BCC Presents “Handel’s Messiah”
Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m., in Roscoe Brown Student Center [BC], Hall of Fame Playhouse
Join us as we proudly continue a campus holiday tradition, “Handel’s Messiah”, featuring conductor Michael Spierman, soloists, The Bronx Opera Chorus, The Orchestra of the Bronx and narrators from the Bronx community! 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 Latoya Davis in the Office of Development at 718.289.5394.

Digital Arts Student Exhibit
Monday, December 5 - Friday, December 16, in Hall of Fame Art Gallery, Bliss Hall [BL]
Reception on Thursday, December 8, 2 - 4 p.m.
Come celebrate and support the hard work, amazing talent and creativity of our students! Students in the Digital Arts program will display their work including studio art, digital design, animation, photography and digital music.
The Hall of Fame Art Gallery is open Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

Writing Center Contest
Entries Due Wednesday, December 7
The Writing Center in collaboration with The Spoken Word Club and Thesis presents “Raise Your Voices!” a writing contest. With everything that’s going on in our city, our nation and the world, there is much to speak out about and express how we feel. What issues, problems or conditions do you feel passionate about? Write an essay, a short story or a poem about something that you feel driven to speak out about: emotional, personal, social or political issues, love, hate, war, peace, the human race. This is a time to stand up and shout out your feelings! Submissions will be judged based on the quality, creativity and originality of the writing. Prizes include Barnes and Noble gifts, tablets, dinner certificates for two, gift baskets and more! First prize winners will be published in Thesis. Winners will be announced at The Poet’s Cafe on Thursday, December 8. For more information, visit The Writing Center in Sage Hall [SA], Room 100, or call 718.289.5279.

Toy and Clothing Drive
Now through Saturday, December 10
Join the BCC Future Teacher’s Club, (FTC) as they give back and support our children in need this holiday season. They are accepting new or gently used (clean and in excellent condition) toys, clothing, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and sneakers. Donations will be distributed to the BCC Children’s Center and Midnight Run of NYC. For more information, please contact Dr. Kaemanje Thomas at 718.289.5100, Ext. 3493. Thank you in advance for your support. Happy Holidays!

TIAA-CREF Financial Counseling
Thursday, December 8, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., in South Hall [SH], Room 112B
Let TIAA-CREF help you make financial decisions that are right for you. To schedule an appointment with representative Clement Akintomide, please contact the Field Support Team at 800.732.8353 or 866.843.5640, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., or visit www.tiaa-cref.org.

Fashion and Talent Showcase Charity Drive
Thursday, December 8, 12 - p.m., in Gould Memorial Library [GM], Auditorium
Millions of people around the world suffer from hunger or food insecurity. Others are inadequately clothed to face the harsh cold of winter. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fashion, music, dance and poetry as we tackle the issue of hunger and also make sure that our less fortunate neighbors can stay warm in the months ahead. To be admitted, please bring at least one non-perishable food item or a winter coat. Food items will be donated to Hunger Free America and the BCC Food Pantry. Winter coats will be donated to New York Cares. For each item you donate, you will receive one raffle ticket.

Poet’s Café
Thursday, December 8, 12 - 2 p.m., in Sage Hall [SA], Room 100
The Writing Center presents Poet’s Café, featuring guest poet Aimee Herman! Come and enjoy poetry, music and light refreshments. There will be an open mic, so bring your poetry! The winner of the writing contest will also be announced. For more information, please contact The Writing Center at 718.289.5279.
Library Workshop

The Library Department is offering workshops that will enhance student success in research for classwork. This week’s workshop will be held in North Hall and Library [NL], Room 102 by December 16

**Search for Research**

Participants will gain exposure to the research databases available through the BCC Library, both on and off campus.

Rainbow Alliance Holiday Sock Drive

Thursday, December 8, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., in Colston Hall [C0], Room 203 or Saqee Hall [SA], Room 102 by December 16

Access to socks and shoes is often limited for homeless youth living in shelters and on the streets. You can help! Donations will benefit Sylvia’s Place, an emergency shelter for homeless LGBTQIA youth.

Nursing and Allied Health Info Session

Thursday, December 8, 5 -6 p.m., in Carl Polowczyk Hall [CP], Room 401

Attend this information session to understand the requirements for entrance into the Registered Nursing program.

Free BIO 23 Prep Course

The Department of Biological Sciences will be offering a free preparatory course (no prerequisites) online for all students taking BIO 23 in Spring 2017. **Students will be able to use this prep course as extra credit for BIO 23.** How does it work? Score 77 or better in the prep course online assessments (quizzes), and add up to 10 extra points to your first lecture exam in BIO 23. The quizzes can be taken multiple times. Course content will be also available for download. Students need to sign up now at http://tiny.cc/bio23prep so they can receive instructions on how to access the course when it becomes available. **The course will go live no later than January 1, 2017.** For more information, please email carlos.liachovitzky@bcc.cuny.edu.

This Week @ BCC

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016**

1- Executive Committee Meeting
   2:15 - 3:30 p.m., LH PCR
2- Governance and Elections
   4 - 5:30 p.m., @ CP 321

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016**

1- Curriculum Committee Meeting (Tentative)
   2 - 4 p.m., ME 228
2- PSC End of Semester Meeting/Party
   3:30 - 6:30 p.m., LH Faculty/Staff Lounge
3- CIPD Meeting
   4 - 6 p.m., NL 136
4- BCC Women’s Basketball vs Rockland CC
   5 - 7 p.m., @ Home in Alumni Gym
5- BCC Men’s Basketball vs Rockland CC
   7:30 - 9:30 p.m., @ Home in Alumni Gym

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016**

1- Council of Chairpersons
   10 a.m. - 12 p.m., LH PCR

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016**

1- College Senate
   12 - 1:50 p.m., NI 104
2- Get PSyCh’D Peer Educator Symposium
   12 - 2 p.m., BC 211
3- BCC Women’s Basketball vs Sullivan County CC
   5 - 7 p.m., Away Game in Loch Sheldrake, NY
4- BCC Men’s Basketball vs Sullivan County CC
   7 - 9 p.m., Away Game in Loch Sheldrake, NY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016**

1- BCC Women’s Basketball vs BMCC
   1 - 3 p.m., @ Home in Alumni Gym
2- BCC Men’s Basketball vs BMCC
   3 - 5 p.m., @ Home in Alumni Gym

**Quote of the Week**

“The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in determination.”

Tommy Lasorda (b. 1927), Former Major League Baseball Player

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