#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.

**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 a tradition to go from house to house singing Christmas carols and enjoying good food as we celebrate the Christmas holiday. 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.

**Film Screening and Discussion: “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks”**

**Thursday, November 30, 12 - 3 p.m., in Meister Hall [ME], Schwendler Auditorium**

We will watch the HBO Special, “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” followed by a group discussion led by Dr. Monique Guishard, Dr. Tanzina Ahmed and Professor Laroi Lawton from an interdisciplinary perspective.

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 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.

**Faculty Lecture Series**

**Thursday, November 30, 2 - 3:30, in North Hall and Library [NL], Room 314**

The English Department invites you to attend a talk by Professor Emilie Pons on her biographical work on Chavela Vargas, a Costa Rican-born Mexican artist, who overcame poverty to become a unique, uncompromising and successful musician. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.
**Film: “Hidden Figures”**  
Thursday, November 30, 4 - 6 p.m., in Meister Hall [ME], Schwendler Auditorium

BCC is highlighting STEM throughout the month of November! Directed by Theodore Melfi, “Hidden Figures” is the incredible untold story of Katherine G. Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) – brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation’s confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.

**Lunch with Leaders Seminar**  
Tuesday, December 5, 12 - 2 p.m., in Roscoe Brown Student Center [BC], Room 211

Please join the Office of Student Life/Student Leadership Institute, as we host the Lunch with Leaders Seminar, featuring CUNY Board Trustee Una Clarke as the guest speaker. Lunch with Leaders Seminar is an informal opportunity for students to gather, listen and participate in a free-ranging discussion presented by successful leaders. Students have a chance to better understand the requisite skills for entry and success in various career fields and to hear personal anecdotes about how these leaders succeeded, challenges they faced and career advice they want to share. The Hon. Una S.T. Clarke, the first Caribbean-born woman elected to the New York City’s legislature, is a proven and dedicated leader whose hard work and tireless advocacy have brought remarkable changes to her community.

**BCC Presents “Handel’s Messiah”**  
Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m., in Roscoe Brown Student Center [BC], Hall of Fame Playhouse

Join us as we proudly continue a campus holiday tradition, featuring conductor Michael Spierman, soloists, The Bronx Opera Chorus, The Orchestra of the Bronx and narrators from the Bronx community and civic leaders! Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. CUNY students with valid ID and K-12 students will be admitted free. This performance is open to the general public. For tickets and information, please contact the Office of Development at 718.289.5394. Student groups may register in advance before Thursday, December 7th.

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**Quote of the Week**

“A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.” - Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC), Roman Philosopher, Politician, Lawyer, Orator, Political Theorist, Consul and Constitutionalist