

# The TRS

Therapeutic  
Recreation Spotlight



## TR Highlights

The BCC TR program began in Spring of 2003. Since that time, there have been 46 graduates from the program. Most of the students immediately enrolled into the Bachelor of Science TR program at Lehman. However, for those who



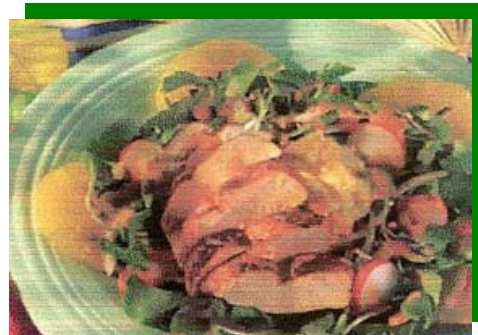
think they need to work and not continue, Marisol Correa, BCC class of 04' said "If I would've not gone directly to Lehman and stopped for a break, I would have stopped going to college and wasted away more years." Marisol graduated in June 2006 from Lehman College and plans to finish her master's degree before her son, who is attending college out of state. *She advises all BCC TR students to keep going and never stop!*

Internship. During this work



experience, David and Devon participated in HIS 10 and REC 95 online and completed a recreation term project under the guidance of Dr. Alston and Disney management. They were able to complete both courses while holding down a very busy work schedule in the Disney Resort.

Devon Sutherland's term project for REC 95 "A Dream for Restructure" examined changes to Disney Caribbean Beach Resort menus offered to guests at the resort. Devon, who is a native of U.S. Virgin Islands, redesigned the Caribbean Beach Resort menus to reflect the flavor and culture of that region. After sharing her term project with Caribbean Beach's Head Chef, Jamar, Devon's suggestions were magically adopted by Disney's Chef Jamar who plans to introduce the new Caribbean dishes this Fall. "Disney is always looking at ways to improve their guest's food selections; and Devon's recipes will make a marvelous charge to our dining selections." Chef Jamar recommended a graduate internship in culinary services at Disney. However, Devon decided to finish her TR studies at BCC and return to Disney in the Spring.



Walt Disney

World College Program

Awarded two BCC TR majors paid internships for 2006, David Tepattaporn and Devon Sutherland (above left to right). Both reported January 22, 2007 to begin their Recreational

## TR Student Update

Jaritza Arraya, (Class of 07') began a full time position as a Paraprofessional Teacher with the New York City Department of Education where she works with Physically and Mentally disabled children, in Queens' District 65. Jaritza said "its hard work but I enjoy working with the kids." Jaritza is looking forward to classes in TR at Lehman and becoming a Special Needs teacher.

David Mejda and Evelyn Estevez-Botia (Class of 05') relocated to Orlando, Florida and hold Para-Professional positions in the public school system. Evelyn also received her Lifeguard and Water Safety instructor training while at BCC; she works part-time for Disney.

### Dates to Remember

Downstate Recreation  
Conference

Thursday, October 11,  
2007

Westchester County  
Center White Plains, NY

NYSTRA's 13th Annual  
Conference

April 5th-8th, 2008

Holiday Inn  
Saratoga Springs, NY

Bronx Community College CUNY  
Health, Physical Education and  
Wellness Department  
Dr. Michele Stern, Chairperson  
Dr. Charles Alston, Coordinator,  
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