Writing Center Contest
Entries Due Tuesday, December 2

The Writing Center is pleased to announce a writing contest! The contest offers a choice of two topics:

- Are You Really Happy or Just Really Comfortable?
- Response to the moral presented in The Story of the Stonecutter, a Chinese fable.

The following prizes will be awarded to the winners, one each for creative writing or expository writing – 1st prize: Trio Tablet, 2nd prize: Au Bon Pain gift basket, 3rd prize: $50 Barnes & Noble gift certificate. Creative winning entries will be published in BCC’s journal of creative writing, Thesis. Winners will be announced at The Poet’s Café on Thursday, December 4.

“Dating Violence in the LGBTQH Community”
Tuesday, November 18, 12 - 1:45 p.m., in Loew Hall [LO], Room 200

The NYC Anti-Violence Project runs this workshop, in which participants will identify and discuss how the LGBTQH community experiences violence related to homophobia and transphobia. Participants will receive information on the impact of hate violence, bullying, dating violence and sexual violence. In addition, participants will learn strategies to help them identify LGBTQH-related violence, find appropriate referrals and seek assistance with safety planning. Students interested in earning OCD credit must sign up in advance by calling 718.289.5223. Sponsored by the Office of Psychological Services and The Rainbow Alliance.

LeaderShop Series
Tuesday, November 18, 3 - 4 p.m., in Brown Center [BC], Room 311A

The LeaderShop Certificate Series (LCS) is about developing leadership skills while enriching your college experience. LCS offers certificates to BCC students who are interested in enhancing and expanding their knowledge of the essential practices and skills needed for effective leadership. LCS workshops cover a wide variety of topics presented in a fun, energetic and interactive environment. This week’s LeaderShop is titled Civic Responsibility | Impacting Change. This workshop will explore the role of individual civic responsibility, defined as the “moral, legal or mental accountability of each of us to leave our communities in a better condition than we found them.” To achieve that, civic responsibility demands civic participation on the part of individuals as well as government, communities and institutions. OCD credit is available for this workshop.

Fall 2014 Career Expo
Thursday, November 20, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., in Colston Hall [CO], Lower Level

The Office of Career and Transfer Services cordially invites you to attend the Fall 2014 Career Expo: Exposure to Different Career Opportunities! You will have a chance to interact with various representatives and discover your career path. Admission requirements: a validated BCC student or alumni ID, your resume (40 copies) and business attire.

For women, we suggest moderately colored suit jacket/blazer, with matching skirt or dress pants. A skirt’s length should be a little below the knee (never shorter than just above the knee.) White or light colored, modest blouse (no plunging necklines, please), dark or sheer pantyhose and polished, dark, low-heeled shoes. Neatly combed hair that is away from the face, neat and clean finger nails, limited amount of jewelry and light makeup. Please try to cover all tattoos and de-emphasize body piercings.

For men, we suggest a dark suit with a simply-patterned tie, button down long sleeved, white or light colored dress shirt, polished dress shoes, neatly combed hair, neat and clean finger nails. Please try to cover all tattoos and de-emphasize body piercings.

For further assistance, please visit Career and Transfer Services in Loew Hall 328.

Great American Smokeout
Thursday, November 20, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., in Meister Hall [ME], Lobby

The Health Services Office will host the Great American Smokeout! Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the US, yet about 42 million Americans still smoke cigarettes – a bit under one in every five adults. This observence is designed to encourage smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. Participants include St. Barnabas Hospital, New Settlement Community Center, American Cancer Society and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Get information on how to quit smoking, free diabetes testing and blood pressure screening. Giveaways and light refreshments will be available.

HIV testing will be offered from 4 - 6 p.m., in Loew Hall [LO] 200.
Donate a Quote to the Quote Garden!
Entry Deadline is Monday, December 8

The Rainbow Alliance and The Department of Modern Languages are collecting inspirational quotes for the Quote Garden, which will be located opposite the BCC Free Library (Colston Hall [CO], Room 205). Donating is easy. Simply send an e-mail to Rainbow@bcc.cuny.edu with the quote, who the quote is by, your name, major or department. The Quote Garden will be unveiled on December 11, 2014. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to come and read the quotes that can be used in everyday life as sources of wisdom and inspiration.

Student Scholarship

The 2015 Women’s Forum Education Award ($10,000 each) will be given to women over the age of 35 who have faced and overcome adversity and now, after an interruption in their education, have resumed the pursuit of their first associate or bachelor’s degree. Applicants must demonstrate noteworthy promise and resilience in the face of challenges. Applicants must also demonstrate a commitment to helping others and to making a difference in their community, large or small, when their own career goals are achieved. Financial need is not the primary determining factor in the selection of recipients, although true financial need should be in evidence. Application deadline is Monday, December 1, 2014. Visit http://womensforumny.org/womensforumny/index.cfm/education-fund/ to apply.

Save the Date
Monday, December 1 through Friday, December 5, 2014

Attention Prospective Graduates: Graduation Fair is coming! Students may starting signing up for senior portraits on Monday, November 17, in the Office of Student Life, Brown Center [BC], Room 309 or on the Thornton Studio website: thorntonstudio.com. Click schedule, then enter the code: 02692. A sitting fee is not required for senior portraits. Sitting times are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Class ring and cap and gown orders will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3 and 4, from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Brown Center [BC], Room 211. There is a $100 deposit required for class ring. Cap and gown price: $33.

Quote of the Week

“It isn’t where you came from, it’s where you’re going that counts.” Ella Fitzgerald (1917 – 1996) African-American Jazz Vocalist (with a Vocal Range Spanning Three Octaves.)