 5363)/Magner Center (1303J, x 5696)
Substance Abuse Information	Personal Counseling (0203J, x 5363)
Transfer Credits Information	http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/200.htm
Transfer Credit Sheet & Equivalencies	http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/departments/documents/faculty_council/AttachCp2.pdf
Transfer Credits within CUNY	TIPPS website: http://www.tipps.cuny.edu/
Transfer Credit Tool (Non-CUNY)	http://websql2.brooklyn.cuny.edu/transferbc/
Transfer Information/Evaluations	Transfer Evaluation Office (306 WQ, x 5911)
Transfer Orientation	G.O.L.D. (314 BCSC, x 5712)
Transfers Facebook site	http://www.facebook.com/bc.transfers
Transfer Student Admission Requirements	http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/521.htm
Transfer Student Advisement	Transfer Student Services (3207B, x 5471)
Transfer Student FAQ	http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/723.htm
Veterans Affairs and Counseling	Veterans Office (0303J, x 5105)
Volunteer Service & Recognition (SERVA)	Peer Education Service Office/SERVA (Harambee Room-BCSC, x 5004, x 5352)
Voter Registration /U.S. Citizenship/Poll Workers	Civic Engagement and Voter Empowerment (2110B, x 5352)
Yearbook	G.O.L.D. (314 BCSC, x 5712)/Broeklundian (152NE, x 5910)

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Staying Healthy

Health Programs/ Immunization Requirements Office

The Office of Health Programs & Immunization Requirements's primary function is to ensure compliance with the immunization regulation affecting all B.C. students while promoting health education on campus. It is responsible for immunization processing, health fairs, seminars, and blood drives. It provides information on health and wellness issues and health insurance. Located in 0710 James Hall, you can contact their office at 718-951-4505 or e-mail at hpo@brooklyn.cuny.edu.



The Brooklyn College Health Clinic

The Brooklyn College Health Clinic is a primary care facility, students may receive evaluation and treatment for acute and chronic medical conditions as well as guidance on practices that promote good health and prevent disease. All visits to the Health Clinic are confidential and free. To make an appointment call: 718-951-5580 or stop by the Health Clinic office in I14 Roosevelt Hall.



Emergency Medical Squad, EMS

The Brooklyn College Volunteer Emergency Medical Squad (BC-EMS), located in 021 Ingersoll Hall Extension, provides emergency pre-hospital medical care, ambulance services, limited medical screenings, and stand-by services for on- and off-campus events. For more information on BC-EMS check out their website: <http://students.brooklyn.cuny.edu/ems>.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTRAL

Student Activities Central (S.A.C.), located in 302 Student Center, promotes the social and intellectual development of students through their involvement in student organizations, leadership seminars and other co-curricular activities.

The staff assists student leaders from over 100 active recognized student organizations in offering a variety of activities. Student clubs and organizations are the backbone of co-curricular activities and campus life. They include academic clubs, cultural and social organizations and fraternities and sororities.

Student Activities Central is responsible for planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating programming initiatives; oversight of club advisement structure and assessment; development of ongoing leadership development programs; and advisement of assigned student clubs and organizations.

Also located in Student Activities Central is the Central Depository [CD] Office. It is responsible for the receipt, distribution, and accounting of all student activity fees and revenues generated by student activities funded through those fees. All clubs and organizations that want to be funded by student activity fees must register in this Office at the beginning of each school year. Before a club registers, executive officers are required to attend Officers' Training on the fiscal rules and regulations of CUNY and Brooklyn College.



A schedule of training is posted in the Office, on BCNN, on the web calendar and advertised in the student newspapers. Renovation of the Student Activities Central Office has just been completed and all students are urged to come and check it out!



“Student Activities Central was created to make it easier to serve students as they access co-curricular activities on campus, giving them more opportunities to get involved in student life at BC”



S.A.R.

Student Assistance & Referral

The Office of Student Assistance and Referral (S.A.R.) seeks to ensure the responsiveness of the college to an individual's concerns when difficulties arise within the college community. S.A.R. also provides oversight for selected student emergency loan and grant funds administered by the Division of Student Affairs.

S.A.R.'s goal is to assist all students who are having difficulty gaining access to or help from college services and programs for which they are eligible. S.A.R. provides students with information relevant to their situation, discusses options, makes referrals, and, when appropriate, reaches out to others on behalf of the student.

S.A.R. recommends that students review the Brooklyn College Student Handbook, the Brooklyn College Bulletin and relevant department guidelines in order to become aware of their rights and the College's requirements. In addition, students should keep track as to who they speak with, when, where, and the response provided, when attempting to resolve issues they may have.

The Office of Student Assistance and Referral is located in 2106 Boylan Hall. To get help or for information, email StudentSAR@brooklyn.cuny.edu. Day and evening appointments are available, Monday through Friday. Call 718-951-5352 to make an appointment.

SOME S.A.R. TIPS:

- **Read the B.C. Student Handbook online. It can be found at: www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/pubs/handbook/shandbook.pdf**
- **Keep all your college letters and documents in a folder.**
- **Participate in Orientation and learn about all of the College resources.**

Assistance & Counseling

Personal Counseling

Personal Counseling is available to all Brooklyn College undergraduate and graduate students. A staff of psychologists, counselors and social workers are available to assist you with personal issues or problems you may experience during your college years. Emergency consultations and referrals to outside services are also provided. Workshops are offered on stress management, time management, test anxiety, procrastination and more.

All services are free and confidential. No information is released without consent of the student. Appointments for services may be made in person or by phone. Located in 0203 James Hall,

the Office of Personal Counseling can be reached via phone at 718-951-5363. Students should also visit the Personal Counseling website (<http://pc.brooklyn.cuny.edu/>) for more information on office hours and other topics including tips and advice on problems that many students may face at one time or another such as stress & anxiety, trouble sleeping, and sexual harassment.



Residence Life

The new Office of Residence Life and Off Campus Housing, located in room 219 in the B.C. Student Center, has exciting news about a new residence hall coming soon to Brooklyn College. The 220 room facility which will house 290 Brooklyn College students sits on the corner of Farragut and Kenilworth. The residence hall is anticipated to open its doors in fall 2010. For students who would like to live off campus there are also resources available in the new office located in the Student Center. The Office of Residence Life and Off Campus Housing hopes to bring a new experience to campus life at B.C.

G.O.L.D.

The Office of Governance, Orientation & Leadership Development

As the name states, the Office of Governance, Orientation & Leadership Development (G.O.L.D.) is responsible for student elections and the smooth running of the different student governments. David Wells is the Office's new Coordinator. G.O.L.D. is supervised by Vanessa Green, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. The person who shares responsibility with the Coordinator is Joseph Logalbo, who keeps everyone up to speed on the rules of the assembly as well as making sure the timeline is set for student elections.

The Office is also responsible for preparing new students, whether freshmen, transfers, or graduate students, to have the best possible experience here at the college through its orientation program. Yuliya Durovich does a great job of helping pull together everything from budgets to programming,

when it comes to the New Student Orientation.

As part of Leadership Development, the G.O.L.D. office facilitates a Community Planning Student Forum where students are given a venue to bring their issues, concerns and suggestions about ways in which the college can help make it easier and more comfortable for students. The people who are key to the campus outreach for the CPSF and other committees which require student input are Jellon Simmons and Sabrina Husband.

Although the name says G.O.L.D., students can expect to be given *platinum treatment*, as the G.O.L.D. office follows the D.O.S.A. mission of guiding every individual to enhanced personal and academic success!



Office of Judicial Affairs

The Office of Judicial Affairs, while focused on educational programs and outcomes, addresses issues of student behavior and discipline (as outlined by the CUNY bylaws). Discipline is a necessary accountability component of any community setting. Complaints involving students are investigated and if action is warranted, approaches taken can range from providing support and guidance to a formal disciplinary hearing. Anyone who would like to discuss a concern about another student may come to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, 2113 Boylan Hall or call 718-951-5352 to schedule an appointment with the Manager of Judicial Affairs, Moraima Cunningham.

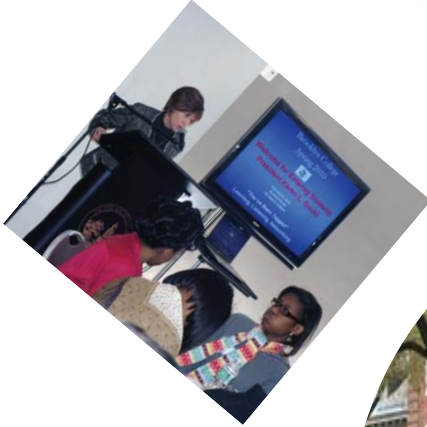
Our website (http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/departments/sa/sa_rules.htm) also provides links to various B.C. policies and to the Student Behaviour Form which can be used to connect us with students who are having difficulties and could benefit from additional support.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

The Campus Beautification Project is staffed by student volunteers and evaluates and updates the nearly 500 bulletin boards on campus once a semester. Approximately 25 boards are designated as open for campus community use; the remaining amount is allocated to departments, offices, and student organizations. In spite of the many available boards, some students feel that it is a challenge to give and to get information on such a large campus. It is part of the Campus Beautification Project's mission to utilize and maintain the college's bulletin boards and improve the way our campus looks and functions, and we hope everyone in the B.C. community will do their part! Contact CampusBeautification@brooklyn.cuny.edu for more information.

Brooklyn College Division of Student Affairs

Scenes from Spring 2010



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