

---

# Introducing Bronx Community College

---

## ■ MISSION AND GOALS OF THE COLLEGE

The primary mission of Bronx Community College is to provide a strong academic foundation for students of diverse backgrounds, preparations, and aspirations in order to further their success in their chosen vocations, their future education, and their community involvement. To achieve its mission, the College maintains high standards of instruction to meet the learning needs of every student.

### ■ GOALS

- Establish the College as a center for education and research, together with cultural, social and health-related activities.
- Provide fundamental educational experiences which develop competence in basic skills including reading, writing and mathematics.
- Provide learning experiences which ensure that students become competent in critical thinking, descriptive analysis, problem solving and interpretation, and in the communication of these skills.
- Provide quality associate degree programs in liberal arts and career options in order for students to successfully transfer to a four-year college to pursue a profession or to successfully enter the work force.
- Offer programs which utilize current and new instructional techniques responsive to the varying needs and learning styles of all persons in order to promote academic excellence.
- Complement classroom instruction with ample support services including counseling, tutoring, extracurricular activities and cultural programs in order to promote academic success, enrich the educational experience, and enhance student life.
- Supplement the educational process with opportunities through student workplace internships, cooperative education and other work-based learning approaches.
- Provide technical skills training to qualify students for employment in order to assist community businesses in work force staff development.
- Respond to the varied educational needs of the local community through a broad range of continuing education, career training and community service programs while coordinating efforts with industry, business, professions and government.

## ■ HISTORY OF BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The establishment of Bronx Community College in 1957 crowned a decade of effort by civic-minded groups in Bronx County to meet the growing need for increased higher education facilities in the "Borough of Universities and Progress."

Classes began with 120 students at Hunter College in February 1959 and moved to the former site of the Bronx High School of Science at Creston Avenue and West 184th Street the following year. With Dr. Morris Meister as its first president, the College soon developed into a much-acclaimed comprehensive community college offering a broad range of academic programs.

In April 1961, The City University of New York was created by the State Legislature, with Bronx Community College as one of its seven constituent undergraduate colleges.

Dr. James A. Colston became the second president of Bronx Community College on August 1, 1966, following Dr. Meister's retirement. For the next decade, the College grew dramatically, spurred in 1970 by the introduction of open admissions. By 1972, the College was occupying seven additional centers within walking distance of the main building and serving approximately 10,000 matriculated students.

In July 1973, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York acquired the New York University Heights

Campus for the use of Bronx Community College. Beginning with the fall 1973 semester, operations were moved to the present 43-acre site overlooking the Harlem River. There are modern classrooms, lecture halls and laboratories; a student center, cafeteria and lounges; shaded walks and a grassy mall; athletic fields, tennis courts, and a swimming pool; and advanced media and library facilities.

Upon Dr. Colston's retirement in 1976, Dr. Morton Rosenstock was named Acting President.

On September 1, 1977, Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., became the third president of Bronx Community College. During his 17-year tenure, the College intensified its outreach to New York City's economic and educational institutions through partnerships with business and industry to better ensure the success of graduates. New programs were developed in high growth professions in the fields of health, the technologies and human services.

Dr. Leo A. Corbie was named Acting President after Dr. Brown's retirement in June, 1993. Dr. Carolyn G. Williams became the College's fourth president on August 26, 1996.

The College's important contribution to the cultural life of its students and the borough is felt through an organized program of concerts, plays, films, speakers, and art exhibits open to both students and the public.



## ■ ACCREDITATION

Bronx Community College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Commission on Higher Education (3624 Market Street; Philadelphia, PA 19104-2680; 267-284-5000), both as a unit of The City University of New York and as an individual college.

The Electronic Engineering Technology curriculum is accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (111 Market Place, Suite 1050; Baltimore, MD 21202-4012; 410-347-7700).

The Human Services program is accredited by the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE, PMB, 703 1050 Larrabee Avenue, Suite 104, Bellingham, WA 98225-7367; 360-650-3531).

The Nursing Curriculum is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission Inc. (NLNAC; 61 Broadway; New York, NY 10006; 212-812-0390). The Licensed Practical Nursing Programs are registered by the State Education Department/The University of the State of New York; Education Building; Albany, NY 12234; 518-486-2967.

The Nuclear Medicine Technology program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Nuclear Medicine Technology (350 Oquirrh Place; 350 South 400 East, Suite 200; Salt Lake City, Utah 84111-2938; 801-364-4310) recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an independent accrediting agency.

The Radiologic Technology Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850; Chicago, IL 60606-2901; 312-704-5300) and the New York State Department of Health (Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection; 2 University Place, Room 325; Albany, NY 12203-3399; 518-402-7580).

Paralegal Studies is accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA; 541 North Fairbanks Court; Chicago, IL 60611; 312-988-5617).

The programs in Business and Information Systems are nationally accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP; 7007 College Boulevard, Suite 420; Overland Park, KS 66211; 913-339-9356).

## ■ CHARTER

The New York State Board of Regents, through the Division of Higher Education of the New York State Department of Education, has chartered and approved all curricula and programs of Bronx Community College.

## ■ NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Bronx Community College is committed to Equal Employment and to Affirmative Action in its educational programs and personnel practices. The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, transgender, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, alienage or citizenship, veteran or marital status in its student admissions, employment, access

to programs and administration of educational policies.

**Ms. Sahana Gupta** serves as the Affirmative Action Officer, Coordinator for Sexual Harassment Panel, American with Disabilities Act (ADA)/ 504 Coordinator, Coordinator for Title IX and the Age Discrimination Act. Office: Language Hall, Room 27, 718- 289-5151.

**Ms. Melissa Kirk** is the Director of Disability Services for students. Office: Loew Hall, Room 211, 718-289-5877.

**Ms. Nancy Gear** is the Deputy Coordinator of the Sexual Harassment Panel responsible for its educational programs. Office: Colston Hall 611, 718-289-5740.

**Dr. Marjorie Garrido** is the Deputy Coordinator of the Sexual Harassment Panel responsible for investigations. Office: Colston Hall, Room 333, 718-289-5670.

## ■ GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Any student or employee of Bronx Community College who believes that there has been a violation of any affirmative action regulation may contact the Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX/ADA 504 Coordinator for written procedures and information. Office: Language Hall, Room 27, 718 -289-5151.

A student whose complaint is related to a handicap or disability condition may contact the Director of Disability Services for written procedures and complaint forms. Office: Loew Hall, Room 211, 718-289-5877.

## ■ GENERAL EDUCATION

### I. General Educational Objectives

Graduates from BCC will have acquired and demonstrated the knowledge and proficiencies they need to successfully transfer to a four-year baccalaureate program and/or to work in their chosen fields. They will be well-informed, globally aware, engaged world citizens making a meaningful contribution to society. They will be self-directed, committed to their physical and mental well-being, and to lifelong learning.

### II. General Education Proficiencies

- A. Communication: Use reading, writing, listening and speaking to find, interpret, and communicate information in various modes, including aesthetic, statistical, symbolic and graphic.
- B. Reasoning and Analysis: Use abstract reasoning, including the ability to analyze, interpret, evaluate and integrate information; apply the results; and formulate and solve problems.
- C. Mathematical Methods: Use mathematics/statistics to solve problems.
- D. Scientific Methods: Use the scientific method to understand the natural and physical worlds.
- E. Information Literacy: Use information technology to support professional and academic careers.
- F. Personal Growth and Professional Development: Use continued self-development to examine personal values and civic responsibilities. Navigate college and career requirements with academic, personal, and professional integrity and accountability.

## ■ DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED

An applicant to Bronx Community College may be admitted to one of the various curricula or programs offered. Detailed descriptions of the requirements appear on pages 75 to 117. Each has been approved by and is registered with the New York State Department of Education as is required. Each registered program has an assigned HEGIS code which appears in parentheses.

Unless a student is registered in one of the listed programs, his or her financial aid might be affected.

Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) degree programs give students the educational foundation needed for transfer to baccalaureate programs. The A.A. and A.S. programs provide a solid foundation in liberal arts and sciences as well as options which can introduce students to areas they may decide to major in after graduating from BCC and transferring to a senior college.

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree programs prepare students for entry into specific career areas by combining liberal arts and sciences with career education. These programs are not intended for transfer to senior colleges, although students may be able to have some of their coursework at the associate degree level transfer to baccalaureate programs.

### Associate in Applied Sciences Degree (A.A.S.)

#### *Career Programs*

- Accounting (5002)
- Automotive Technology (5306)
- Computer Information Systems (5103)
- Digital Design and Computer Graphics (5012)
- Education Associate (5503)
- Electronic Engineering Technology (5310)
- Environmental Technology (5499)
- Human Services (5501)
- Marketing Management (5004)
- Media Technology (5008)
- Medical Laboratory Technology (5205)
- Nuclear Medicine Technology (5207)
- Nursing (5208-10)
- Ornamental Horticulture (5402)
- Paralegal Studies (5099)
- Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Technology (5205)
- Radiologic Technology (5207)
- Secretarial Science-Medical (5214)
- Secretarial Studies (5005)
- Telecommunications Technology (5310)
- Telecommunications Technology Verizon (5310)
- Warehouse Management (5099)

#### Associate in Arts Degree (A.A.)

- Liberal Arts and Sciences (5649)

#### Associate in Science Degree (A.S.)

- Business Administration (5004)
- Community/School Health Education (5506)
- Computer Science (5101)
- Engineering Science (5609)

- Liberal Arts and Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Systems and Environmental Science, and Physics) (5649)
- Mathematics (5617)
- Therapeutic Recreation (5599)

## ■ CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Animal Care and Management (5403)
- Assistant of Children with Special Needs (5503)
- Automotive Mechanics (5306)
- Bilingual Early Childhood Assistant (5503)
- Early Childhood Assistant (5503)
- Licensed Practical Nursing (5209.20)
- Paralegal Studies (5099)

## ■ SUMMER SESSION

Announcements and a bulletin of courses offered in day and evening classes in the Summer Session are issued in the spring by the College.

## ■ CAMPUS SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Bronx Community College is situated on a beautiful 43-acre campus high above the Harlem River. The buildings originally housed the New York University School of Engineering and includes several landmark structures.

### Auditoriums

The BCC campus has three major auditoriums. The largest is in the Gould Memorial Library. Its capacity of 650 allows its use for a variety of events including College convocations, cultural programs and community activities. To rent this space, contact the Office of Administration and Finance at (718) 289-5127.

The Hall of Fame Playhouse in the Roscoe C. Brown Jr. Student Center, with a capacity of 350, is used as a theatre for dramatic productions, musicals, and concerts. To rent this space, contact the Office of Student Activities at (718) 289-5195.

Schwendler Auditorium in Meister Hall, which seats 186, is also used for concerts and community activities. To rent this space, contact the Office of Administration and Finance at (718) 289-5127.

### Bookstore

The bookstore in the Roscoe C. Brown Jr. Student Center, operated as a private concession under contract with the College, stocks all required and supplementary textbooks and supplies, in addition to greeting cards, stationery, College jewelry, sweatshirts, etc. A commission paid by the bookstore goes to the Bronx Community College Auxiliary Enterprises Corporation, which supports a variety of campus activities.

## Cafeteria

A cafeteria, located in the Roscoe C. Brown Jr. Student Center, is operated for the convenience of students and faculty. In addition to the meals and refreshments available, the cafeteria offers catering services for meetings and receptions throughout the campus.

The cafeteria is open the following hours:

Monday - Thursday - 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday - 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday - 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The faculty/staff cafeteria and lounge located in Language Hall has snacks and beverage vending machines and is open Monday – Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. when classes are in session.

## Child Development Center

One of the first childcare centers in the City University of New York, we have been committed to offering excellent early care and education services since 1973. Located at 2205 Sedgwick Avenue, the Center offers affordable service to children of BCC students.

BCCDC provides a multicultural, educational, social, recreational, and nutritional program to children between two months and twelve years of age. The approach to education is based upon a developmentally appropriate curriculum that targets children's own ideas and interests.

The Early Childhood Program is licensed to serve preschool children between the ages of two and five years. A free Universal Pre-K Program (UPK), funded by the NYC Board of Education, is offered for 2 1/2 hours a day that can be extended to a full day based on a sliding fee scale. The hours of operations are Monday through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A School-Age Program is licensed to serve children five to twelve years old.

The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday evenings from 2:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. while the College is in session.

The Family Child Care network recruits and trains individuals in the surrounding community, who are licensed and registered with the NYC Department of Health, as Family Child Care Providers to care for infants, toddlers, pre-school and school-age children, using their own homes.

Enrollment is on first-come, first-served basis.

(718) - 367-8882

(718) - 364-5628

bcccdc@bcc.cuny.edu

## College Relations Office

The College Relations Office is located in Language Hall, Room 16. Information about College activities and cultural events is available there. This Office compiles the College Catalog; prepares brochures for academic

departments and special programs; develops press releases, posters, flyers, a weekly calendar and *Update* newsletter; the faculty/staff newspaper, the *Voice*; a *Gateway* newsletter highlighting faculty, alumni and students; and an award-winning *Annual Report*. The Office also monitors the official College website on the Internet.

**All official Bronx Community College publications for external or internal distribution should be submitted to the College Relations Office for graphic design and editorial review.**

Media inquiries should be directed to the Director of Public Affairs at (718) 289-5151 or the Director of College Relations at (718) 289-5145.

## Evening and Weekend Office

Evening, Saturday and Sunday classes are scheduled each semester to accommodate students' work and home commitments. Most courses are available to the students during evening hours. A wide range of courses are scheduled on weekends beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Evening Office, located in Colston Hall, Room 506A, is open the following hours when classes are in session:

- Monday -Thursday - 3 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sunday - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - selected dates

## Gymnasium, Fitness Center, Swimming Pool

The gymnasium, fitness center and swimming pool located in Alumni Gym are used by the College's Department of Health, Physical Education and Wellness classes and University Heights High School. The facilities are also available for student and faculty recreational use during specified hours. Contact the Department for information at (718) 289-5268.

## Health Services

The services offered include physical assessments with counseling and referrals as needed, minor injuries and over-the-counter medication for minor health problems. Free immunization for measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis and flu. HIV screening with pre- and post-counseling is offered every other week through Project ACCESS.

A partnership with Morris Heights Health Care Center allows all registered students access to the medical services provided at their facilities including laboratory, family planning and counseling for a \$10 co-payment. Call for an appointment at (718)-483-1234.

## Information Technology Department

The Information Technology group consists of four main areas: Academic Computing, Administrative Computing, Technical Services and Help Desk/Training Services.

**The Academic Computing Center** consists of 12 diverse facilities. The main multi-purpose center is in Sage Hall with 11 satellites located in Colston Hall, Loew Hall, Carl Polowczyk Hall, and Meister Hall. The College is moving to an Intranet configuration with Internet access. More than 300 PC Windows users may use various site-licensed applications, commercial educational programs, and others which have been developed by BCC faculty. The Academic Computing Center has upgraded its network to a state-of-the-art Fiber-Optic Collapsed Backbone Ethernet System. Four large Macintosh networks with more than 125 users are also in operation and being integrated into the Ethernet backbone, all with World Wide Web access. Microcomputers, including Macintosh PowerMacs, Dells, and Gateway Pentium systems are available for students, faculty and staff use under the guidance of trained support staff.

**The Administrative Computing Center** is designed to provide services to the entire College community. With a trained professional staff and capable mainframe equipment shared with other CUNY colleges from a central facility, administrators, faculty and students can access a variety of City University systems locally and from remote sites. The College utilizes the latest technology in the areas of networking, web and client-server facilities, such as SQL, WIN 2000/NT, Novell, Linux and Unix platforms. Administrative departments have access to the Student Information Management System (SIMS) that provides quick and efficient access to student information. Faculty and students access the College's databases and/or gain web access to other departments through the Internet: <http://www.bcc.cuny.edu>.

**The Help Desk** is a centralized facility designed to serve the College community in all of its requests and inquiries demanding immediate assistance or scheduled technical services. The Help Desk will analyze, prepare and dispatch work orders to the appropriate unit of

the Information Technology Department. More specifically, the Help Desk is responsible for:

- providing assistance to faculty and staff on all information and communications technologies available at the College;
- supporting electronic mail inquiries and requests for e-mail and portal accounts;
- assisting in resolving computer hardware and software problems;
- disseminating information on software/hardware standards and site licensing at the College;
- management of laptop loaners and projections equipment.

The Help Desk staff may be reached at extension 5970, or by e-mail to: [helpdesk@bcc.cuny.edu](mailto:helpdesk@bcc.cuny.edu).

## **Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) “Learning about Learning”**

Our mission is to support an ever-expanding community of faculty, staff, and administrators dedicated to learning about learning. The Center for Teaching Excellence offers a variety of opportunities in the instructional and professional development areas, including: one-time workshops, individual clinics, customized department workshops, semester-long seminars, a special week of events, and a summer research institute. In the area of technology, our goal is to assist faculty in structuring their course content in a technology rich mode. The CTE Advisory Board, with members drawn from every discipline and area of the College, determines the needs of our learning community and supports a diversity of collaborative efforts, including working with neighboring colleges. The Center for Teaching Excellence Web address is [www.bcc.cuny.edu/centerforteaching](http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/centerforteaching).



## Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety consists of sworn Peace Officers who patrol all campus and off-campus locations on 24-hours, seven-days-a-week schedule. The Department maintains a 24-hour emergency operator and responds to all emergencies on campus. Everyone is encouraged to report all crimes and suspicious conditions to the Public Safety Department. All crimes are reported to the New York Police Department and records are maintained on campus as well. A yearly crime report is issued, which can be obtained from the College's website at [www.bcc.cuny.edu/PublicSafety](http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/PublicSafety). Copies may also be obtained at the Department of Public Safety and the Offices of Admissions, Human Resources and Continuing & Professional Studies.

For information regarding Campus Security Report contact person (See Appendix A, pg. 194).

The **Advisory Committee on Campus Safety** will provide, on request, all campus crime statistics as reported to the United States Department of Education. To access campus crime statistics, please visit the **USDOE** website at <http://ope.ed.gov/security>.

You may also contact the Director of Public Safety at Bronx Community College at 718-289-5923. Individuals requesting campus crime statistics will be mailed a copy within ten (10) days of the request and that information will include all of the statistics that the campus is required to ascertain under Title 20 of the United States Code, Section 1092(f).

The Office of Public Safety is located in Loew Hall, Room 505. The College's emergency number is 718-289-5911.

## LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

*Office:* Meister Hall, Lower Level

**Chairperson:** Prof. Teresa L. McManus

**Professor:** J. Skurdenis

**Associate Professor:** D. Bogenschneider

**Assistant Professors:** J. Adekola, G. Hebert, L. Lawton, D. Koenigstein, M. Padnos

**Lecturers:** K. Parsons, W. Scott

The Library and Gerald S. Lieblich Learning Resources Center at Bronx Community College provides support for teaching, learning and research in all areas of the BCC curriculum. The Library is located in the basement and sub-basement of Meister Hall and contains the print collection. The learning Resources Center (LRC) is located on the first floor of Sage Hall and houses the audio/visual collection. The LRC is set up as a self-tutorial environment where faculty and students may view and listen to videos, CDs and other audio/visual resources on site. Computers connected to the internet are available at both loca-

tions. Copiers and printing services are available for students and faculty use, and computers are provided for writing papers, producing presentations and completing assignments.

BCC students, faculty and staff have access through the BCC Library & LRC to electronic resources, many accessible 24/7 from remote sites, including more than 19,000 periodicals. Resources and services are accessible through the library web page: [www.bcc.cuny.edu/library](http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/library). Holdings information for all 19 campus libraries are available through the shared library catalog, CUNY+ (pronounced CUNY Plus). BCC faculty and students have circulation privileges at CUNY Libraries, with the exception of the Graduate Center, and may check out materials using their CUNY ID. The materials may be returned to the BCC Library, or to the CUNY Library.

The BCC Library offers library instruction classes to help students develop proficiencies in using library and information resources to support their academic success and goals. Customized library instruction sessions are available to focus on particular sources, assignments and subject areas. Faculty members wishing to schedule instruction sessions may contact the LRC at extension 5429 or the Chief Librarian at extension 5548.

Faculty may put books and articles on Reserve to make them available to students. Reserve materials are available for check out for two-hour periods and must be used in the library. The form to place materials on Reserve is accessible on the Library web page.

The BCC Library & Gerald S. Lieblich Learning Resources Center is open 7 days a week during the academic semester. Faculty and students will find that BCC librarians are committed to their success and available all hours the library is open.

## AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES

Auxiliary Enterprises is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which contracts with vendors to operate the cafeteria and campus bookstore. Revenue derived from the contractual agreements is used to enhance campus facilities and activities. A Board of Directors comprised of faculty, administrative staff and students oversees the operation of the corporation.

## ■ BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

*Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs,  
Dr. George L. Sanchez*

The Bronx Community College Foundation has been established to ensure the College's continued ability to provide innovative academic and career programs while preparing its students for a technologically competitive economy.

The Foundation supports scholarships, faculty research, program development, community education, cultural projects and activities for the Landmark Hall of Fame for Great Americans.



## Board of Directors

Walter Marin, R.A., **Chairperson**, *President, The Marin Group*

Deborah MacFarlane, **Vice Chairperson**, *Vice President, Institutional Development, Thirteen/WNET*

Norman Lichtman, **Treasurer**, *Chairman of the Board, Odyssey Foods of New York (Burger King)*

Stefany Dobken-Bergson, **Secretary**, *Director of Corporate Affairs, Manhattan Beer Distributors*

Marjorie Boone, *Executive Director, Seneca Center, Inc.*

Celia Cruz, *Business Consultant/Insurance Broker, Celia Cadiz Business Consulting Group*

Mary E. Coleman, *Vice President of Administration and Finance, Bronx Community College*

John Collazzi, *Publisher, Bronx Times Reporter*

Richard P. Delgado, *Principal, Ohayon & Desarno Associates*

Leon Eastmond, *Chief Executive Officer, A.L. Eastmond & Sons, Inc.*

Jesus Flores Linares, *President & CEO, Business Relocation Services, Inc.*

Lorance Hockert, Esq., *Partner, Hockert, Warnock & Donnelly*

Elias Karmon, *President, EMK Enterprises*

Kenneth Knuckles, *President & CEO, Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Development Corporation*

Larry Morman, *Developer, Slane Development NYC c/o The Marin Group*

Joseph Ocasio, *President, Streamline Windows, Inc.*

Nelson Reynoso, *Director of General Counseling, Bronx Community College*

Doel Rivera, *President, JAG/York, Inc.*

George L. Sanchez, *Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Bronx Community College*

Carin Savage, *Acting Dean of Institutional Development, Bronx Community College*

Ysrael A. Seinuk, *Chief Executive Officer, Yrael A. Seinuk P.C.*

Howard Stein, *Chairman, Rite Check Financial Services*

Olga Luz Tirado, *President & CEO, Luz Tirado Communications, Inc.*

Ramon Velez, Jr., *President, South Bronx Community Management Company, Inc.*

Carolyn G. Williams, *President, Bronx Community College*

Virginia Wright, *Partner, Gill Wright Group*



## ■ THE HALL OF FAME FOR GREAT AMERICANS

*Director:* Mr. Dennis McEvoy

The Hall of Fame for Great Americans at Bronx Community College, the original “Hall of Fame” in this country, is a New York City landmark founded in 1900 to honor prominent Americans who have had a significant impact on this nation’s history. The Hall of Fame was originated by Dr. Henry Mitchell MacCracken, Chancellor of New York University from 1891 to 1910, and was designed as part of the undergraduate college of that university.

Built in a sweeping semicircular Neo-Classical arc with wings at both ends, the Colonnade provides a panorama across the Harlem River to the Cloisters in Fort Tryon Park. It is a patriotic reminder that this country’s phenomenal growth has been due to the vitality, ingenuity and intellect of these individuals.

The principal feature of the Hall of Fame is its 630-foot open-air Colonnade which houses the bronze portrait busts of the honorees. Designed by the celebrated architect Stanford White and financed by a gift from Mrs. Finley J. Shepard (Helen Gould) to New York University, the Hall of Fame was formally dedicated on May 30, 1901.

The complex of three buildings adjoining the Colonnade—Gould Memorial Library, the Hall of Lan-

guages, and Cornelius Baker Hall of Philosophy—were also designed by Stanford White and bear a close conceptual relationship to the Colonnade, with the library as the central focus. These three buildings were among the first constructed on the University Heights campus—Language Hall (1894), Gould Memorial Library (1899), and Philosophy Hall (1912).

The Colonnade was designed with niches to accommodate 102 sculptured works and currently houses the busts and commemorative plaques of 98 of the 102 honorees elected since 1900.

The 98 bronze busts that line the Colonnade are original works by distinguished American sculptors. The bronze tablets recessed in the wall beneath the busts carry inscriptions of significant statements made by the men and women honored.

The categories of occupation or endeavor represented in the Hall of Fame are authors, educators, inventors, military leaders, judges, theologians, humanitarians, scientists, physicians, statesmen, artists, musicians, actors and explorers.

The Hall of Fame for Great Americans is rich in history, unrivaled for its architecture, and serves as a focus for educational reinforcement and a stage for related programs and exhibits. The Hall of Fame is open to the public for daily tours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.