TIAA Financial Counseling
Tuesday, November 21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., in South Hall [SH], Room 112B

Let TIAA help you make financial decisions that are right for you. No matter where you are in life – just getting started or planning for retirement – a session with Stephen Baumeister can help you create a unique plan for your goals. And it’s at no additional cost as a part of your retirement plan. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.tiaa.org/schedulenow, or contact the Field Support Team at 800.732.8353, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Film Screening and Discussion: “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks”
Wednesday, November 22, 2 - 5 p.m., in Meister Hall [ME], Schwendler Auditorium

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells – taken without her knowledge in 1951 – became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping and more. Henrietta’s cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown and her family can’t afford health insurance.

This HBO special presentation, based on the book by Rebecca Skloot, tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew.

Please join us for a screening of the film, followed by a group discussion led by Drs. Monique Guishard, Mara Lazda and Emalinda McSpadden from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Special Quit Smoking Sessions
Saturday, November 25, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 2 p.m., in Begrish Hall [BH], Room 228

If you would like to obtain information on how to stop smoking or encourage others to stop, please participate in this BCC/HPER Introductory Quit Smoking Session. No appointment is necessary. Bring a non-smoking person who may be concerned about the impact of second and third hand smoke. The sessions will feature the impact of second and third-hand smoke on vulnerable groups (children, the elderly, people with various health problems and pets) and the new NYS/NYC Public Health Laws prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in all places where smoking is prohibited. Please remind guests to present an I.D. at all entrances.

#Giving Tuesday
Tuesday, November 28

This #GivingTuesday, the 24-hour social media-driven global day of giving, the BCC Foundation will raise support for the College’s greatest needs. Contributions will fund student scholarships and the food pantry and provide emergency aid. Fundraising will take place online and in the Roscoe Brown Student Center [BC], Meister Hall [ME] and Colston Hall [CO] lobbies.

Blood Drive
Tuesday, November 28, 9 a.m - 3 p.m., in Colston Hall [CO], Lower Level

Donating blood is a safe, simple and satisfying experience. Your donations help give life to millions of Americans each year who require blood transfusions during surgery, after an accident or because they have a disease that requires blood components. The process usually takes about 45 - 60 minutes. To prepare, eat at your regular mealtimes and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation. Wear clothing with sleeves that can easily be rolled up above the elbow. You may donate if you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 lbs. and are in good physical health. To make an appointment, please contact the American Red Cross at 1.800.RED.CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: BronxCC.

Grant Opportunity for BCC Students
The Education Fund will provide grants to talented women, age 35 and older, with strong academic records who have overcome extreme adversity and returned to college to complete their degrees. Qualified students are invited to apply for the 2018 Education Fund grants. Unlike financial aid or scholarships, the $10,000 award goes directly to the recipient for whatever needs loom largest for her, whether tuition, child care, medical bills, elder care, transportation, housing or any other priority. Financial need is just one selection factor. Applicants must also be New York City residents attending colleges in the city at least part-time after June 2018 and must have a minimum of nine credits remaining to complete their first associate or bachelor’ss degree. Applications must be completed electronically and submitted by Friday, December 1, 2017 to www.womensforumny.org.
NYS Deferred Compensation
Tuesday, November 28, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in South Hall [SH], Room 106
The New York State Deferred Compensation Plan is a state-sponsored voluntary retirement savings plan offered to state employees or employees of more than 1,200 local government jurisdictions. Its mission is to help state and local public employees achieve their retirement saving goals by providing high-quality, cost-effective investment products, investment education programs and related services. To make an appointment with representative Kamaljit Singh to enroll or review your existing account, visit http://bronxcommunitycollege.MyRetirementAppt.com or email singhk9@nationwide.com. Walk-ins are also welcome. For information, please call 1.800.422.8463, ext. 8544072

Parranda/Christmas Parade
Thursday, November 30, 12 - 2 p.m.
In celebration of the holiday season, the Association of Latino Faculty and Staff, in collaboration with Student Life and Unity & Strength, is hosting a “Parranda Navideña.” For many Latin and Central American countries, it is tradition to go from house to house singing Christmas carols and enjoying good food as we celebrate the Christmas holiday. We extend an invitation to our BCC family as we ask that you join us. This festive occasion will culminate with a holiday party in Colston Hall [CO], Lower Level. There will be music, food, fun and much more! We will begin promptly at 12 p.m. in front of Loew Hall [LO]. See you there!
We invite you to participate by providing a food or beverage item for our potluck. For more information, please send an email to latino.association@bcc.cuny.edu.

This Week@BCC
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017
1- Classes Follow a Friday Schedule
2- BCC Women’s Basketball vs Nassau CC
   6 - 8 p.m., @ Home in AG
3- BCC Men’s Basketball vs Nassau CC
   8 - 10 p.m., @ Home in AG

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017
1- Thanksgiving Recess
   College Closed Through Sunday, November 26

Quote of the Week
“Giving is an expression of gratitude for our blessings.” - Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen, American Philanthropist, Philanthropy Educator, Entrepreneur and Author.