

# Bridging the Campus

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Your life at Brooklyn College

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## Student Affairs at B.C. Getting You Where You Need to Be

Welcome to Brooklyn College! As incoming students you will naturally want to concentrate on your classes and academic studies, but there's more to college than going to classes and getting a high G.P.A. (although that's important too!) Your college experience should also be a time for you to meet new people, discover new interests and navigate new paths of discovery toward your future.

To help you make informed choices is Brooklyn College's Division of Student Affairs (D.O.S.A.), the hub of co-curricular life at B.C. With a stated goal of guiding each student to enhanced personal and academic success, the programs and services offered by the Division seek to make your life at B.C. as easy and fulfilling as possible.

The services and programs that make up D.O.S.A. each play an important part in helping to build a campus community that supports students success. Offices like Veterans Affairs, the Health Clinic, the Center for Disability Services and S.A.R. (Student Assistance & Referral) seek to help students resolve issues and provide needed information, while programs

such as S.E.R.V.A. (volunteer registry), the Wall of Fame, and the Annual Make A Difference Gala recognize students who have contributed above and beyond the norm. Events like the Club Fair,

Under the aegis of D.O.S.A., Brooklyn College has over 150 clubs and organizations, spanning the cultural, religious, academic and special-interest spectrum, which you can join – and if you don't find a club that matches your interests, you can create your own! You can also take part in B.C.'s Student Government and make a difference on campus, or be part of Campus Conversations or the Community Planning Forum where hot topics are discussed and relevant information about the campus is shared. If you want to challenge yourself (and others) you can also join one of the award winning Brooklyn College Athletic teams.

College life will take you down many roads, some

of which may come as a surprise, but whatever direction you take, whatever path you walk, the Division of Student Affairs will help you arrive at your destination. We urge you to visit one of our offices (profiled in this issue), take part in the events on campus and become an active part of the Brooklyn College experience!



# Message from the Vice President

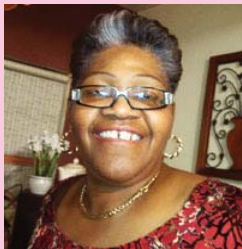
Welcome to a new issue of Bridging the Campus, the newsletter of Brooklyn College's Division of Student Affairs (D.O.S.A.). This issue is designed to profile the varied student services and programs that fall under our Divisional umbrella, as well as some of the staff throughout the Division. You may have heard of some of these services and programs, while others may be new to you. I urge you to use your time at B.C. to take advantage of them all.

As the center of co-curricular life at Brooklyn College, the Division of Student Affairs is responsible for many of the events you see everyday on campus. It is my hope to see you at as many of these as possible as you become an integral part of the Brooklyn College community. So, good luck, welcome to B.C. and stay engaged with us!



Milga Morales, Ph.D.  
Vice President for  
Student Affairs

## MEET THE STAFF OF B.C.'S DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Vannessa Green  
Assistant Dean of  
Student Affairs

As a member of the D.O.S.A. Strategic Leadership Team I serve as an advocate for student empowerment through activities that demonstrate a spirit of service and citizenship, while providing support for student learning success as evidenced in their persistence and graduation. I also promote the principles of diversity and inclusion by facilitating the interactions among and between diverse groups as we all become more aware of global issues and how they are interconnected.



Jacqueline Williams,  
Ph.D.  
Associate Dean for  
Student Affairs

I see my mission here at Brooklyn College as one of giving back. I know first-hand that it can take the support of many, both on and off campus, to help a student obtain his/her desired academic goal, I know it did for me. That is why I was pleased to return to the college environment to aid students after a career in criminal justice victim assistance work.

As with many here at the college, I wear a number of hats. some large and showy (e.g., Coordinator for the campus-wide Commencement ceremonies) and some smaller in scope but absolutely essential for the individual in need (i.e., as student ombudsperson and an overseer of some of DOSA student support services). Among the services I oversee are : the Office of Student Assistance and Referral, SERVA volunteer registry, Information Booth, Health Clinic, and Personal Counseling.

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**Dr. Milga Morales**  
**Vice President for Student Affairs**

The Vice President for Student Affairs, together with a strong divisional leadership team and dedicated, hard working staff, is responsible for contributing to the retention, graduation and overall development and success of Brooklyn College students. From “soup to nuts” we provide incoming students with opportunities to become engaged in student centered programming.

In addition, we support student fitness, health and well being through myriad student services designed specifically for our diverse population. Expectations for student participation are high and driven by B.C.'s mission to prepare globally competent students who participate responsibly in the daily life of the college.

Our successful alumni often refer to the experiential life of the college as a laboratory for learning and where they “cut their teeth” as student and community leaders. All students are invited to connect with Student Affairs and with their peers as they continue on their journey to academic and personal success.

**Valerie Stewart-Lovell**  
**Director, Center for Student  
Disability Services**

The Center for Student Disability Services at Brooklyn College works in collaboration with all departments and divisions of the college to facilitate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. We work to ensure that these students have equal access to academic and co-curricular programming in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act as well as state and local laws and regulations.



**Dave Bryan**  
**Special Assistant to the Vice  
President for Student Affairs**

I directly assist and represent the Vice President in the administration of the Office of the Vice President and the Division as a whole, and primarily responsible for supervising and coordinating the Health Programs/ Immunization Requirements Office and the CUNYCAP program.



**Christina Haney**  
**Assistant Director of  
Student Activities**

Student Activities Central is the place to find out about campus events and student organizations. Our events include the annual Club Fair, First Mondays: Culture Night Series and skill building workshops. Student organizations include media, fraternities and sororities, academic clubs and cultural clubs. We also serve as a resource to students regarding the general college experience.

Having been a student leader in college I understand the importance of being connected to the campus and forming relationships with people who can help you navigate through your college years. I received help from a number of people and now I am dedicated to being someone that can help students in the same way so please feel free to stop by with any questions you may have related to Brooklyn College!



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**Maribel Cordero-Garcia**  
**Coordinator of the Office**  
**of Student Assistance and**  
**Referral (S.A.R.)**

As coordinator of the Office of Student Assistance and Referral (S.A.R.) I work with students who are having difficulty navigating the campus to ensure that they receive the most appropriate and effective resolution to their concerns, complaints, and inquiries. The staff at S.A.R. is here to guide you to the proper channels for addressing your situations.



**Moraima Cunningham**  
**Manager of Judicial Affairs &**  
**Student Engagement**

My goal is to ensure that students are aware of their rights, as well as their responsibilities as members of the Brooklyn College community and help them resolve any behavioral changes. I also help guide and inform students about all the services and programs available to them through Student Affairs and oversee the civic engagement and orientation programs. I encourage students to come see me whenever they have any concerns.



**Jessica Sanabria**  
**Coordinator of Central Depository**

As the Coordinator of Central Depository, I am responsible for working with club executive leaders on student activity fee budget development and monitoring of expenditures. I find that it is important to increase our students financial knowledge while promoting fiscal responsibility and accountability. This semester we will be hosting a financial literacy session to help increase our student's financial awareness. I also organize and provide support for leadership and informational opportunities within ongoing Brooklyn College Association, Executive Training sessions and student organization sponsored travel.



**Mitsu Adams**  
**Interim Director,**  
**Brooklyn College Student Center**

As Interim Director, I have the pleasure of managing the Student Center which is currently commemorating 50 years of service to the Brooklyn College Community. The Student Center, affectionately known as "SUBO", houses Student Governance, SERVA, and Student Activities Central along with a game-room, computer corner and much more.

The Center continues to be the hub of student life hosting a myriad of programs and events primarily geared toward enhancing the co-curricular experience and building memories for a life-time to come.



# Civic Engagement & Orientation

Studies show that students who are more civically engaged are more apt to graduate and enjoy their academic experience. To help get students civically engaged and oriented with the campus, the Office of Civic Engagement and Orientation (C.E.O.) offers a number of educational workshops, conferences, and other programs designed to provide students, old and new, with a memorable and enjoyable co-curricular experience at Brooklyn College. These include: voter education and empowerment initiatives, the C.L.A.S.E. Passport, Student Government and Campus Committees opportunities, weekly Campus Conversations, the B.C. Yearbook and many more.

So feel free to stop by our office in 2110 Boylan Hall to become a part of any of these programs or get information concerning campus life!

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## SUBO - The B.C. Student Center

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be apart of the upcoming festivities at the Student Center as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. There will be food, fun, prizes and much more culminating with an exquisite gala in the fall. Be sure to continually check the schedule of events on the BCNN plasma screens located in the main lobby of all buildings on campus or the Brooklyn College Student Center Facebook page.

Have an idea, and want to actively contribute in the upcoming programs for the Student Center 50th anniversary-drop in the admin office, 1st floor and join our team as we aim to make this year a success. This year will be the year that memories are made!





# B.C. Athletics

A good education, health, and interaction with others are vital components to personal well-being and a fulfilling life. To help Brooklyn College students achieve these aims, the Office of 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 at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III level and are members of the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC). The College fields 12 varsity athletic teams, six each for women (Basketball, Cross Country, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball and Swimming & Diving) and men (Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball and Swimming & Diving), as well as a co-ed cheerleading squad. 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 as well. Members of the college community may use the excellent facilities to work out for relaxation and physical fitness during their leisure time.

There are also intramural events, including 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 camaraderie. Located in room 426 in the West Quad Center, Recreation, Intramurals and Intercollegiate Athletics can be reached by phone at 718-951-5366.

For more information visit: [www.brooklyncollegeathletics.com](http://www.brooklyncollegeathletics.com), the official web site of the Office of Recreation, Intramurals and Intercollegiate Athletics.







# Personal Counseling

Brooklyn College Personal Counseling is here for you. Our office is located at 0203 James Hall.

We provide **FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**:

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Workshops and Discussion Groups
- Drug and Alcohol Counseling Referrals
- Consultation Services for Faculty and Staff

We also have information on a wide range of topics Including: depression, drugs and alcohol, eating disorders, How to study, test taking, sleep problems, stress and time management. Free workshops are given throughout the year: stress management, study skills, time management and procrastination, academic achievement and test anxiety.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL: 718-951-5363

Or visit our website:  
Website: [pc.brooklyn.cuny.edu](http://pc.brooklyn.cuny.edu)

Office hours:  
Monday – Thursday 9-7pm  
Friday 9-4:30pm  
Saturday and Sunday 11-3pm

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## Center for Student Disability Services

The Center for Student Disability Services at Brooklyn College is responsible for : (1) ensuring the successful integration of students with disabilities into the Brooklyn College Community; and (2) determining what constitutes appropriate, reasonable accommodations. Services for students with disabilities registered with the Center include intake interviews, academic advisement, assistive technology, individual testing accommodations and arrangements, advocacy, and acting as a direct liaison with offices that provide college services. The Center also provides adaptive equipment and software for studying, taking tests, tutoring, and other academic activities.

The Center for Student Disability Office is located in room 138 Roosevelt Hall. Stop by or call us at 718-951-5538.





# Health Programs & Immunization Requirements

The Office of Health Programs & Immunization Requirements primary function is to ensure compliance with the immunization regulation that affects Brooklyn College students while promoting health education on campus. The office is responsible for immunization processing, health fairs, seminars, blood drives, and providing information on health and wellness issues and health insurance.

The office is located in 0710 James Hall and can be contacted by calling 718-951-4505 or e-mail [hpo@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:hpo@brooklyn.cuny.edu).

See the Health Programs Calendar of Events and other topics in the HPO webpage:  
<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/departments/sa/offices.htm>  
or Facebook: Brooklyn College Health Programs



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## 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 concern 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, by providing students with information relevant to their situation, discussing options, making referrals, and, when appropriate, personally contacts the appropriate service.

S.A.R. functions for both for the individual student and for the college by working to insure that the college is responsive to its primary constituent, the student. Its role is not to find fault, but to insure responsiveness and to seek improvement.

To get help or for information, email [StudentSAR@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:StudentSAR@brooklyn.cuny.edu). Day and evening appointments are available, Monday through Friday.





# Student Activities Central & Central Depository

Brooklyn College Student Activities Central recognizes the importance of supporting the activities of our students and providing them with proper advisement, program development and opportunities for personal and academic growth. We continue to focus on these core values while looking towards a future with new opportunities to provide programming, mentoring and education.

Central Depository (CD) is responsible for the receipt, distribution, and accounting of all student activity fees and revenues generated by student activities funded through those fees. Central Depository, as well as all student organizations, must recognize and adhere to the bylaws and the fiscal rules and regulations of Brooklyn College and the City University of New York (CUNY). Central Depository is designed to develop all students in the areas of collaboration, financial responsibility and campus involvement. This area provides instructional and informational opportunities for all students to become knowledgeable citizens of the campus.

To learn more about the many clubs and organizations on campus and how you can get involved in them and their events, contact Student Activities Central at 718-951-5550 or visit us in room 302 of the Student Center.



# A LOOK BACK...



## AND TOWARDS THE FUTURE...



# B.C. GUIDEPOST

## Your Guide to Campus Life and College Services

For general information- visit the Office of Student Affairs, 2113 Boylan Hall, the web: [studentaffairs.brooklyn.cuny.edu](http://studentaffairs.brooklyn.cuny.edu) or e-mail: [studentaffairs@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@brooklyn.cuny.edu). To call an office from off campus use (718) 951 + extension listed, unless otherwise noted.

### If You Need Information About (A-P)

#### Accessing Resources & Problem Solving

After Hours Access to Campus

#### Bulletin Boards

CLASE Passport Activities/Civic Engagement

#### Child Care

Clubs/Joining a Club/Starting a Club

#### Commencement Ceremony Information

#### Disability Services

#### Emergency Contact Request

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

#### Emergency Personal Resource Assistance

Events Calendar

#### Fitness Center

Flyers (Posting Information for Student Activities)

#### Food Services

Housing Referral/Residential Life

#### Immunization & Health Insurance Info

International Students

#### Internships/Jobs

Legal Services

#### Lost and Found

Medical Care

#### Orientation Program for New Students

Personal Counseling

### Call or See:

S.A.R. (2106B, x 5352)

Judicial Affairs (2113B, x 5352)

Campus Beautification Project (2113B, x 5352)

Civic Engagement & Orientation (2110B, x 5352)

Early Childhood Center (1604J, x 5431)

Student Activities Central (302BCSC, x 5712)

[www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/commencement.htm](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/commencement.htm),

Student Affairs (2113B, x 5352)

Center for Student Disability Services (138R, x 5538)

Campus Security and Public Safety (0202N, x 5511)

Volunteer Emergency Medical Squad (021NE, x 5858)

S.A.R. (2106B, x 5352)

Web Portal/BCNN/"What's Happening"

(1st Fl. BCSC, x 5842)

Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals (426WQ, x 5366)

Student Activities Central (302BCSC, x 5712)

Student Center Café (1st Fl. BCSC)/Cafeteria

(Lower Level Boylan Hall, x 4348)

Office of Student Life and Housing Referrals

(219BCSC, x 6534)

Health Programs Office (0710J, x 4505)

International Students Office (1600J, x 4477)

Magner Center (1303J, x 5696, x 5774)/

Human Resources (1219B, x 5277)

Lay Advocate (139NE, x 5360)

Campus Security and Public Safety (0202N, x 5511)

Health Clinic (1148R, x5580)

Civic Engagement & Orientation (2110B, x 5352)

Personal Counseling (0203J, x 5363)



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### If You Need Information About (R-Z)

#### Religious Holidays

Rules and Expectations

#### Safety/Security/Workplace Violence

Shuttle Service to bus/subway

#### Sports/Recreation

Student Affairs

#### Student Filming on Campus

Student Government

#### Student Grievances (non-academic)

Student Media (Newspapers, Radio Station, etc.)

#### Study Skills/Test Anxiety Workshops

Substance Abuse Information

#### Time Management Workshops

Transfer Credits Information

#### Transfer Credits within

Transfer Credit Tool (Non-CUNY)

#### Transfer Information/Evaluations

Transfer Orientation

#### Transfers Facebook site

Transfer Student Admission Requirements

#### Transfer Student Advisement

Transfer Student FAQ

#### Veterans Affairs and Counseling

Volunteer Service Recognition (SERVA)

#### Voter Registration /U.S. Citizenship/Poll Workers

Yearbook

#### Women's Center

### Call or See:

#### Schedule of Classes ([www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/portal](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/portal))

Judicial Affairs (2113B, x 5352)/B.C. Student Handbook

#### Campus Security and Public Safety (0202N, x 5511)

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#### Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals (426WQ, x 5366)

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

Student Affairs Office (2113B, x5352),

Judicial Affairs (2113B, x 5352)

SG Offices, 3rd Floor BCSC/C.E.O. (2110B, x 5352)

S.A.R. (2106B, x. 5352)

Student Activities Central (302BCSC, x 5712)

#### Personal Counseling (0203J, x 5363)

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[www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/200.htm](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/200.htm)

CUNY TIPPS website: [www.tipps.cuny.edu](http://www.tipps.cuny.edu)

<http://websql.brooklyn.cuny.edu/transferbc>

#### Office of the Registrar (306WQ, x 5911)

Civic Engagement & Orientation (2110B, x 5352)

[www.facebook.com/bc.transfers](http://www.facebook.com/bc.transfers), S.A.R. (2106B, x. 5352)

[www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/521.htm](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/521.htm)

#### Transfer Student Services (3207B, x 5471)

[www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/723.htm](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/723.htm)

#### Veterans Office (0303J, x 5105)

SERVA (2113B, x 5352, e-mail: [serva@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:serva@brooklyn.cuny.edu))

#### Civic Engagement & Orientation (2110B, x 5352)

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Broeklundian (152NE, x 5910)

#### Women's Center at Brooklyn College (227NE, x 5777)

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With the subject: NEWSLETTER