Freshman Convocation
Thursday, September 19, 12 - 2 p.m., in the Gould Memorial Library Auditorium.

The Office of Student Life cordially invites all faculty and staff to join us in welcoming our new freshman and transfer students at Freshman Convocation! Our keynote speaker is Nadira Angelina Hira, award-winning journalist, editor, speaker, television personality, all-round curator of great conversations, and author of the forthcoming *Misled: How a Generation of Leaders Lost the Faith (And Just What You’ll Need to Get It Back)*. Ms. Hira has a B.A. in English with a creative writing emphasis from Stanford University, where she edited the Stanford Daily. Her work has been featured in Fortune, Essence, Savoy, MTV News, and Smithsonian. The program will close with a performance by Juan Usera y La Tribu, an Afro-Caribbean ensemble led by Juan Usera, celebrating the Afro-Puerto Rican traditions of Bomba and Plena. La Tribu plays a combination of traditional and original songs with unique arrangements that range from Plena Tipica to Jazz standards. Mr. Usera is featured in the film, *Bomba: Dancing the Drum* and the Banco Popular documentary, *Raices*. He also produced and directed Sabor a Rumba, a film about Rumba in Puerto Rico. This concert is sponsored by the Department of Art and Music. Freshman Convocation is part of our Hispanic Heritage month celebration.

CTLT Faculty Workshops

The Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology is offering faculty workshops in the Center for Teaching Excellence, Philosophy Hall BO2 (*unless otherwise noted.*) The workshop schedule is as follows:

**Monday, September 16**
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., in Nichols Hall 101*
Blackboard Collaborate Awareness Meeting (This workshop is open to Faculty and Staff) To register for this event, please visit: [http://goo.gl/CVvbwQ](http://goo.gl/CVvbwQ)  

**Monday, September 16**
2 - 4 p.m.
Softchalk Create

**Wednesday, September 18**
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Prezi - Enhancing your presentations (This workshop is open to Faculty and Staff)

**Thursday, September 19**
10 - 11 a.m.
Blackboard Blogs, Wikis & Journals

Thursday, September 19
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Intro to Epson Brightlink Smartboards

To attend Blackboard workshops, participants must have working BCC email and CUNY Portal accounts. To attend any workshop, register online at [https://www.bcc.cuny.edu/InstructionalTechnology/workshops/?courseid=409&Month=9&Year=2013](https://www.bcc.cuny.edu/InstructionalTechnology/workshops/?courseid=409&Month=9&Year=2013). For a full list of all the workshops, visit [https://www.bcc.cuny.edu/InstructionalTechnology/workshops/](https://www.bcc.cuny.edu/InstructionalTechnology/workshops/). If you have any questions about the CTLT workshops, contact Albert Robinson at alb. robinson@bcc.cuny.edu or 718.289.5100, ext 3063.

Constitution and Citizenship Day
Tuesday, September 17, 12 - 2 p.m., in Roscoe Brown Student Center, Room 211.

In celebration of Constitution and Citizenship Day, please join us for “Exploring Religious & Secular Issues in our Constitutional Society.” The U.S. Constitution created a secular government, but not a secular people or society. Through its First Amendment guarantees of free speech and freedom of religion, the Constitution left it up to us – the people – to figure out ways to bridge our differences, both sacred and secular. Come join our discussion and be a part of building tolerance and understanding in our multicultural age. Featured speakers include Sheikh Moussa Drammeh, Founder, Al-Iman Mosque, Parkchester, the Bronx, Rev. Dr. Timothy Sedore, Professor, BCC English Department, and Syd LeRoy, Executive Director of Center For Inquiry – NYC. Moderated by Professor Chris Grenda, BCC History Department.

OCD credit is available for this program. Free pocket US Constitution for student attendees. Light refreshments will be served.

Self-Defense Training
Tuesday, September 17, 2 - 5 p.m.; Friday, September 20, 12 - 3 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m.; & Saturday, September 21, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., in The Alumni Gym Dojo.

The Office of Public Safety is offering a three-hour Sexual Harassment Assault Rape Prevention (SHARP) course designed especially for women. Certified SHARP instructors and accomplished martial artists from Public Safety will lead the sessions. Course content includes Defensive Counterstrikes, Prevention Psychology (teaching mental awareness and offering tips on avoiding potentially dangerous situations from occurring) and more. Please email Sergeant Mary Faison at mary.faison@bcc.cuny.edu or Sergeant Alexandria Torres at alexandria.torres@bcc.cuny.edu to attend this training.
**Workshop: Breaking Up Is Hard To Do**
Tuesday, September 17, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Roscoe Brown Student Center, Room 310.

The Office of Psychological Services will host a wellness workshop to assist students in learning skills to cope with the painful experience of ending a romantic relationship. The discussion will explore the different stages of loss and coping techniques for each stage, and will allow students to receive validation and support from others who share their experience. *OCD credit is available for all who attend. The Office of Psychological Services, located in Loew Hall, Room 216, offers free, confidential, short term counseling services to meet the diverse needs of our students. Stop by, or call 718.289.5223.*

**Introduction to Campus and Health Services**
Wednesday, September 25, 12 to 4 p.m. in Meister Hall Lobby.

This event is an introduction to campus and local community based health organizations that focus on serving the community. Insurance enrollment and testing for HIV and Hepatitis C free giveaways will be available for the campus community. Refreshments will also be served. Be sure to join us and learn more about our services. Additionally, please note that HIV/Hep C screenings will be conducted by Ms. Nyala Moon, Social Network Strategies Specialist at Community Health Care Network, every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Office of Health Services, located in Loew Hall, Room 101. Stop by and get tested so you can know your status!

**The Writing Center Has Moved!**
The Writing Center has completed its move to their new location in Sage Hall, Room 100. Fall 2013 semester hours are Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Writing Center is available to assist students with all of their writing assignments at all levels. The tutors are professional, experienced and well-trained. Students are encouraged to plan for multiple sessions during the process of drafting and writing any paper.

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**This Week@BCC**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**
1. Working Group: The Perfect Resume  
   2 - 3 p.m., LO 315
2. BCC Women’s Volleyball Team vs. Kingsborough CC  
   7 - 8:15 p.m., Away Game

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**
1. Last day to drop classes for 25% tuition refund  
2. Last day to drop without the grade of “W”
3. Constitution & Citizenship Day  
   12 - 2 p.m., BC 211
4. BCC Men’s Soccer Team vs. Queensborough CC  
   4 - 6 p.m., Away Game

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**
1. Course withdrawal period begins, a grade of “W” is assigned.
2. BCC Men’s Soccer Team vs. Suffolk CC  
   4 - 6 p.m., Alumni Gym

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**
1. Freshmen Convocation  
   12 - 2 p.m., GM Auditorium
2. Secular Humanist Club Meeting  
   12 - 1:50 p.m., CO 605
3. Seekers Christian Fellowship Club Meeting  
   12:15 - 1:40 p.m., CO 722
4. BCC Women’s Volleyball Team vs. BMCC  
   7 - 8:15 p.m., Alumni Gym

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013**
1. Men’s & Women’s Cross Country, hosted by Lehman  
   Time TBA, Van Courtland Park Course

**Quote of the Week**

“If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.”
Derek Bok (b. 1930), American Lawyer and Educator and the Former President of Harvard University.