One of the most recognized of extracurricular experiences that CUNY college campuses offers is student government. Students here at Bronx Community College involved in Student Government Association are elected by their peers to serve as the "official voice of students to college administration. BCC's executives and senators also operate on campus-wide committees (judiciary boards, honor councils, etc.) in an effort to act and speak for the ideas and concerns of our fellow students. Some BCC SGA duties include officially recognizing and allocating annual budgets toward other organizations on campus, planning programs related to student interests, and working on various opportunities for student issues to be discussed in order to make campus community more successful, all of which is funded by student activity fees.

By early May, Bronx Community College’s own Student Government Association results were in and the first executive office, Vice President, was voted on at Roscoe C. Brown in The Hall of Fame Playhouse. Isirkoufoulou Sibabi Akpo Kamou, aka "Isi," elected senator by the student body, was chosen by reps from the Inter-Organizational Council (IOC) to chair SGA's Inter-Organizational Council (council of clubs). Isi and the other elected senators and executive campaigners went on to celebrate, bond, and bolster school spirit in mid spring at the Bronx Week Parade on Madison Avenue, organized by BCC's own Director of Public Affairs, Carol White. In June, Bronx Community College's peer-elected members of Senate were called together for balloting to fill the four remaining Student Government executive vacancies. Director of Life, Melissa Kirk, and Assistant Director Manny Lopez kindly helped to conduct the operations. The appointments were made, and after a couple of trials, the 2010-2011 executive functioning is underway as Dwight Peters, President; Issa Boubacar, Legal Legislator; Nenacma Okorie, Secretary; and Ibrahim Montawakilou, Treasurer (as well as the abovementioned, Isirkoufoulou Sibabi Akpo Kamou serving as Vice President).

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BCC Secondhand Smoke Program Fulfills Commitment to Smoking Community

From the Co-sponsors of the Program,
Department of Health, Physical Education, and Wellness
Office of Health Services
Professional Staff Congress—BCC Chapter
Student Government Association

Per the request of the College Smoking Community, two outdoor smoking areas with protective overhanging structures have been designated with appropriate signage as follows:
1. Upper south side plaza of Meister Hall with ashtray, tables, and benches.
2. West side of Meister Hall with ashtray, table, and benches.

Both areas are centrally located within the campus and provide adequate protection from the upcoming challenging winter months. The areas also provide an environment that can accommodate numerous smokers.

Please remember that the Friendly Reminder Approach is implemented for the purpose of creating a program of fairness for both the non-smoking and smoking community members of the college. The program is working because of the support of the BCC Administration and the compliance of the majority of the smoking community.

Once again, thank you for your continued help in making this program a success!
Welcome from President Carolyn G. Williams

It is a great pleasure to welcome our new students and to congratulate you on your choice of Bronx Community College to pursue your college education. I am sure you made this decision with careful thought, and among the reasons you chose to come to BCC is because you hope to fulfill the first steps towards your success on this campus. Be assured that we are committed to helping make your dreams come true.

I am also pleased to welcome back our continuing students. You have made the choice to return and to continue your educational pursuits. We are sure that the skills, knowledge and training you acquire in the classroom will give you the support and help you need to move to the next level, whether it be higher education or a productive career.

As you walk on to the campus this year, you will see the construction for the North Instructional Building and Library. While construction brings a modicum of chaos, know that this building symbolizes our commitment to providing an excellent academic and work environment for our students, faculty and staff. We have renovated the Bookstore and the Cafeteria to provide improved services to our students in a modern, aesthetically pleasing environment. We continue to equip our classrooms with cutting-edge technology and increase the number of computer labs/study spaces for your benefit.

In February 2010, we welcomed the new Vice President for Student Development, Dr. Peter Barbatis. Dr. Barbatis brings expertise and commitment to student engagement and services dedicated to making your experience on this campus, fulfilling and successful. We have already seen changes in student support services and activities that will be of benefit to you.

Our faculty, counselors and staff are dedicated professionals who bring expertise to the classroom and campus. They are continuously engaged in assessment and evaluation of academic programs, curricula and academic and student support services and committed to your success. I encourage you to get to know them. Your interaction with them will enrich your journey throughout your time at BCC.

Our campus community is diverse. Our faculty, staff and students represent countries of the world and we all work and learn in an environment that is respectful of differences. We are here together. As I reiterate each semester and especially, at Commencement – “We measure our success with your success.”

I look forward to the days ahead when, as I walk around the campus, I will have an opportunity to greet you personally.
Campus News

Bronx Community College Early Childhood Center: A Student/Parent Perspective
By Vanessa Cook

The day I was inducted into the Bronx Community College Family, through the methodology of an instantaneous process of my application, I did not know what to expect. During this fragile course in time, I was not privy to accurately reading the resume that was sitting before me as an incoming freshman. In addition, I was oblivious to the building names, the campus layout, or where to find the classrooms to attend the sessions listed on my registration printout. Finally, yet importantly, I was not knowledgeable of the programs BCC had to offer students with children. Therefore, I was uncertain to where my precious son, Charles, would remain during the day while I attended class.

This has been months ago, but its course seems like only yesterday. Yes, I finally figured out how to read the roster/block; now I am well aware of where all the buildings are located and residence along with retaining all of the names; and I am no longer in the dark, to the campus layout and to where the classrooms are located is the sessions are to be held. I learned by trial and error. However, I did not want to take the risk of error (by dropping a center that is not conducive to learning) as it pertains to my son. Children are irreplaceable; they are a rare and priceless gem.

Fortunately, for me, a young woman by the name of Yvette, who is currently employed in the BCC Admissions Office, told me about the Childhood Center located at 2205 Sedgwick Avenue. This young woman did not know that the information she related to me on that day would introduce my son Charles and me to a school that is unique in its own right.

“Learning through Play,” I did not understand this concept in its totality until I witnessed my son Charles playing and reading abilities triple. Because of constant exposure to children’s art, music, and other activities offered by the Center. I was welcomed by the director and staff to participate and was made aware of all of the activities that the Center offered my child. One particular activity that captured my son’s interest along with mine was Zumba. This activity incorporates dance moves for exercise with the usage of musical instruments.

During Family and Friends Day my son showed me the awesome skills he acquired; I was urged to join in, and that was a momentous occasion. What is amazing to me was the care that was administered by the Center when my son was weighed down with seasonal allergies. Time was taken, out of the staff’s already hectic schedule, to wipe my son’s eyes as they watered and became puffy due to pollen. They did not have to do this; I do not believe that it is constituted in their package to do this. I have witnessed this to be an extra care as it pertains to wiping children’s eyes or noses. They did it because they cared. If my son ever gets ill or needs himself, the Center is faithful and expedients in calling me and keeping me informed with his progress throughout the day. I could not ask for more.

I am from eliminating all of the great times my son Charles and me have experienced, and are continuing to experience at the Bronx Community College Early Childhood Center. All I can reclaim is this Center for yourself. Seeing first hand will make you a believer.

Four BCC Students Selected to the PricewaterhouseCoopers Accounting Development Program

Halimatou Bah, Albert Gliff, Jalilah Omar, and Baby W - left to right - display their certificates of participation in the PricewaterhouseCoopers Accounting Development Program. The program took place from June 6 – 11 in Miami, Florida.

Albert Gliff, Baby W, Jalilah Omar, and Halimatou Bah participated in the PricewaterhouseCoopers Accounting Development Program sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Florida International University School of Accounting, and the Florida Institute of CPAs in June. The program was a six-day, five-night intensive college residency program held in Miami, Florida, at Florida International University. It was aimed at minority community college students who are interested in pursuing career opportunities in accounting. All expenses were paid by the sponsors.

The program is designed to 1) increase awareness of careers in accounting, 2) learn basic accounting concepts, 3) improve personal finance knowledge, and 4) guide the student through the process of transferring from a community college to a four-year institution. The curriculum included teaching accounting and business concepts through interactive classroom exercises, a firm site visit to a PWC client, a comprehensive case study where students apply concepts from all areas of accounting to which they are exposed during the week, and professional development through participation in mock interviews, an etiquette dinner and a presentation of their case solution.

Students also experienced campus living, learned about campus resources, and visited a Miami attraction. The highly competitive program selected a total of 32 students nationwide, from which only 16 are outside of the state of Florida.

The sponsors commended BCC on the number of students who attended the orientation session and number of applications submitted.

College Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

Dedication, enthusiasm and caring are all qualities that define Bronx Community College (BCC) registered nurses graduated onto productive careers over the last 50 years. On June 18, 2010, many of those nurses returned to the Bronx to share stories of successful and rewarding careers in the nursing field.

Bronx Community College of The City University of New York held its nursing program’s 50th anniversary reunion at the Marina del Rey restaurant in the Bronx. The reunion featured nurses retired faculty and current faculty, radiologic technology and licensed practical nurse (LPN) alumni, and administrators from such hospitals as Jacobi Medical Center, Montefiore, Albert Einstein, North Central Bronx Hospital, Bronx Lebanon, New York Presbyterian, Lincoln Hospital and St. Barnabas Hospital.

Sponsors of the event were Jacobi Medical Center, New York Presbyterian, Johnson & Johnson, a global American pharmaceutical, medical devices and consumer packaged goods manufacturer founded in 1886.

“There was a lot of warmth and affection in the room that evening,” says Lois Augustus, chair of BCC’s Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. The event gave more than 100 nurses the chance to rekindle friendships and re-connect with people they have not seen in years. Throughout the evening, they laughed and talked about their experiences as students at BCC. They bubbled with pride in nursing as a profession and in the recognition and support nurses receive from their patients. Many shared the stories of the nurses who inspired them to enter the profession and were proud of the nurses who inspired them to become early leaders and role models in the nursing profession.

“We are proud to acknowledge your success,” said BCC President Carolyn G. Williams. “Bask in the glow of what you have achieved and are achieving every day. We urge you to pass on this success as a role model to our new generation of students.”

For Diana Mosely-Middleton, graduation from the nursing program in January 1970 helped her step into the nursing profession with the skills and confidence she needed to make a difference. “My choice of becoming a nurse came from a vision I first had at a young age in Middletown, Ohio,” she said. After graduating from high school, she went to a school for practical nursing in Dayton, Ohio, passed the state exam and was licensed as a practical nurse. She later enrolled at BCC. “As a result of my diverse nursing experiences at BCC, I was able to meet challenges of the world of work and pass the state exam to become a professional registered nurse,” said Mosely-Middleton. “No other community college could have offered so much and enabled me to realize my dream and goal to become a registered nurse.”

The history of Bronx Community College’s nursing program began over 50 years ago with the backing of a $375,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation and the State of New York to plan and operate a two-year program in nursing. Bronx Community College became the first in New York City to offer the associate degree nursing program and to add a liberal arts component to the technical training. The first class of 44 students graduated in September 1960, including BCC’s rigorous training aimed at making the student through the process of transferring from a community college to a four-year school.

BCC’s students quickly adopted similar programs. A severe shortage of professional nurses in the early 1960s in New York’s municipal hospital system led then Commissioner of Hospitals Ray Trussell to construct a 13-story nursing dormitory and residence building on the grounds of the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (now part of the Jacobi Medical Center). Rather than operate it as a training school for nurses on the old model, Trussell turned the building over to BCC and its nursing program moved there from 1964 until 1974.

BCC’s associate degree nursing program secured large grants from the federal government. Innovative teaching and techniques utilizing audiovisual material and state-of-the-art technology were implemented. When BCC transformed part of its campus into the first in New York to create a Burn Unit, the entire nursing unit was staffed by 22 Bronx Community College alumni. The first use of closed-circuit television for clinical training (now adopted worldwide) was implemented at Montefiore Medical Center with BCC trained nurses.

Dean Alice Fuller, former chairperson of the department who has taught and served as an administrator at BCC for the past 43 years, stated, “To this day, the major goal of Bronx Community College nursing education is the development and promotion of critical thinking in students to help them become competent and safe practitioners as registered nurses.”

BCC celebrated its 50th anniversary of its nursing program during a reunion reception held at the Marina del Rey restaurant in the Bronx. Photos: Charles Sabat
David Dinkins Provides Keynote Address at Bronx Educational Opportunity Center’s 23rd Graduation

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“Through the doors of the EOC was a good investment. He would like for you to continue your education and I certainly hope you will enroll at Bronx Community College,” said George Sanchez, BCC senior vice president of Academic Affairs and former executive director of EOC. He told graduates that walking through the doors of the EOC was a good investment. He also urged them to think about their next step – enrolling at BCC.” Nobody can take a college education away from you,” he said.

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By Raya Bayor (Class of 2010)

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It was a day the students and faculty members of BCC made the commitment to care for Mother Nature as a Colossal Earth Ball ascended into the sky that I discovered where I would volunteer this summer. On that same April day, BCC celebrated Earth Day with Urban Divers Estuary Conservatory (UDEC), a not-for-profit environmental and cultural organization based in New York City. The giant green Enviromedia Mobile, a state-of-the-art Mobile Conservatory (UDEC), a not-for-profit environmental and cultural organization based in New York City. The giant green Enviromedia Mobile, a state-of-the-art Mobile Conservation (UDEC), a not-for-profit environmental and cultural organization based in New York City. The giant green Enviromedia Mobile, a state-of-the-art Mobile.

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Volunteering at UDEC’s Enviromedia Mobile
By Beatriz Ramirez

My favorite event by far was the Red Hawk Native American Powwow, not only because the night before the big festival, we camped out at the Floyd Bennett Field Park, where we were serenaded by Native American campers while we held diverse dialogs under the stars. The festival as a whole was quite an experience. It is the largest Native American group to gather in New York City, for a week at least, according to the Red Hawk Native American Arts Council. Native Americans from across the country, from Aztec and Navaho Indians in New Mexico, to Taíno Indians by way of the Caribbean (now the biggest Native American community in New York) attended this event to celebrate their love of Native American culture and the love of nature.

For details, please visit the Urban Divers Estuary Conservancy’s website: (www.urbandivers.org) – “From the benthic environment, through the water column, to its surface ... from the very air that we breathe and in the soil from which we harvest ... UDEC is helping to put a little nature back in the urban environment.”

THE OUTSIDE VIEW

Ludger K. Balan, the executive environmental program director, scientific diver, and licensed falconer of UDEC, presented “Keeping Company with the Red-Tailed Hawk.”

God Made Me This Way
By Rafaelina Siri

To understand absolutely every point of view, of every kind of person. Of why they do the things they do. I stop and think about it a lot. I feel a connection there. But importantly the possible reasons of why, I lay them all on the table. I do not hate anyone, I do not judge anyone. Things that are of wrongdoing shouldn’t be justified, but there are legitimate reasons. It is a weird world we live in, everything reciprocates, everything is connected, everything makes sense even when they don’t make sense. I understand every single thing, even when I don’t want to understand, I just know things, I feel it out.

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Empowering Lives in the Bronx and South Africa: An Introduction to Noxolo’s Story, “To Be the Best That I Can Be” By Dr. Andrea Parmegiani

As I promised in my previous article, I have the pleasure of sharing with the readers of the Communicator the personal story of empowerment of a very special South African student whose name is Noxolo Mnguni.

I met Noxolo last February, while I was visiting the University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa). During my visit, I ran a series of workshops where I encouraged a group of twenty-five South African students to think about all the challenges they have overcome in their lives to get to college. Students discussed these challenges by sharing stories with each other and the rest of the class, and then by writing personal essays that celebrate the way they empowered themselves.

I returned to BCC in April, and I shared these personal essays with a group of students who were taking English 02 in a learning community. These students had also written similar stories of personal empowerment. Each BCC student was matched with a South African student; each pair exchanged essays, and began to correspond as pen-pals.

Noxolo’s story is one of the many touching and inspiring narratives that arrived from South Africa. Noxolo grew up in a “township” near Durban, South Africa’s third largest city. Townships are shantytowns that were created by the racist apartheid government to house black South Africans who were employed as cheap laborers by whites in the nearby cities or towns. While apartheid officially came to an end in 1994 with the first democratic election, these shantytowns still exist. Unfortunately, living conditions there have not changed much since the end of apartheid.

Many people who live in townships still have to deal with extreme poverty, violent crime, and a school system that was designed to keep black South Africans uneducated, so that they would only be employable as cheap laborers. Again, apartheid has been officially gone for more than two decades, but its legacy is still present. Many students who attend township schools have to endure very difficult learning conditions: overcrowded classrooms, lack of books, lack of desks, underprepared teachers, etc. Very few students who attend these schools manage to get a high school diploma, not because they are not good students, but because a student needs to be exceptionally talented and motivated in order to be able to learn under these conditions.

Noxolo, like all the students I met last February at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, not only managed to graduate from high school, but also managed to get accepted at a very prestigious university in South Africa. I have no doubt that Noxolo’s story will help you get in touch with your inner power and inspire you “To Be the Best that You Can Be.” And who knows, you might even feel called to share some thoughts on Noxolo’s story with the readers of the Communicator, or share your own story. Empowerment is contagious.
College Team Works with South African Colleges

Faculty, staff, and administrators from Bronx Community College travelled this year to South Africa on behalf of the Partnership for Skills Development. The partnership supports 12 Further Education and Training (FET) colleges in South Africa by helping to upgrade students’ readiness for the workforce. BCC is providing training to college lecturers and administrators that will help them to better address student development needs and increase student math and literacy skills. The 12 participating colleges are located in three South African provinces (Limpopo, Mpumalanga, and Northern Cape).

The group from BCC began by first reviewing data about each college’s student support programs, retention initiatives, and language and math programs. After site visits to each of the colleges in Fall 2009, a three-day conference was held in Limpopo in February 2010, with representatives from each of the FET colleges present. The goal of the conference was to assist colleges in implementing the existing FET student support framework in order to improve student retention and facilitate skills development in math and language. A second purpose was to introduce the college teams to new approaches to instruction in math and English. The conference also served as an opportunity to encourage the colleges to build local topic-based networks among educators in each of the focus areas—math, literacy, and student support.

During Summer 2010, Bronx Community College returned to South Africa and offered math, literacy, and student support workshops to staff and administrators on the campuses of the seven colleges in the Limpopo province. "The workshops offered lecturers and student support personnel concrete strategies for improving student retention and providing support to math lecturers in curriculum areas where they may need improvements," said Barbara Schauer-Peleg, director of Bronx Community College’s National Center for Educational Alliances and principal investigator for the Partnership for Skills Development project. "Based upon the participant evaluations, the sessions were regarded as extremely useful." Workshops at the other five colleges in the Mpumalanga and Northern Cape provinces will be scheduled at later dates.

The BCC PSKD team included, in addition to Ms. Schauer-Peleg and President Carolyn Williams, Dr. Madeline Bates, Dr. Vruna Prabhu and Dr. Jorge Pinero (math); Dr. Peter Barbatis, Ms. Melissa Kirk and Dr. Jason Finkelstein (student support); and Dr. Frederick De Naples and Professor Andrew Rowan (English).

The Partnership for Skills Development project is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and administered by the American Council on Education. The other partners in the project are nonprofit organizations YouthBuild International and Jobs for the Future.

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President Carolyn Williams (front row center) and Mopani South East College CEO Mrs. S.C. Sehlake (front row center) with other members of the BCC and Mopani teams after successful workshop at the main campus in Phalaborwa, South Africa, July 20, 2010. Photo: Dr. Peter Barbatis

BCC team at Hostos Community College on Monday, June 21st after testimony by Raya Bayor and Roman Ferede about the College’s student study and volunteer abroad programs to CUNY Board of Trustees. (From left to right: unidentified, Dr. Vicki Flaris, Paul Bronz, Dr. Carolyn Williams, Roman Ferede, Andrew Goulbourne, Carol White, Dr. Peter Barbatis, Raya Bayor, and Eva Joyce) Photo: Andrew Rowan

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Many artists are on the rise, and The Communicator will focus once a month on talented students that are pursuing a career showcasing their talents or craft.

This month we feature Anthony Madrid, a 22-year-old poet who has already published poetry in this newspaper. He has also performed at the Poetry Lounge, an event the Office of Student Life presents every semester; he has also performed at the Nuyoricans Poets Café in the East Village.

Madrid has a website – www.edensword.com – where he features all his poetry and personal videos. They can also be found on youtube.com/edensword. To get to know him better, I asked him a series of questions. Since he is very humble and charming, the interview was quite easy.

Astharte De Los Santos: How has writing poetry impacted your life?

Anthony Madrid: It has made me more humble because of the self reflection that is involved in expressing myself. I am glad I have an outlet that I can release my opinions of the joys and pain in my life.

ADLS: What does your poetry say about you?

AM: Everything about it is pretty blunt and straight forward I speak from the heart and usually love to say what’s on my mind.

ADLS: Is your poetry the only thing you’re working on?

AM: I am also working on a play right now called Dreams of New Orleans which is personal project of mine that is currently being developed.

ADLS: Your website features poetry performances. Have you ever performed live and, if so, which performance stands out?

AM: Well, I performed at the Nuyoricans Poets Café in May of this year. This performance stood out because it made me like I was on the right track as a poet.

ADLS: What is your favorite poem?

AM: My favorite poem has to be “The Last Rose.” It is about heartbreak and letting go of a former love in my life. I am very content with my work; it is the latest one on the website. Check it out.

The Last Rose
By Anthony Madrid

The tender feel of the flower that I possess,
Will grow to a death that will unravel the end,
The smell if it traces an emotion of lost faces,
It opens up as a heart slows down the beating,
Breathing races as if trying to catch up,
Here comes the drop that is released by my eye,
It pounds down on the ground and makes the earth shiver,
Her smile is no longer, her tender care is a goner,
I’ve walked this whole path with a rose in one hand,
Heart in the other,
Fingers pressed against the thorns,
Blood trickling down,
Leaving prints of the path I’ve walked,
I continued my journey,
Although hoping that you look @ where you left,
I also wonder whether to wish,
Wish for rain to wash away the blood stained path,
That path that can give us another chance,
But the look that you gave me last,
Can no longer be trusted,
So I let go of the rose,
And place it on the ground as it were a tomb,
I loved you very much but now our paths have lost touch,
Good-Bye. To what was you and I

Resonance
By Beatriz (BeaBea)

I wear these flowers in my hair for you, but you don’t notice
I sleep on your forgotten dreams
I stroked the shrine of lonely seams
As I lay under my plum tree
Out of the tree of life I just picked me a plum
I thought I had seen it all under the sun
Speaking frantic and all, in a steady decline until she falls or until the fall
When I fall on Autumn leaves
I have cushion for you thoughts, dissolved in excess hidden lies
I’ll ruffle piercing neverminds
Opening shades with silhouettes
You scratched the pain with broken nails
I’ll wax your pain with everything that was...going... there...
With eternal movements in my head
A melody that returns after it’s gone
I returned to those dreams but you where gone
When we where together, from what I could remember
Sweet salt glows, as we slide down the hill
Instant gratification of rippling images
I thought I saw you there, as it seems sometimes
I hear echo in the shade of indigo
My head is hollow
Suffering from interpretations of these estatic lines
But,
I loves you Porgy
Don’t let her take me, Porgy
Don’t let her handle me with her hot hands
If you can keep me, I wanna stay here
With you, forever, I got my man
Poetry

By Miss No Name

Loathe.

In my place where I only know the inner worries of my heart. Where I only know the truth of my songs. The melodies of my joy. The kisses of my lovers. I will loathe in the juices of your fruit in the calmness in your voice. In the emphasis of your compassion. You’ve thought of me, you have. You need me I’m sure. I will still loathe in your strength and honor. In your voice I will take heed. In your worry I will honor you. I’m sorry if it seems as though I’m selfish. Through wishful thinking I love, Gestures speak loudly. To me intimacy is hard. Hard to bear, hard to express. Hard to understand. So I will loathe in my self misery for I am imprisoned for my Care of the world. I will loathe in my essays that drive me mad. I will loathe in my comfort that allows me to remain stagnant. I will loathe in my self hate and anguish, Whine and be a victim. I’ve been hurt, you know…………

The things that we do

Many times we go on through the day leaving traces of abuse, of sorrow, joy or peace. Fear of tomorrow. Never realizing we caused an impact upon whoever we come across. May your hand be more graceful as your touch comforts. May your will be genuine, so your rewards won’t flee from you. May you see yourself and find peace with former self. Leave a trace of dignity and relate hope. That your struggles show a person of value and worth as opposed to a victim of circumstances. That your will manifest gratitude for the opportunities you have been presented. Accept your past in life if you can’t make the efforts to change it. That your input and your struggles will lead into positivity. May your heart contain the goodness that it is to love, to be loved, to fight, to live, to cherish every moment. We work hard in labor, emotional anguish or obstacles so we must enjoy the small blessings, plenty.

Take Care I’ll See You Again………. What a rainy day today so gloomy it is. I hear a knock on the door. It’s my friend Lorna and she’s really happy. She goes on and on about a party she went to she’s very excited. She’s always down, always depressed. I’ve been there for her before. I’ve suffered much with her. She’s always going on and on about particular situations in life that have affected her greatly. I’ve been chosen as her confident as far as I know we are very close. She tells me that she has a secret. Never keeps anything from me. Today she seems so content I dare not ask why. I hope she continues in her happiness I must live through you today. I’ve already been dumped by my recent boyfriend. I have to offer today. Ironically I tell you about a guy you’re seeing I am very excited wondering what next I have to offer today. Ironic you tell me about a guy today. I’ve already been dumped by my recent boyfriend. I’ve been chosen as her. I can’t communicate. Must we unsettle with reality yes we must. Truth is truth, heals truth yearns for attention Earns respect power and honesty it earn diligence purity. It causes despair at times But it is what it is. Truth is truth. In fact it calms the soul creates peace. Peace of the heart, peace of the soul creates peace. Peace of the heart, peace of the soul. In love I am with you. I love you don’t you. So spare me, the truth is hard to bear, it rattles the core of my existence. Deepens my emotions rubs me the wrong way yet I feel favored, it actually saves me From…………

Poems

By Astharte De Los Santos

Alive

Yes here I am currently living, my pulse indicates anxiety as usual. Palpitations of my eyes feel as a neurotic surge is about to overtake me. Aw crap here comes an emotion I’m not ready for. A reminder that I’m not as composed as I should be. So what I say. Checkers. To live is to fight. Make yourself known present then a non-conformist I’ll be!!! To make a difference is to be alive. To be alive is to be used by the inclinations in Your heart, for the worries of your pleasures So live.

My Depiction of Truth

In life I’ve had ups and downs. But never can I regret one mistake. I take everything I see and hear feel. As experiences towards the truth. What is the truth, why is it so important? Don’t I choose lies better embrace whatever is given except conformity. Is it a single perception or vast assumptions. Is it emptiness or fulfillment. Once something is revealed can we actually accept it………………… Progress and move forward Life as we know it satisfies why look for comfort in clarity. Can’t I embrace comfort. Must we unsettle with reality yes we must. Truth is truth, heals truth yearns for attention Earns respect power and honesty it earn diligence purity. It causes despair at times But it is what it is. Truth is truth. In fact it calms the soul creates peace. Peace of the heart, peace of the soul creates peace. Peace of the heart, peace of the soul. In love I am with you. I love you don’t you. So spare me, the truth is hard to bear, it rattles the core of my existence. Deepens my emotions rubs me the wrong way yet I feel favored, it actually saves me From…………

Oye Caribena

Hey you don’t know where your from, kissed by the golden sun. Your body tipe, as the fruit of the summer. You speak to no one let me hear your song. It sounds like Spanish. I like my Dominicanas they love to cook and are very smart. Ride with me all over the city I’ll show you many things if you smile and look pretty. Thank you, for your hugs and kisses, your skin so soft, sera jabo de cuiba, no your fancy it must be done. So sweet you talk when were in private don’t hurt the man now, outside your look is violent. You cursed and shout what happen now? I’m glad I met you i’m glad you brighten my day your beautiful that smiles keeps me going, a nurse, a doctor, a cleaner, a mother at heart. Caribena so mixed and pure I don’t know who you are, you are Indian, African, Spanish, or French. What is that you speak another mixture or blend. Full of surprises to entertain you is my joy I love it, the fact that I may be your Caribena so full of surprises so full of yourself. As you deserve to be.
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Voter registration forms are available on campus in Room 27 of Language Hall or the Office of Student Life in Meister Hall, room 202.

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TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:

Box 1: Must be completed. If you answer NO, do not complete this form.

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Students who attended the five-week program came from Harry S. Truman, Samuel Gompers, and University Heights high schools, Academy for Language and Technology, Monroe Academy for Business and Law, and the Eagle Academy for Young Men. “The goal of the class was to help students think more critically about their place in the world by becoming better readers, writers, and interviewers,” said Matthew Cotter, the instructor who taught the class and who will again teach the class in the fall and spring semesters. “Anytime you can draw meaningful connections beyond static texts you can improve the study of history. Oral interviews are one way to do that.” Students attended the program and completed reading and writing assignments three hours a day, four days a week. They received three college credits.

Michael Roggow, director of Collaborative Programs and Freshman Communities, summed up the College Now program: “This summer experience gave students an opportunity to listen to history as it comes alive and to understand historical movements in a different context.”
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