

Bronx Community College
PRESIDENT’S COMMUNITY REPORT – MAY 2019
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Welcome back from Spring break! I hope you are feeling refreshed and excited about our end of semester activities. As we end this academic year with our upcoming 59th Commencement Ceremony, I want to wish each and every member of our BCC community a restful and productive summer. If you plan to remain here in the New York City area, I hope to see you on campus. For those of you who will be away, I wish you safe travels and look forward to welcoming you back in the Fall.

I would like to take this time to say thank you to the faculty and staff for your accomplishments and contributions to our students, BCC, and CUNY this academic year. With the closure of Colston Hall and regular campus activities, it has been a busy and hectic semester. Please also join me in applauding our students for successfully completing another academic year and, for those who are graduating, a hearty congratulations.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: We are ramping up towards reading period, final exams, and commencement activities. On Friday, May 31, 2019, we will be holding our 59th Commencement Ceremony on Ohio Field for graduation! You are all invited to participate in the activities taking place. If you are interested in volunteering, or know anyone who is, we will need approximately 60 people to assist on the day of the ceremony with directions, distributing programs, helping family and friends of graduates in finding seats, assisting guests with special needs, and manning water stations. Please reach out to Dr. Manny Lopez, Associate Dean for Student Development, for more information. As we have more information about this year’s Valedictorian and Salutatorian, we will share it with the campus community.

COLSTON HALL UPDATE: In an ongoing prioritization of health and safety issues on campus, we will be removing and replacing portions of sheetrock in the 16 rooms impacted by water in Colston Hall earlier this semester. Members of our BCC Physical Plant Services team are completing the work internally with scheduled completion before the end of May 2019.

RECOGNITION EVENTS: This year’s Run will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019. The 41st Run the Bronx is a community health event, which includes 10K & 5K runs, a 2-mile fitness walk, and a health pavilion. The event attracts over 1,500 participants annually and promotes health and fitness in the borough. Your participation as a runner, walker, volunteer or donor can help ensure that your department wins the coveted “President’s Cup” given to the area with the highest number of Run participants. Register today at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Bronx/RuntheBronx2019>. Registration for participation is \$40.

Soon, you will be receiving details about BCC’s 2019 Gala event. Please save the date for the evening of Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Additional information about venue, tickets, and volunteer opportunities is forthcoming. If you have any initial questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Assistant Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Angela Wambugu Cobb at angela.wambugucobb@bcc.cuny.edu.

Have a wonderful summer!