



BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Monday Report

Getting the Word Out

Annual Holiday Luncheon

On behalf of Bergen Community College, President G. Jeremiah Ryan requests the pleasure of your company at the 2008 Holiday Luncheon, scheduled for **Thursday, December 18**, in the Moses Family Meeting & Training Center, (Technology Building, Room 128), from **11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Kindly RSVP to Nancy Rozas at nrozas@bergen.edu or phone in your acceptance to this invitation to extension 3655.

Yoga Session

The College's Wellness Center will provide a yoga session for faculty, staff and students on **Tuesday, December 9**, from **12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, in **Room B-119**, with Instructor Gloria Caramico.

Annual Anti-Violence Awareness Day

"Take Back the Night," an all-day campus-wide event dealing with issues such as violence, fear and assault, will take place on **Wednesday, December 10**, from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The event, sponsored by the Wellness Center, is geared toward everyone on campus, not just students and certainly not just women.

The day will feature interactive discussions, random acts of kindness, a panel of guest speakers, discussions, demonstrations and the availability of individuals representing various county agencies. All events will take place in the Student Center. Anyone who wishes to lend a helping hand can stop by the **Peer Educators Office (L-122A)** or **e-mail us at: wellness@bergen.edu**. Please help us "**Take Back the Night**" for all those in our college community who have been affected by some act of violence.

Admissions Open House

Start preparing for your future career now by attending Bergen Community College's Admissions Open House on **Wednesday, December 10**, from **5:00 - 7:30 p.m.** in the **Tech Building**. Learn about college credit courses that instill students with the necessary knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the workplace. You can also obtain information about pursuing a bachelor's degree. If a department would like to host a table, they should contact Tamara Vaughn, via email at tvughan@bergen.edu

Annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Event

The Bergen Community College Bookstore invites you to our faculty and staff event to celebrate our partnership through the year on **Thursday, December 11**, from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the **Bookstore**. Refreshments will be served. As a token of appreciation during the event, the Bookstore will extend a 20% total discount on **select merchandise** for faculty and staff.

Grant Project

HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR A GRANT PROJECT?

Need time to research & develop it?

Have you thought about administrative release time?

Contact Bill at the Grants Office: 612-5253 or wjakowicz@bergen.edu

Campus Events

The Rutgers University Union Leadership Academy Presents – Fall 2008 - Labor & Politics

Dates: Thursdays: Dec. 11, 18, 2008

Location: Ciarco Learning Center/Hackensack Facility, 355 Main Street (at corner of Passaic St.) Hackensack, NJ 07601

Time: 6:30 P.M. - 9:15 P.M.

Price: \$75 per person

Develop skills for building a grassroots legislative program in your local union. Learn how to identify and target issues to create an effective political agenda. Sponsors: Bergen Central Labor Council—AFL-CIO, and the NJ State AFL-CIO, partnered with Bergen Community College. To register for this course, send an email to Debbie McNeill, mcneill@smlr.rutgers.edu to request a registration form.

Meadowlands & Mythos Poetry Reading

Bergen at the Meadowlands, located at 1280 Wall Street West, Lyndhurst will host "Meadowlands & Mythos, A Poetry Reading with Pamela Hughes and Rachel Eliza Griffiths," on Thursday, December 11, at 6 p.m. in Room 306 at the facility. To RSVP for the event, please e-mail phughes@bergen.edu

Hughes will read excerpts of her poem "Meadowland," an exploration of the region. She is a professor at the College.

Griffiths will read her poetry that explores the connections of men and women, god and animals. She is a professor at Bloomfield College.

For a complete listing, please refer to the BCC events link. Contact Pamela Hughes for any questions or information needs at (201) 460-1707.

Service Recognition Ceremony

Bergen Community College is pleased to announce the Service Recognition Ceremony in honor of current full-time employees who have given 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service to the College. Please come out and help us honor them on **Friday, December 12, at 12:30 p.m.** in **TEC-128** (Tech Building). A reception with light refreshments will follow immediately after the ceremony.

Community & Cultural Affairs for December



Godspell, by Stephen Schwartz & John-Michael Tebelak, is a modern day telling of the Gospel of St. Matthew. The play opens with John the Baptist calling a disparate group of young people from their workday lives to follow and learn from Jesus. All performances are scheduled in the **Cicccone Theatre** on **December 12, 13, at 7:30 p.m.** and **December 14, at 3:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10; \$7 for students, seniors (65+) and BCC.

The Tartan Terrors – Holiday Party, Friday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the **Cicccone Theatre**. Featuring a two-time World Champion bagpiper, top ranked Scottish dancers, world percussionists and a "Saturday Night Live meets Riverdance cocktail" of fun, devoted audiences will understand why "Dig This Magazine" declares "The Tartan Terrors are one act to keep an eye on!" Tickets are \$24; \$22 for students and seniors (65+); \$20 for BCC.

Bugs & Balloons – Journey to Candyland on **Saturday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m.** in the **Cicccone Theatre**. Under the direction of and combined talents of husband and wife team, Allynn & Annie, comes this colorful holiday extravaganza. Having performed to acclaim across the country and around the world, their shows are magical to watch, fun to experience and always embrace a positive message. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for children 17 and under.

For further information about the upcoming events, contact the Office of Community & Cultural Affairs, Room A-130 at (201) 447-7428 or go to their Web site at www.bergen.edu/cca

Department & Faculty Highlights

The Fall 2008 Speech Competition, held on Tuesday, December 2, was a great success. Forty-five students participated and spoke on a range of global topics. The Bergen Community College Foundation is sponsoring the first, second and third place awards. The winners are:

First place \$150 award – Dani Garduque – World Hunger

Second place \$100 award – Diana Lopez – Child Soldiers

Third place \$50 award – Elisabeth Scaffidi – Water Conservation

The Bergen Community College Bookstore is sponsoring \$25 Honorable Mention prizes to: Veronica Santillo, Jolanta Lipien, Marianne Young Romeo and Jason Barry.

The competition was sponsored by the Center for the Study of Intercultural Understanding and the Center for Institutional Research and Development. The coordinator of the competition, Jane Phelps, would like to thank the twenty members of the College faculty, staff and community who volunteered to judge: Stacey Balkan, Barbara Bliss, Ken Bonnaffons, Charles Bordogna, Jim Bumgardner, Joanne Cucolo, Amparo Coddling, Kaye DeMetz, Chris Foster, Jessica Fagnoli, Marshall Katzman, Heidi Lieb, Shannon McDermott, Charles Miceli, David Pallant, John Patierno, Maria Plochocki, Elin Schikler, Kris Stachowiak and Ray Welch.

There will be an awards reception on **Thursday, December 11**, from **4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**, in **Gallery Bergen, in West Hall**. The College community is invited to stop by and congratulate the participants. Please email Barbara Bliss by December 8 if you plan to attend: bbliss@bergen.edu

Plans are underway for a Spring 2009 competition and faculty will again be invited to nominate students.

The Center for Suburban Criminal Justice held five seminars for middle school students on "Gangs in Suburbia." Almost 1,200 students attended the seminars, featuring Hector Carter from the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, Ron Hampton from the New Jersey State Police and an ex-gang member/still active gang member. The daylong event started with a clicker survey, lectures and breakout sessions for discussion with BCC student peer leaders. These seminars would not be as successful without the assistance of Shari Horowitz, Michael O'Donovan, Irene Smith, Ed Novak, Shawn Kane, Howie Renn, Carmine Salerno, Public Safety and Gourmet Dining.

Prof. Amy Ceconi wrote an article for her dissertation research that was published in The AARC Respiratory Care Education Annual, Volume 17, Fall 2008. The title of the article was "Influence of Problem-Based Learning Instruction on Decision-Making Skills in Respiratory Therapy Students."

Monday Report Submissions

Please submit your news and accomplishments to Kim Meekins, of Vice President's 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** for Monday publication.