

AlumniConnection

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTS JOSE ADAMES INTERIM PRESIDENT



The Board of Trustees of Bergen Community College has appointed Dr. Jose Adames, Academic Vice President, as Interim President. The appointment was effective July 19, 2011. Dr. Adames joined Bergen Community College in August of 2010 after an extensive national search conducted by a representative search committee consisting of faculty, administrators and staff. The Association of Community College Trustees served as consultants to the Board of Trustees in this process. Overriding themes in Dr. Adames' core values are his belief in the centrality of meeting the educational needs of students, the importance of teaching and learning, his commitment to integrity and fairness, and to the importance of working with all stakeholders.

Dr. Adames previously served for eight years as Provost and Associate VP of Academic Affairs at Union County College. Before that, he served sixteen years as a faculty member, Director, Associate Dean, and Dean at Kean University. *(Continued on page 4)*

GRADUATION PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Bergen Community College a 5-year \$3.78 million grant to fund the Graduation Pathway to Success project (GPS) to prepare Bergen students to fill the urgent need for professionals with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) backgrounds. Professionals in these disciplines are critical in order to keep America competitive in the global economy.

GPS (Graduation Pathway to Success) will provide additional academic support to keep STEM students moving forward in their educations and help them make seamless transitions to four-year colleges and universities. Studies have indicated that the more time it takes students to complete college, the greater their risk is of not graduating. GPS is an exciting opportunity for Bergen Community College students.

The goals of the GPS project are to increase the recruitment and persistence of STEM students; to improve their graduation and transfer rates; to enable more data-based decision making that informs and improves student outcomes, program development and articulation, and to better tie Student Services into academics. The grant also will fund the creation of a STEM Learning and Innovation Laboratory and Center for Inquiry-Based Learning, which STEM students will be asked to help design.

January 2012

The BCC Alumni Network cordially invites you to the

3rd Annual Alumni Dinner
Thursday, April 19, 2011
6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Seasons

644 Pascack Road
Washington Twp, NJ 07676
Phone: (201) 664-6141

Join us for a night of fun as we recognize this year's award recipients, reconnect with friends and faculty and learn more about the wonderful opportunities available for Bergen students today!

Tickets: \$50 per person

The evening includes a one-hour open bar reception, buffet dinner and wine, beer and soda throughout the evening.

For more information, please contact Shirley Pachon by e-mail at SPachon@bergen.edu or at 201-447-7717.

Want to place an ad in the Alumni Dinner Ad Journal?

See page 7 for details.

ABOUT BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

We used to be a stamp away, but
NOW we're only a click away!

[Click here](http://www.bergen.edu/pages1/Pages/1797.aspx) or go to
<http://www.bergen.edu/pages1/Pages/1797.aspx>
to donate using our new
Online Giving form

It's easier than ever to give to your favorite
fund.

Gifts can be made quickly and securely to
support the students we serve.

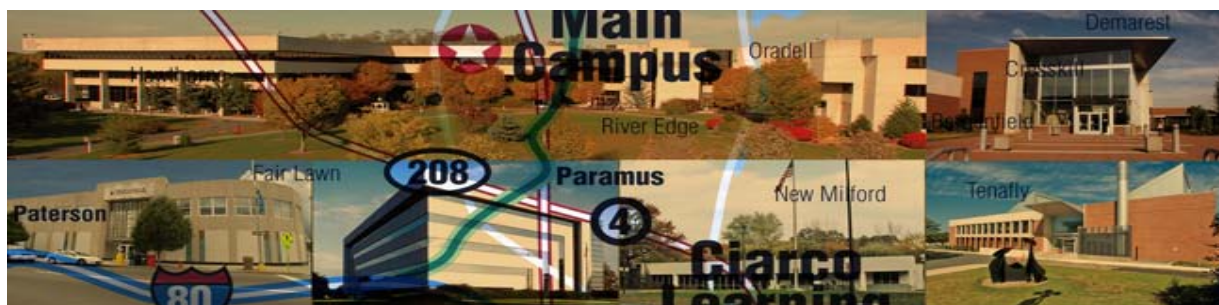
ARS NOVA

Supporting the Arts – including scholarships for our performing arts students—remains an important goal of the Bergen Community College Foundation. On Thursday, October 13, Bergen Community College presented the concert, “**Ars Nova 2011: Building Dreams: A Musical Tribute to Designer and Builder Michael Galgano.**” Net proceeds from the concert established the **Michael Galgano Scholarship in the Performing Arts at Bergen Community College.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Bergen Community College is the first college in the country to have its own television station on the Verizon FIOS cable system (**Torch TV, channel 26**).

FIND YOUR WAY AROUND THE COLLEGE'S THREE LOCATIONS WITH INTERACTIVE MAPS



If you have ever gotten lost in the Pitkin Education Center – *it's easy to do* – or any of the college's other buildings, including Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands and the Philip Ciarco Jr. Learning Center, the College has created a new tool to make sure you never get lost again: **Interactive maps on the Bergen website!** Visit www.bergen.edu/maps.

We'd love to have you visit us in Scoskie Hall!

HELP BCC GO GREEN!

Send us your email address today and start receiving invitations and news updates electronically! It's easy – just send your email address and any other contact information that you'd like to share to Alumninetwork@bergen.edu.

STUDENT CENTER OPENING- OCTOBER 18

On October 18, college and local officials took the wraps off the \$5.5 million facility. The new Student Center not only improves access to Bergen’s main building, the Pitkin Education Center, but will provide new space for students clubs, activities, events and social gatherings.



Bergen Community College and Bergen County Officials celebrate the opening of the Student Center.

BERGEN AT THE MEADOWLANDS



The Lyndhurst campus continues to grow with 813 students registered for Fall 2011.

THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE OCTOBER 7



Corethia Oates, Carlos Dominguez, Sandra Sroka and Women’s Institute Chair, Holly Schepisi.

ALUMNI NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECIPIENTS ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012

Alane-Christine Roxas	\$1,000
Bayan D. Khalil	\$1,000
Elyssa N. Silverstein	\$1,000
Ernest S. Takacs	\$1,000
Gary N. Herbert	\$1,000
Govinda I. Mota	\$1,000
Juliana Scuttaro	\$1,000
Noemi Kiss	\$1,000
Roxana M. Navarro	\$1,000
Yelyzaveta Kalinichenko	\$1,000

2011 ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS

Anne Marie Venezia	\$750
Victoria Ellman	\$750
Carolina Montoya	\$500
Glenda M. Gordon	\$500



Alumni Network members, Robert Ferioli, Betty Wiest, Jane Grinch, Steve Duess celebrate with this year’s Alumni Network Scholarship Awards recipients.

The Alumni Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for deserving full and part-time students who have completed 15 credit hours of study.

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Dr. Adames has a doctorate in Applied Linguistics from Teacher’s College, Columbia University, and a M.A. and B.A. from Seton Hall University. He is the recipient of the 2009 International Exemplary Leader Award, 8th Annual International Leadership Conference of the Chair Academy, Nashville, Tennessee, and the 2009 William U. Harris Award from the Middle States Regional Forum, The College Board, Baltimore, Maryland.

He has extensive experience with higher education accreditation and its standards, in particular with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, where he has served as an evaluator and evaluation team chair. He also has served as project director for various federal and state grants totaling more than \$9 million. His commitment to working with the local community is evident in his participation in community advisory boards. ***(To read this article in its entirety, please go to the BCC website at www.bergen.edu.)***

DID YOU KNOW?

87% of Bergen students intend to transfer to a four-year college or university after graduation.

3RD ANNUAL BCC ALUMNI DINNER HONOREES

For the first time this year, we are inviting BCC alumni to nominate fellow alumni and current or former BCC faculty or staff members or former members of the BCC Trustees or Foundation Board of Directors who have made contributions to the community, the college and/or humanity. **The selected recipients will be honored at the 3rd Annual Alumni Dinner on April 19, 2012.**

OPEN NOMINATIONS

BCC ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME AWARD



If you know of a distinguished Bergen Community College alumnus who has made important contributions to society, business, the arts, sports, or their college or community, **“It is time to nominate him or her”** for the BCC Alumni Hall of Fame!

(Nomination form on page 5.)

BCC LIVING LEGACY AWARD

LIVING LEGACY AWARD



If you know of a current or former BCC faculty or staff member or a former member of the BCC Trustees or Foundation Board of Directors who has made significant contributions to BCC, **“It is time to nominate him or her”** for the BCC Living Legacy Award!

(Nomination form on page 5).

2012 BCC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/FACULTY NOMINATION FORM

We would like you to become involved. If you know someone that would qualify for one of the following awards, please take the time to fill out this nomination form. Nominations will be received by the BCC Alumni Network Board who will make the final selections for the 2012 awards. Fill out a nomination form below. **The deadline for nominations for our 2012 awards is Thursday, March 1, 2012.**

TYPE OF NOMINATION

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME OR LIVING LEGACY AWARD

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name _____

BCC Class Year (if applicable) _____

If available for Nominee:

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

NOMINATED BY:

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

BCC Class Year _____

Please explain why this alumnus or faculty/staff member, Trustee or Foundation member should be considered for the nomination.

Please use a separated sheet if needed.)

Please mail this form to BCC Foundation – 400 Paramus Road – Scoskie Hall – Paramus NJ 07652; Fax it to 201-493-3773 or email it to Alumninetwork@bergen.edu on or before February 1, 2012..

December 2011

Dear Bergen Community College Alumni:

We hope this finds each of you well and enjoying this time of the year! We think it's important to provide an opportunity for you to reconnect with classmates and colleagues.

We are attempting to establish an updated database and we would like to add your email address. Feel free to share this information with friends and colleagues who attended BCC. We look forward to hearing from each of you and hope that you will take the time to provide us with the information requested.

If you have questions, please feel free to call the Alumni Network Office at 201- 447-7117 or by email to Shirley Pachon at alumninetwork@bergen.edu.

Best regards,



Steve Dues
BCC Alumni Network Board Co-Chair



Richard Garcia
BCC Alumni Network Board Co-Chair

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**HELP BCC FOUNDATION GO GREEN
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**

Name: _____

Business Email: _____

Home Email: _____

Major/Degree: _____ Year of Graduation/Completion: _____

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Become part of our Social Network!  

Click on the icons below to "Like Us" on Facebook and "Follow Us" on Twitter.

Bergen Community College Foundation

<http://www.facebook.com/bergencommunitycollegefoundation> 

<http://twitter.com/bccfoundation> 

Bergen Community College Foundation Alumni Network

<http://www.facebook.com/bccfalconnetwork> 

<http://www.twitter.com/bccfalconnetwork> 

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI NETWORK
3RD ANNUAL ALUMNI DINNER PROGRAM AD JOURNAL

ALUMNI DINNER – Thursday, April 19, 2011

Thank you for supporting the Bergen Community College Alumni Network by placing an ad in the Alumni Dinner Ad Journal. Your ad will support the Alumni Network Scholarship Fund.

The following ad levels are available:

Package of 4 Dinner Tickets and a Half Page Ad	\$200.00
Inside Front, Inside Back or Outside Back Cover	\$150.00
Full Page Ad	\$100.00
Half Page Ad	\$50.00

Please provide black and white, camera-ready ad copy with a resolution of 300 dpi in JPG, TIFF or PDF and remit your ad by email to Shirley Pachon at spachon@bergen.edu. Hard copy should be mailed with the Response Form below.

AD DEADLINE IS APRIL 9, 2012

If you choose not to participate in the journal, please consider making a donation to the Alumni Network Scholarship Fund. Please mail your check and response form to the address below.

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Advertiser's Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Ad Location or Level _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: BCC Alumni Network

***BCC Alumni Network
400 Paramus Road – Scoskie Hall
Paramus, NJ 07652***

**The Bergen Community College Alumni Network promotes ideas, leadership
and the reconnection through friendships among alumni, current students and faculty.**

For more information about the Alumni Dinner, advertising in the Ad Journal, or becoming an Alumni Network member, please call the Alumni Network Office at 201-447-7117 or e-mail us at alumninetwork@bergen.edu.

2ND ANNUAL ALUMNI DINNER MEMORIES!!

Please enjoy the photos below from the 2nd Annual Alumni Dinner where Men's Basketball coach, Sean Kelly, received the 2011 Living Legacy Award and BCC Family members enjoyed networking with many returning BCC alumni.



BCC HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW FUND TO HELP STUDENTS THAT NEED FOOD - THE "LOAVES AND FISHES FUND"

"When was the last time you ate?" This was the simple, yet direct question that was posed to a student nearly 10 years ago. Like many others,, the response was evasive - "Maybe yesterday." The student had come to BCC Health Services with a headache – perhaps a blood pressure problem, a cold, or no sleep. After some time the student admitted it has been several days since he had eaten. What we learned revealed that the student was not working and did not have the support of his parents who were both unemployed. The student had not eaten, not by choice, but because he had no means to acquire a meal.

In October of 2011 the Bergen Community College Food Pantry took on a new dimension. Professor Art Tolve and his wife Cecelia, having learned about our commitment to feeding our community, decided to make a sizable, personal donation to establish the **Loaves & Fishes Fund**. This donation will enable us to help more students. With this amazing gift our center is able to give bags of groceries, vouchers for cafeteria lunches and grocery store gift cards. It is very difficult for our students to ask for help. The students come to us by word of mouth. It can be a faculty member who sees the student in trouble, a coach from one of our teams, or a visit to us for a cold that has us step in. Most commonly however, it is the love and understanding of a fellow student that has the hungry person come to us for support.

Together, Health Services, Personal Counseling and the Wellness Center work as a team to meet the growing needs of our student population. In 2012, we are committed to a better understanding of the number of students we impact through the Loaves & Fishes Fund. A gift to the Loaves & Fishes Fund today will ensure the continued availability of food for all BCC students who seek it.