Volunteers Needed for Commencement Week

Two of BCC’s most important annual events are almost here: the 2011 Honors Convocation (Wednesday, June 1, at 6:30pm) and Commencement Day (Friday, June 3, beginning at 10am). We are once again asking for volunteers to lend a hand on the days and times below. Supervisors are being asked to volunteer a member of their staff to assist during a portion of one of the activities. Please contact Melissa Kirk, ext. 5193/5194, or Manny Lopez, ext. 5962, as soon as possible.

- For Honors Convocation on Wednesday, June 1, we need room decorators, greeters and ushers in Colston Hall, lower level, from 9am to 6:30pm.
- For Commencement rehearsal on Thursday, June 2, we need chair and row counters, graduate counters, material distributors, and ushers on the Quad, from 4pm to 7pm.
- For Commencement Day on Friday, June 3, we will need hosts for the graduates’ shuttle bus, bus decorators, ushers, greeters, platform decorators, material and water distributors, counters, information guides, and runners on the Quad, from 7:30am through the conclusion of the program.

Thank you in advance for contributing to these important efforts which are certain to culminate in an exciting week of recognition and celebration for our students, their families, our faculty, staff and all of our guests!

Graduation Rehearsal & Senior Fun Barbeque

Spend a memorable afternoon and evening with your fellow seniors as you learn about Commencement procedures. The program will feature live music, novelties, and a delicious barbecue. Thursday, June 2, from 3pm to 7pm, Gould Residence Hall, lawn area and Ohio Field.

Commencement Day

Friday, June 3, is Commencement Day! Congratulations to the BCC Class of 2011! Here is the order of the day’s activities:

8 - 9:15am - Shuttle bus service from Burnside Avenue train station at Jerome Avenue, every 20 minutes.
8:30am - Graduates robe and receive final instructions in Meister Hall lobby.
9am - Seating of guests begins.
9:30am - Assembly of graduates in front of Gould Residence Hall and Loew Hall. Degrees are conferred by curriculum; please locate your curriculum group to guarantee seating in the proper section.
9:55am - Ringing of the Chimes.
10am - Beginning of Academic procession - Ohio Field. Late arriving candidates will not be allowed to join the march line once the procession has begun. Late arriving guests will be seated once the procession ends.
12 - 2pm - Reception for graduates, guests, faculty and staff in Colston Hall, lower level.

A professional photographer will be taking photographs of each candidate as he/she shakes the President’s hand. You may make arrangements to purchase these photographs. For information, visit www.islandphoto.com.

An information booth will be located on the Clock Tower to answer Commencement-related questions. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 718.289.5194 or 5201, or visit www.bcc.cuny.edu.

Last Chance for Cap & Gown Purchases

If you did not have the opportunity to purchase your Cap and Gown in April, please do so on one of the days listed below. Wednesday, June 1, and Thursday, June 2, from 11am to 7pm; Friday, June 3, from 8am to 9:30am, in Meister Hall lobby.

Honors Convocation

On Wednesday, June 1, at 6:30pm in Gould Memorial Library Auditorium, nominated graduates will receive campus and departmental honors. A reception for honorees and their guests will follow the program in Colston Hall, lower level. Congratulations to all honors nominees!
A Message from the Department of Public Safety

Roadways are for cars, and sidewalks are for pedestrians! You wouldn't feel safe if cars drove on the sidewalks, would you? Let's keep our campus safe for everyone. You can help prevent an accident. For your safety, please do not walk in the street! Use the sidewalks when walking on campus.

International Coffee Hour

Please join us on Thursday, May 26, from 12pm to 2pm in Meister Hall lobby to make friends, get involved, and start the weekend! The coffee is free. See you there! Coordinated by Martha Charles-Glenn, director of the International Students Office.

Financial Counseling

Let TIAA-CREF help you make financial decisions that are right for you. The next on-campus session will be held on Tuesday, June 14, from 9am to 5pm, in South Hall, 1st floor conference room. Your TIAA-CREF representative is Clement Akintomide. Please visit their website at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call Maxine Jones at 800.842.2733, ext. 232461, to make an appointment.

Free HIV Testing

Every Thursday, from 11am to 3pm, the Hispanic AIDS Forum will offer free oral HIV testing and counseling to the campus community in the Health Services Office, located in Loew Hall, room 101. The Montefiore Adolescent AIDS Program and Einstein H.E.A.R.T. (HIV Education and Rapid Testing) will extend the free oral HIV testing hours for students age 24 and under, from 4pm to 6pm. No needles!

Career and Transfer Services

Career and Transfer Services provides quality services that assist students with career development and transferring to four-year colleges. Our career services include: career exploration and counseling; resume writing; interview preparation; Dress for Success; internship and employment opportunities; employment recruitment events; optimal resume; and resource library and computer lab. Our transfer services include: transfer planning and advisement; researching and selecting an appropriate major for transfer; assistance completing transfer applications; assistance with admissions essays; academic planning as it pertains to transferring; college recruitment events; college field trips; informal workshops; and transfer fairs. Visit the Career and Transfer Services office in Loew Hall, room 330, Monday through Thursday, 9am to 7pm; Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Quote of the Week

“If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves.”
—Thomas A. Edison, American Inventor, Scientist, and Businessman

Have a Great Summer! Whatever your plans, please be safe!