

Bronx Community College
PRESIDENT’S COMMUNITY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020
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We are six weeks into our Spring semester and I am excited to see everyone participating in the active life of the campus. We began this unseasonably warm leap year with our new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lester Edgardo Sandres Rápalo. He comes to the College with a wealth of experience in student affairs, academic affairs, enrollment management, strategic and change management, policy formulation, budget management, evaluation and program development, and teaching, among other areas. Please join me in warmly welcoming our multilingual Provost in English, Spanish, or Portuguese around campus, via email, or in his office on the first floor of Language Hall!

SPRING ENROLLMENT: As of Tuesday, February 18, 2020, BCC recorded the following table. Below is a snapshot of our enrollment. Diving into the data, you will notice that our biggest issue has to do with retention of existing students. With enrollment declining, CUNY did not raise our Spring 2020 Enrollment Projections from this time last year. Despite a lower anticipated enrollment, we were still down by 357 continuing students.

Student Body	Current Data Spring 2020			
	Spring 2020 Enrolled as of week 02/18/2020	Spring 2020 Enrollment Projections CUNY	Diff btw Enrolled# and Projections # CUNY	Percentage Towards Projections CUNY
	N	N	N	%
All Continuing <i>(Regular Continuing, ASAP Continuing, ASAP New Continuing & Readmits)</i>	6,976	7,333	-357	95.1%
<i>Regular Continuing</i>	3,516	2,994	522	117.4%
<i>ASAP Continuing</i>	2,812	3,171	-359	88.7%
<i>ASAP NEW Continuing</i>	200	350	-150	57.1%
<i>Readmits</i>	448	818	-370	54.8%
New Students: Freshmen	955	904	51	105.6%
<i>College Discovery New</i>	19	30	-11	63.3%
<i>Regular New</i>	594	579	15	102.6%
<i>ASAP New</i>	342	325	17	105.2%
New Students: Transfer	645	732	-87	88.1%
<i>Regular Transfer</i>	464	607	-143	76.4%
<i>ASAP Transfer</i>	181	125	56	144.8%
College Now <i>(Entered in February does not add to FTEs, but adds to Headcount)</i>	1,178	700	478	168.3%
Non-Degree	197	80	117	246.3%
Total Headcount (THC)	9,951	9,749	202	102.1%
Headcount used to calculate FTE (College Now subtracted)	8,773	9,049	-276	96.9%
FTE - Spring 2020	6832.9	6960	-127.1	98.2%

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION: As facilities remain a primary concern for all members of the campus community, the following is a list of projects that are currently underway. These are intended to address urgent concerns, health and safety needs, and improve overall aesthetics. Beginning January 2020, you will now see signage that shows that projects on campus are a “Work in Progress” and posters will include the: project name, anticipated completion date, key partners or contractors, key contact information, and any required permit information. Posters will be displayed at the project location, on the college website under the Administration & Finance Work in Progress tab, and in the Campus Service Center on the digital board.

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30 Works in Progress (and In Design) currently include the following:

1. Alumni Gym Bridge Replacement
2. Phase I Fire Alarm Upgrades (in Meister Hall, Gould Memorial Library, Carl Polowczyk Hall & New Hall)
3. A MER RE-piping project to replace a MTHW piping to steam generators and heat exchangers in 18 buildings
4. Utility Upgrade Phase IV, which includes utility and mechanical upgrades at the East and Southwest corners of the campus and the building of a new Electrical Service Building
5. Utility Upgrade Phase V, which includes an electrical infrastructure upgrade
6. Roscoe Brown Student Center Roof and Façade Rehabilitation to restore the exterior building envelope
7. Colston and Community Local Law 11 upgrade, which will implement recommendations from the most recent 5-year inspection of the exterior walls of this building
8. Gould Memorial Library – Rotunda Egress Stairway to provide rear egress stairs from the Rotunda and increase maximum occupancy to the building
9. Gould Memorial Library – Roof and Dome Restoration, which will replace damaged or missing copper on the roof, cupola, and install new roof drains
10. CUNY 2020 Grant Automotive & Fuel Technology renovation of Patterson Garage for the Auto Tech Program and the Meister Hall 2nd floor sustainable fuel and product development lab
11. CUNY 2020 Snow Hall Elevator to install a new elevator and increase building accessibility
12. Bronx Express Renovation of the former Meister Hall Library for use as a One-Stop Student Center for Enrollment Management (including Admission, Registration, Financial Aid and Bursar Offices)
13. Phase II of the Fire Alarm Upgrades (in 12 buildings – Nichols Hall, Bliss, Alumni Gym, Gould Residence Hall, Guggenheim, Philosophy Hall, Loew Hall, Colston Hall, Community Hall, Havemeyer Lab and Annex, Language Hall, and Butler Hall)
14. Meister Hall Lighting Upgrade to redesign the lighting layouts and upgrade to LED source technology to increase energy efficiency and visual performance
15. North Hall and Library Flooring Replacement to replace the cork flooring in the main reading room
16. Meister Hall 5th Floor MLT Locker installation of 3 new sets of lockers
17. Creation of a Meister Hall Lab STEM Resource Center
18. Campus-wide entry-way door mats in all buildings
19. Havemeyer Bathroom Upgrade to renovate the women's and men's public restrooms
20. Outdoor Fitness Center outside of Gould Residence Hall
21. Campus-wide Elevator Remediation in Meister Hall, Colston Hall, Roscoe Brown Student Center, Loew Hall, North Hall & Library, Carl Polowczyk Hall, Community Hall and the Children's Center
22. Nichols Hall Elevator Restoration to refurbish the existing elevator
23. Bliss Hall Building Intensive Cleaning to focus cleaning and repair efforts and complete critical remedial work building-by-building
24. Greenhouse Building Intensive Cleaning to restore basic use of the BCC Greenhouse

25. {In Design} Ohio Field Track Restoration to replace the existing track, baseball and soccer field
26. {In Design} Loew Hall Accessibility and Elevator to install a new fully accessible elevator and main entrance vestibule door
27. {In Design} New Hall Plaza and Façade Rehabilitation to replace the plaza roofing system, façade repairs, and to provide ADA-compliant access to the front building entrance
28. {In Design} Bliss Hall ADA Restrooms and Entrance Ramp to provide ADA-compliant access to the building and restroom
29. {In Design} Alumni Gym Locker Room Restroom Upgrades to both the male and female toilets and shower rooms
30. {In Design} Nichols Hall Entrance Ramp to provide ADA-compliant access to the main entrance

For more details on any of the projects – including anticipated completion and vendor information – please see <http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/campus-construction-briefing-2-14-2020.pdf>. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please feel free to reach out to Octavio Gomez at octavio.gomez@bcc.cuny.edu. We will continue to provide updates as we move forward.

GOOD TIDINGS:

- **GRANTS:** BCC received the following:
 - A \$1,250,000 grant (awarded over five years, \$250,000 each year) from the New York State Education Department in support of the Adult Literacy Education program to improve the English-language fluency of ESL adults and students. Extra support will also be provided to help participants pass the math portion of the TASC. Additional goals include improving community engagement, enhancing parents' abilities to help their children in school and helping students transition to college, occupational training, and/or employment. The PIs are Osmary Lopez, Joan Henlin, and Blanche Kellawon.
 - A \$200,000 grant from the New York State Workforce Development Initiative in support of the continuation and expansion of a tech support training program for Bronx residents. The PI is Dr. Ruby Chua.
 - A \$1,372,500 grant (awarded over five years, \$274,500 each year) from the New York State Education Department in support of the Science, Technology Entry Program (STEP). The purpose of this continued funding is to increase the number of historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students prepared to enter college and improve their participation rate in mathematics, science, technology, health-related fields, and the licensed professions. The PI is Dr. Thomas Brennan.
 - A \$40,000 grant from JobsFirst in support of a workforce training program for transfer high school students in the Bronx. The PI is Madelaine Centeno.
 - A \$25,000 grant from the Louis and Rachel Rudin Foundation in support of scholarships for nursing students. The PI is Dr. Kenya Harris.
- **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION** has been awarded the first \$50,000 payment of a two-year grant of \$100,000 from the New York Community Trust in support of our Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) Training Program. The funding will enable us to train a new cohort of students in 2020. The BCC CRPA program prepares local residents with lived experience with addiction and recovery for employment as Recovery Peers. Recovery Peers support those in treatment for substance use disorders by connecting them to resources, helping them complete Health and Recovery Plans, listening empathetically, and sharing their own journeys to recovery. Thanks to our partners in the BCC Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, this is a "stackable credential" training program, meaning that non-matriculated, continuing ed. students from the community who complete the training earn BCC credits that they can apply to a degree in Public Health should they enroll in the college.
- **VETERANS AND MILITARY OFFICE:** Under John Rosa's leadership, we have moved from being ranked as "Bronze" level for Military friendliness to "Gold" in the Veterans and Military Office!
<https://www.militaryfriendly.com/bronx-community-college/>
- **ATHLETICS:** Men's basketball advanced to CUNYAC Championship for the first time since 2013 in BCC's 97-87 CUNYAC Semifinals win over BMCC. Unfortunately, we lost at the championship game against Hostos. That said, basketball sophomore Tilquan Rucker becomes Bronx's all-time leading scorer with over 1,600 points in his two-year career. Malik Hamilton surpassed 1,000 points in playoff win over BMCC. Men's basketball's Tilquan Rucker was named CUNYAC Player of the Year at CUNYAC Basketball Luncheon on February 20. Fellow sophomores Malik Hamilton and Steven Glover were named to the all-CUNYAC Team, and Hamilton earned the prestigious Burt Beagle Sportsmanship Award, the league's top sportsmanship honor. It is the second straight year a BCC men's basketball student has won the honor. Women's basketball freshman Jada Parker was also named to the all-CUNYAC Team.