

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY!! BCC STUDENT MILDEYS PONS

Being a freshman at *Bronx Community College* is hard, but with a great attitude and a helping hand, you can go very far.

During one of my usual visits to the Computer Laboratory in Loew Hall, I came across a posted job ad on one of the bulletin boards in the Career Development Office. I was so interested that the following day, I approached Ms. Wrenn Crowe, CUNY Office Assistant, who explained to me the purpose of the Career Development Office and I completed an intake form and began the process of securing employment. Although I never got the job, it was worth the visit because I took advantage of the services they provide.

After a year of volunteer work with this office, I became a student aide through work study. I began to look into jobs that were being received each day in the office. As a result, my first job I obtained through the Career Development Office was in the Chinatown YMCA. I held the position of an After-School Teacher. It was a great experience and I worked there for approximately six months. Afterwards, I was referred by Ms. Crowe to an elderly agency called Project SOS for a temporary part-time position. I was interviewed by Eileen Resnick who eventually hired me with the knowledge that I would not be employed by June because of budgetary constraints. Luckily, due to some difficulties, my co-worker had to resign which left a position available for me to interview. I interviewed and accepted a position as a full-time Case Aide. The agency was moved from Bronx Community College as Project SOS to Neighborhood SHOPP- Case Management Program.

I am very thankful for what the Career Development Office had to offer me. I have learned to live and take advantage of what is available to me. You never know where something might lead you. I have grown from being the girl next door to a young woman called Ms. Pons. Thank you Ms. Crowe for taking a chance on me and believing that I was able to achieve anything I wanted. With your help, I will become all that I can be and I will never, ever forget that you offered me my first real nine to five job.

