

Campus News

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BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Monday Report



All faculty, staff, and administrators:

This spring, Bergen Community College will be participating in the *Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)*, a national survey that focuses on teaching, learning and retention in community colleges. The survey was developed by the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin, and is used by many community colleges throughout the nation.

Research shows that students who like to read and write, and who interact in positive ways with their teachers and peers, gain more in terms of essential skills and competencies. Identifying what our students do in and out of the classroom, knowing their goals, and understanding their external responsibilities can help us create an environment that can enhance student learning, development and retention. Although the survey will be administered in classrooms, the goal of CCSSE is to assess the overall perception and attitudes of students regarding their experiences as a whole, and not their experiences with individual courses. As such, all results gained from this survey will be reported in aggregate and not on the individual courses.

The survey will be administered in classes randomly, selected by CCSSE to ensure a representative sample, and to preserve the integrity of the survey results. Instructors whose classes are selected for survey administration will be contacted with more detailed information.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in this exciting initiative. If you have questions about this survey or the administration process, feel free to contact my office or the Center for Institutional Effectiveness and Research, which can be reached at 201-447-7209.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Jeremiah Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

G. Jeremiah Ryan
President

Calendar Events

Spring 2008 Distinguished Speaker Series

Thursday, February 14, from **1:40 to 3:00 p.m.** in **TEC-128A**, the Distinguished Speaker Series cordially invites the Community College to attend a presentation by Dr. Michael Behe, Professor of Biochemistry at Lehigh University. He is perhaps the best-known scientist-supporter of the Intelligent Design theory of the origins and development of the universe. Professor Behe is interested in the evolution of complex biochemical systems and has proposed that a better explanation is that these systems were deliberately designed by an intelligent agent. The proposal of intelligent design has proven to be extremely controversial, both in the scientific community and in the general news media. Dr. Behe's current work involves: (1) educating various groups to overcome mistaken ideas of what exactly intelligent design entails so that they can make informed judgments on whether they think it is a plausible hypothesis; and (2) trying to establish a reasoned way to determine a rough dividing line between design and non-design in biochemical systems. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life, at (201) 447-7215. Reception to follow the presentation.

NJ STARS Open House for Prospective Fall 2008 NJ STARS students

NJ STARS Open House for Prospective Fall 2008 NJ STARS students will be held on **Tuesday, March 4**, at **5:30 p.m. in Tec-128**. This event will feature presentations from Admissions, Financial Aid, Testing, Counseling, The Honors Program, & Current NJ STARS students. Students gain eligibility for NJ STARS by graduating in the top 20% of their High School class, & by being U.S. Permanent Residents or Citizens prior to their High School graduation. Students must be eligible for & complete the NJ STARS I program to qualify for NJ STARS II at NJ public 4 year institutions. Students can RSVP or ask questions by calling admissions at (201) 447 7196 (Option 5 for NJ STARS). More information about the NJ STARS program can be seen at www.bergen.edu/njstars.

CIT Workshops

CIT is offering the following workshops. Please register online at www.bergen.edu/cit. Click on **WORKSHOPS & TRAINING**.

WebCT: Managing the Gradebook	Monday, February 11, 3:15-4:45 p.m.
Web-Enhance Your Course Intro	Tuesday, February 12, 1:45-2:45 p.m.
SMART Board Training	Wednesday, February 13, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Navigating WebAdvisor	Monday, February 18, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Fitness Center S-128 Free Hours - Spring 2008

Days	Times
Mondays	10:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm; 3:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	1:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays	1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fridays	8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please inform the Wellness/Exercise Science office (G-201 or G-207) if the facility is not open during scheduled hours.

- Proper attire is required.
- Valid college ID is required.
- No food or drink in Fitness Center.

HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

... Continued Calendar Events

Black History

Monday, February 11, at **1:40 p.m.** in the **Cicccone Theatre**, Lecture: Mr. Ernest Green, Member of the Little Rock 9; "The Integration of Central High School. Little Rock, Arkansas: 50 Years and Counting."

The keynote address will be delivered by Newark Mayor Cory Booker on **Tuesday, February 12**, at **1:00 p.m.** in the Cicccone Theatre. Mr. Booker will speak on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The public is welcome to attend; there is no fee.

Thursday, February 14, at **11:00 a.m.** in **Room A-113** Dr. David Troutt, Scholar in Residence: Moderator "The Legacy of Thurgood Marshall, Esq."

Friday, February 15, at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Cicccone Theatre** – Concert: Blues Legend Luther "Guitar, Jr." Johnson. Tickets: \$22; \$20 for students and seniors (65+); \$18 all of Bergen Community College.

Tuesday, February 19, at **1:40 p.m.** in the **Cicccone Theatre** – Byron Motley, Noted Baseball Historian "Negro Baseball League Lecture and Film."

Wednesday, February 20, a night at the world famous Apollo Theatre. Dinner at Londell's Restaurant. Bus leaves Parking Lot B at 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35 (Includes Dinner and Show).

Thursday, February 21, at **noon** in the **Student Center**, Hip-Hop, Beyond Beats & Rhymes. Panel discussion Rock, Arkansas: 50 Years and Counting."

Tuesday, February 26, at **noon** in **Room A-104**, Dr. David Troutt – Student Issue Forum: "Where do we go from here? The facilitation of Intercultural Understanding: An Action Plan."

Black History Continued

Wednesday, February 27, at **11:00 a.m.** in the **Cicccone Theatre**, Vissi Dance Theatre presents: "Amazing Grace," the celebration of the Journey of America from Slavery to the Civil Rights Movement.

Friday, February 29, at **7:00 p.m.** in **TEC-128**, Closing Banquet "Honoring our Own."

Please note that the college community is invited to attend any, and all of the events. For additional information regarding these events, please contact the Office of Student Life at (201) 447-7215.

Faculty Development Presentations

Tuesday, February 12, at **3:50 p.m.** in **Room C-313** – Tuesday Presentation: "Contemporary Issues that Affect our Students" by the Personal Counseling Staff (Professors Eileen Purcell, Stafford Barton, Christina Haedo, and John Giaimo).

Monday, March 10, from **12:30-1:30 p.m.** in **Room C-325** - Brown Bag Presentation-Fireside Chat: "Addressing Student Behavioral Problems" by Darleen McGrath-Florance, Director, Student Services-Counseling. *If you have scenarios which you would like to have discussed during the session, please email them to Eileen Purcell by Friday, March 7.*

Tuesday, April 29, at **3:50 p.m.** in **Room C-313** - Tuesday Presentation: "Why Geography Matters" by Professor Keith Chu.

Spring 2008 Adjunct Pay Dates



All adjunct faculty instructors teaching **fifteen-week** courses will be paid accordingly:

01/18/08- 05/12/08

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| 1) 02/14/08 | 24% |
| 2) 03/13/08 | 25% |
| 3) 04/15/08 | 27% |
| 4) End of Semester | 24% |

Note that all instructors **not** teaching **fifteen-week courses** should contact payroll or their department concerning their percentages.

Transfer Evening

On **Wednesday, March 19**, in the **Student Center** from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** students will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from local New Jersey and New York Colleges.

The list of participating colleges is available in the Counseling Center, Room A-118.

Please submit your news and accomplishments to Kim Meekins of Vice President Porter's Office via email at: kmeekins@bergen.edu.

For timely appearance of your announcements, all submissions must be received by **1:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon** for Monday publication.