

Bristol Community College Attleboro & Taunton Spring Newsletter

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A Message From the Dean

We've come a long way in eight years. Our modest beginning on County Street has truly allowed Bristol Community College in Attleboro to flourish on Field Road. The College enrolled nearly 1,400 associate degree and certificate program students last year; we expect that number to continue to increase. In addition to the variety of enrollment and academic support services available at BCC's campus center in Attleboro (we're open seven days per week!), we offer the types of academic programs specifically designed to help our workforce to advance in their field as well as to transfer to baccalaureate-granting institutions.

BCC/Attleboro is particularly proud of the partnerships we've established in the local community. Two examples of this

include Bridgewater State University located on the second floor of our building (which offers academic programming in the evenings) and our Adult



Basic Education program (which assists students in completing their GED during the day) also occupies space in our facility. It's not uncommon for various community groups to use our auditorium or other classroom space for a wide range of meetings. We enjoy

that connection with the local community. That's consistent with our goal to increase our visibility in the Greater Attleboro area.

Students are often surprised to learn that they can accomplish just about everything they need in BCC/Attleboro. We have professional staff here who are experts in admissions, advisement, counseling, disability services, financial aid, placement testing and tutoring. Students can also purchase their textbooks in BCC/Attleboro. They can take advantage of our computer labs, science labs and our library.

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The Enrollment Center

The Enrollment Center provides registration and enrollment related services to students seeking to enroll in credit and non-credit courses.

The Enrollment Center is comprised of staff from Admissions, Financial Aid, Stu-

dent Accounts Office, Registration and Records and is prepared to assist students in any of these areas. The Enrollment Center processes all registrations, course change forms, enrollment verifications, transcript requests, program changes, college

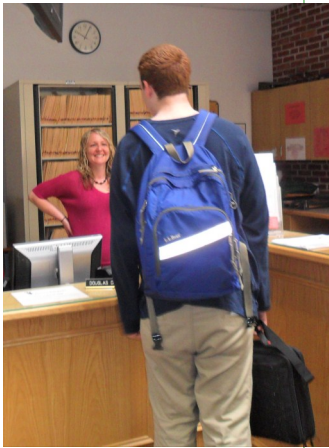
withdrawals, tuition payments, and tuition waiver requests. Applications for admission to the College and Financial Aid may also be obtained through the Enrollment Center.

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The Enrollment Center is located on the first floor of the Attleboro Center. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 7:30 pm; Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 2 pm. The Enrollment Center is closed on all major holidays. For more information please contact us at 508-226-2484.

A course brochure is developed and distributed three

times each year at the College - for the fall, spring and summer semesters. These publications list the academic calendar, tuition costs and the schedule of courses, days, times and locations available for the specific semester. To search for courses online visit the Course Search.—www.Bristolcc.edu

Note: Degree program requirements are available online in the Academic Catalog.

Did You Know Public, Private and Home-Schooled High School Students Can Earn Dual Credit? Dual enrollment provides an opportunity for qualified high school students to enroll in BCC courses while still enrolled in high school. Dual enrollment students receive both high school and college credit.

Who is eligible for Dual Enrollment? Students who have: Enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 in a Massachusetts public secondary school or non-public school, including home school.

When and where may Dual Enrollment courses be taken? The courses may be taken during the day, evening, weekend or online. Courses can be taken during the summer, fall,

Dual Enrollment and spring semesters.

What are some of the benefits of Dual Enrollment? Enriches the course opportunities for outstanding high school students. Shortens the time to attain a college degree. Saves students and parents money. Provides students with college credit that is transferable to most colleges and universities. Grades earned through dual

enrollment will become part of the student's permanent high school and college transcripts.

For more information about the Dual Enrollment Program in Attleboro: Contact: Judy Bolandz, Phone: 508-678-2811 ext. 3528 E-mail: Judy.Bolandz@bristolcc.edu

The mission of the Financial Aid Office is to help remove financial barriers to assist students in meeting the cost of attendance at BCC. The role of our office is to fill the gap that exists between the cost of attendance and funds available from your family, savings, and other resources. We will assist you with completing your financial aid application and provide information to help

Financial Aid you reach your educational goals, whether at BCC or beyond. Our staff is available to answer any questions you may have regarding financial aid and your eligibility concerns. Financial aid awards may include grants, loans, and work-study. The Financial Aid Office uses the standards and procedures developed by the U. S. Department of Education to estimate a fair student and

family contribution, determine financial need, and then determine the amount and type of assistance that can be offered to meet your educational expenses.

The Financial Aid Office provides assistance and counseling in completing the financial aid application, evaluation and determination of need. Please call 508.226.2484 for assistance.

Federal Student Aid FAFSA

We have simplified the process of filling out the FAFSA. You can follow each section all of the way through for a comprehensive set of instructions.

- Before Beginning a FAFSA**

Get organized! To complete the application process, gather required documents and other information ahead of time.

 - Determine your Dependence Status
 - FAFSA PIN (Free)
 - School's School Codes
 - Student's ID Number (Social Security Number)
 - Check Application Question Codes
- Filling Out a FAFSA**

Fill out the application that asks about your financial information, your school plans, and more.

 - Fill Out Your FAFSA
 - Check Your School Code
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- FAFSA Follow-Up**

View your results online! You can check the status of your application, make corrections to a processed FAFSA, and get other information.

 - Check Status of a Submitted FAFSA
 - Make Corrections to a Processed FAFSA
 - Add or Change a School Code
 - Add and Print Your Student PIN Request

You may complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The Office of Civic Engagement Program at BCC/A

BCC has an award winning Civic Engagement program, with full services offered at the Attleboro Center.

The mission of Bristol Community College's Civic Engagement Program is "to enhance student learning through the integration of academic learning in courses or through participation in community service, while encouraging civic engagement, social responsibility, development of workforce and community leadership skills and the ability to reflect on the connection between civic engagement and academic achievement".

What is "Civic Engagement?"

- CE is when a student performs a minimum of 10 unpaid hours of community service for a non-profit organization that meets a real need in the community – over the course of one semester.

What are the benefits for students participating in Civic Engagement? To connect practical experience with course topics. To explore career opportunities. To enhance transfer application or job resume. To gain relevant work experience and professional contacts. To apply classroom learning to fill a need in the community.

To find out how the program works, please visit www.bristolcc.edu and select Academics, then Civic Engagement. If you have any questions, contact a Civic Engagement staff member.

Attleboro Campus – Rebecca Clark – 508-678-2811, ext. 3458
Office – 136

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Office



An Attleboro Admission's New Addition

The Admissions Office for BCC is now represented by a full-time Admissions Counselor in Attleboro: Rob Geddes.

Rob was born and raised in Attleboro and knows the area well. Rob graduated from Attleboro High School and attended Bridgewater State College. After Bridgewater, Rob got his Master of Education in Administration of Higher Education from Suffolk University in Boston. Rob's ten years in college administration before BCC include stops at Endicott College in Beverly, MA, Emmanuel College in Boston, MA, Dean College, Franklin,

MA, and Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. Along the way, Rob held positions in student activities, residence life, and student accounts. With such diverse experiences from such different institutions, Rob has a broad experience in the college experience for students.

If you are considering enrollment at BCC as a first time college student, a transfer student, or someone returning to college after a long time away, Rob is the first person to contact. Admissions Counselors are trained to discuss every aspect of enroll-

ment. Rob will be able to assist you with choosing the best program for you, completing the application process, and discussing the steps that follow your admission into the College.

You can schedule an appointment with Rob by contacting the BCC Attleboro Enrollment Center (508.226.2484).



Robb Geddes, Admissions Counselor

Planned Summer Admission's Activities

Rob and the rest of the Admissions staff will be hosting a number of informational community events about BCC and enrolling in college in general. Please be sure to keep an eye on the BCC website for details!



Services and Community Events Available in Attleboro

Non-credit courses:

- ◆ **Yoga**, 6/13-7/25, Thur 6p-7p
- ◆ **CNA Training**, 6/3-8/28, M & W, 5p-9p
- ◆ **Pharmacy Tech Training**, 6/15-8/31, S, 9a-1p

Student Counseling – Christine Homen

The Counseling Center at BCC provides a range of services to support student success, health, and wellness. Counselors are available to help students to engage in their academic studies purposefully and to help them address challenges, which may include choosing a career, finding a job, deciding on a major, and planning to transfer to a four-year college or university. The Center also offers counseling to help students with personal problems, including stress, anxiety, depression, substance use, and relationship issues. Interactions with the Counseling Staff are considered to be confidential, within the guidelines of applicable laws. To make an appointment with Christine Homen, please contact her at 508-678-2811 ext. 3055.



U.S. Congressman Joe Kennedy III gave welcoming remarks at an economic summit held at BCC's Attleboro Center in early April. The event was sponsored by BCC, Bridgewater State University and the United Regional Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 75 area business and civic leaders participated.

ATTLEBORO ABE STUDENTS GO GREEN!

On March 7th five students from the ABE Program at BCC Attleboro Center participated in the Building Energy 13 Trade Show for Renewable Energy and Green Building hosted by the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. The students were accompanied by instructors Meri Holden and Dottie Hays who attended the conference as part of their work for the ABE Clean Energy Ambassadors Project, a grant funded program coordinated by the National College Transition Network.

The goal of the ABE Clean Energy Ambassadors Project is to develop and pilot a systematic and replicable model for capacity building and training of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) workforce (including basic literacy, GED/secondary education and English for Speakers of Other Languages) on clean energy concepts and related career pathways. Increasing the expertise of ABE teachers and counselors who work with ABE learners so that clean energy industries can be presented and investigated in the context of ABE instruction and counseling gives learners essential information on the job prospects and requirements, training, and career pathways.

The students took the MBTA commuter rail from Attleboro to Boston and spent the day at the tradeshow engaging with representatives from various clean energy businesses in Massachusetts. The students learned about potential career paths and innovative clean energy building design ideas.

This experience proved valuable not only because it provided information about possible careers but also because it gave the students the opportunity to interact on a professional level in a new environment thus building job hopes and confidence!

ABE = Adult Basic Education = a free program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, offering GED classes and remedial instruction in math, reading, and writing for adults who did not graduate from high school or who lack basic skills in these areas.

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Rodney Clark, Dean Attleboro / Taunton

There's ample parking in front of and behind our campus center; public transportation is also nearby as GATRA has a bus stop in front of our building, and an MBTA commuter rail station downtown is within a short walk of the facility. While many of our students reside in the Attleboro and North Attleboro, we also attract students from Bel- lingham, Dighton, Foxboro, Franklin, Mansfield, Norton, Plainville, Rehoboth, Seekonk,

Taunton and Wrentham. Residents of nearby Rhode Island also take advantage of the program offerings and support services available in BCC/ Attleboro.

What once was a Texas Instru- ments training center has been transformed into a growing col- lege community.

