

Bronx Community College
PRESIDENT’S COMMUNITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020
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As we continue our Fall semester, most of us remain physically away from the campus we love. Faculty, staff and students are continuing the online distance modality as our city, state and country wage the battle against the pandemic. I have heard many of you express “Zoom fatigue” as we log on to yet another virtual meeting. We all miss gathering and greeting one another as we cross the quad, grab a coffee, or sit outside as we enjoy lunch. However, we need to adapt and maintain our resilience as we will be continuing in this mode during the Spring ‘21 semester. I implore all of you to continue to persevere on behalf of our students. I know it is not easy; but I am reminded of something once said by Victor Hugo, “perseverance, secret of all triumphs.”

BUDGET: We continue to operate on the allocations assigned to the College from the University until January. I have allocated the majority of my report to provide as much information on the budget as possible. I have attached the College’s preliminary fiscal report for 2020 below. This report has already been shared widely with the campus community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Vice President Kay Ellis if you have any questions.

[Financial Report - November 2020](#)

LOOKING AHEAD: Our second Town Hall will be held on December 3rd during club hours 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Please watch for more specific details coming shortly via BCC Broadcast.

I have asked the Provost, the Committee on Instruction and Professional Development (CIPD) and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTLT) to jointly plan professional development opportunities and workshops during the winter break for additional training and expertise on providing academic instruction online. This event will be open to the entire campus community: faculty and staff to explore additional and better ways to engage our students and to work effectively in the remote environment. Please look out for a Broadcast with more details.

Next week we will celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. It is a time to honor our traditions and to give thanks with family and friends. We gather to share food and to express gratitude for all that we have. This year our family tables and the holiday may look different as we work to follow health and safety guidelines and gather in smaller groups. Perhaps we can use it as a time to remember the little things; to be grateful for the everyday happenings we might normally take for granted. Please remember to exercise caution and stay safe. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.