

Bristol Community College

Attleboro Campus

Message from the Dean

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The calendar says it is spring, some of winter's snow is still on the ground, and we've already begun registering students for the upcoming summer! We're open seven days per week to help you move forward....Get in touch with us today!

The following pages give a very brief overview of what has taken place here since our last newsletter in November. We pride ourselves on being responsive to the needs of the Greater Attleboro region through academic programming, course offerings and a wide range of community activities. If you've read our newsletter previously, you already know that we serve a



variety of students - individuals directly from high school as well as those looking for a career change. Most of the college's students are balancing family and work responsibilities, but they're progressing academically by taking full advantage of highly dedicated faculty, superior administrative staff and a top notch facility. This is all combined with strong support from our community members consisting of business leaders, elected officials along with educators from a number of school systems. Bristol Community College is truly a gem in Attleboro!

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Hours of Operation

**Monday Thursday
8:00am 7:30pm**

**Friday
8:00am 4:30pm**

**Walk In Hours
Saturday Sunday
8:00am 2:00pm**



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But we're always on the move at Bristol Community College. There's always something new to share about our institution, which demonstrates our commitment to equipping the communities we serve for today's industry needs. Our partnership with Bridgewater State University is a growing one. We already have a degree completion program in place with them here in Attleboro. Students who complete BCC's associate degree in management can continue in this building and complete BSU's bachelor's degree in a little over two more years of additional study at their location on the second floor of this building. Other degree completion programs with Bridgewater will be named soon. Bristol

Community College's Attleboro Campus will soon launch our Weekend Business Fast Track program this summer where a cohort of students will complete their associate's degree in business administration in twelve months (instead of the normal two-year timeframe) by taking classes on Saturdays and Sundays. The students will begin in early-June, continue through the fall and complete their associate's degree at the end of the spring. This accelerated learning pathway is perfect for the needs of today's busy individual. We're also in the midst of a very successful launch of a new instructional modality often referred to as "synchronous (or distributed) learning." In short, a group of students in Attleboro join in on a class

being taught at Bristol's Fall River campus. They're able to fully participate in a realtime environment; they can see and be seen, hear and be heard by the rest of the class in a remote location. We have two classes running through this new technology right now, and things are going very well; students love it. There's so much more to share, but the following pages give you an excellent glimpse into the excitement at Bristol Community College's Attleboro Campus.

And please know that registration for the fall semester begins by mid-April. Contact us today!

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Bristol Community College changes the world learner by learner, and the College's partner in this transformative work is the BCC Foundation. Giving to the BCC Foundation empowers the local community. Bristol Community College graduates stay here, work here, and

provide the brains and the skills southeastern Massachusetts needs to thrive. But with state funding now less than 36 percent of the College's operating budget, the gift and support of friends and alumni make the difference between opportunity and limitations.

For more information or to make a donation please visit our website:

<http://www.bristolcc.edu/aboutb/cc/bccfoundation/>



NEW – Mental Health Recourses

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The Attleboro Campus has opened a Mental Health Counseling Office, which is staffed by, Bridget Arrow. Students are now able to access help with a myriad of mental health and wellness needs such as: learning ways to cope with stress, anxiety, depression, relationship difficulties and diminished self-esteem. In addition to

offering mental health counseling to our students, Bridget is currently working with, Rob Delaleu to bring a chapter of the Hero Club to Attleboro. The Hero Club will offer support and resources to students who may be questioning their sexual or gender identity, or just need someone to dialogue with about their personal lives.

Beginning on March 28th, Bridget will offer the first of a series of 3 workshops called, "Resilient: Body, Mind, Spirit." Each session will focus on developing understanding and skills to manage stress and transform anxiety, depression, and social isolation into new and positive ways of thinking and living.

Synchronized Classes

NEW Spring 2017

This semester BCC Attleboro is piloting synchronous instruction, also known as distributed learning, as a means for Attleboro Campus students to participate live in two courses that are being taught at the FR campus. We offered two courses this

spring, ACC 258, Auditing and MAN 290, Managing an Enterprise. Students who enrolled in one or both of these sections are participating fully from the Attleboro Campus. The courses are being taught live at the Fall River campus

utilizing technology that allows students in Attleboro to participate fully in the classes. This new opportunity is helping students take the courses they need to graduate here in Attleboro.

Weekend Business Fast Track

Summer 2017

The Weekend Business Fast Track program can put you on path to career success. Earn your degree in just 12 months online and onsite. The Fast Track program is easily accessible offering courses to complete a degree on Saturday and Sunday beginning in June 2017. The

convenient, hybrid course design, which combines online



flexibility with onsite class time enable you to earn your college education while

working, taking care of your family, or just dealing with other responsibilities. With in-demand business skills, your degree can be put to use immediately. You can also continue your education by transferring your credits almost anywhere.

Dual Enrollment (DU)

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Dual enrollment provides an opportunity for qualified high school students to enroll in BCC courses while still enrolled in high school. DU students receive both high school and college credit. Students can get a head start and are better prepared for college success.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the DU program a student must be:

- Enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 in a Mass public secondary school or non-public school, including home school.
- Meet all course prerequisites per the policies of BCC.
- A minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or demonstrate their potential for academic success through submission of evidence of steadily improving high school grades, high class rank, special talent, strong grades in the field of the CDEP course, strong recommendations, etc.
- Students must maintain a BCC GPA of at least 3.0 to continue to participate in dual enrollment

Benefits of DU

DU eases the transition from high school to college and allows students to get a head start on their college careers. Students and parents save money by shortening the time it takes to complete a college degree. Students earn 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.

Adult Basic Education Program

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The **Adult Basic Education (ABE) program** at **BCC's Attleboro Campus** is currently offering **EVENING CLASSES**, in addition to those offered during the **DAY**. These classes are **FREE** and are funded through the MASS Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. We also offer a **FREE** program specifically for **YOUTH**, ages 16-24, funded through the Bristol Workforce Investment Board.

Our programs serve individuals who have dropped out of school, or those looking to improve their basic skills. Classes are small and provide the academic skills that youth and adult learners need to obtain their high school credential and successfully transition into post-secondary programs, where they enter a college degree or certificate program. An advisor and/or social worker is a part of all our programs and provides

assistance when a student hits a road block or needs assistance moving forward. We no longer live in a world where the average dropout can find a decent paying job in a local factory now that most have closed. Education and specific skills are extremely vital to employment that leads to economic self-sufficiency.

Academic Support Services

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Academic support and student achievement center is very much in support of every student's academic success, and to have positive experiences in their classes. We know that lack of motivation can take a toll on academic success, and that good time management is an essential asset, for students to progress in classes enrolled in this semester. In partnership with our faculty, we implemented a retention tool to address the critical

obstacles students face in classes. Such tool as presenting academic success strategies directly to students in their classrooms, learning how to navigate the college resources available to them as a student on BCC/Attleboro campus, as well as encouraging students to be persistent in each class to help build on their "GRIT mindset". **Success** — after in class presentations, many students followed up, meeting individually with staff to

express their needs. Each student that comes forward are listened to, and receives personalize advice, as well as recognizing how to adapt their learning styles to the teaching styles in any class that's challenging. Finally, they are encouraged to make connection with other resources available to them in order to reach goals set for themselves. Our goal is that every student succeeds in their academic pursuit this semester and beyond.

Annual College Transfer Fair

February 1, 2017



BCC Attleboro's Annual ***College Transfer Fair*** took place on February 1, 2017. Transfer admissions representatives from over 20 colleges and universities throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island visited the Attleboro Campus to meet with students who are planning to transfer to

another college or university to earn their Bachelor's degree. Bridgewater State University, Bryant University, UMASS Boston, UMASS Dartmouth, Roger Williams University, UMass Lowell, University of Rhode Island, Wentworth Institute of Technology and Emerson College were some of the colleges that attended. This was an excellent opportunity for BCC students to meet with four-year college transfer admissions counselors to discuss the

transfer admission process, transfer credit evaluation, application deadlines, special program requirements and scholarship opportunities. During the Transfer fair BCC's Transfer Counselor, Beth Vezina, offered a **MassTransfer** workshop. She presented an overview of the **MassTransfer Program**, a statewide program that guarantees admission, tuition reduction and transfer of credit to a Massachusetts State University.

Admissions – College 101

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“College 101” Starts the Process at Attleboro High

For the second year in a row, Bristol Community College hosted “College 101” at Attleboro for about 100 students and family members at Attleboro High School.

On March 1, Admissions staff members Bliss Clemmer and Rob Geddes spoke to students and their families to get them ready for the college search experience through the office’s “College 101” program. College 101 is a presentation developed by the Admissions Office at BCC to prepare students of any age for the college selection process. This is a “soup to nuts” session that covers everything from the difference between a college and a university to how to pay to college and how to be successful after classes start.

Attendees are given handouts and access to a blog on some topics from the BCC Admissions staff to assist in the process.

Attleboro High School offers this presentation to students in the ninth and tenth grades and their families. This lays the groundwork for students considering college after high school so that when students enter their junior year and begin the more rigorous parts of the college process, they already know the basics and are ready to proceed in earnest with their Guidance Counselors.

“We were very fortunate to offer College 101 again this year at Attleboro High School to our freshman and sophomore families,” said Guidance Coordinator Julie Little. “The presentation is excellent and give families a

thorough look at all aspects of the process. Our families were appreciative of the expertise that our presenters had about the process and their willingness to answer individual questions at the end.”

Double ACS- Attleboro’s cable access network, recorded the presentation and will be showing it on their website. They do have a report about the presentation available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7dtjqD0ZXU&feature=youtu.be>.

College 101 is a free service that is available to anyone interested in hosting such an event for students, families, and/or employees. If you are interested in hosting College 101, please contact Rob Geddes, Senior Admissions Counselor at BCC Attleboro via email.

Race and the 2017 Election: An Historical Perspective

February 7, 2017

The Keynote Speaker for Bristol Community College’s Annual Celebration of Black History Month was Raymond Rickman. Mr. Rickman is a former Rhode Island State Representative and Deputy Secretary of State. He has been a leader in the

promotion of African-American History in Rhode Island and beyond. Among other



projects he has researched and written about William Brown a 19th century free person of color whose ancestors were slaves owned by the Brown family of Rhode Island who were involved in the building of Brown University.

Rolling out the Welcome!

BCC Attleboro Campus and the BCC Office of Student Life held "Rolling out the Welcome" for all new students to learn what resources the Campus offers. Students used a passport and a HUGE dice to visit all the resource throughout of Campus.



Students who completed their passport received a prize!



Valentine Card Making

Students made Valentine Cards from scratch for their loved ones. BCC Office of Student Life



Presidents Trivia



BCC Office of Student Life held Presidents Trivia, students answered trivia questions for a sweet treat!

Stress Ball Making



BCC Office of Student Life taught students to make stress balls out of flour, rice and balloons.



Spring Break Trip Away **March 2017**

Portugal: Lisbon & the Algarve Coast
19 BCC students, faculty and staff had an experience of a lifetime traveling to the wonderful country of Portugal. They went on walking tours, guided tours and many excursions.



March 2018

Peru: Lima, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Cuzco

For more information or to Enroll visit www.efcollegestudytours.com/enroll (enter tour ID: 1887600KA) or Joe Yasaian at Joe.Yasaian@bristolcc.edu or 774.357.3534.

Upcoming Events:

**April 6 (10:00 12:00pm)
RM 228**

Health Science Info Session

**April 11 (12:00 2:00pm)
RM Café**

Lunch & Learn

(Sponsored by Student Life)

April 12

**Advising & Registration
begins for Fall classes**

**April 18 (9:00 11:00am)
RM Lobby**

Clothesline Project

**April 20 (10:00 2:00pm)
RM Café**

Earth Day (3 Ps)

(Sponsored by Student Life)

**April 26 (6:30 8:00pm)
RM 228**

Admissions Info Session

**May 9 (11:00 2:00pm)
RM Parking Lot**

**End of Year (Sponsored by
Student Life)**

BASH

**May 23 (8:30 1:00pm)
2nd Annual**

Coding for Girls

**May 31 (8:00 2:00pm)
5th Annual**

STEAM (Middle School)

**Every Monday May
RM 218 (2:00 3:00pm)
Comic Book Club**

**Every Tuesday May
RM 116 (5:00 7:00pm)
Criminal Justice Society**

Fall 2017 classes begin on September 5, 2017.

Advising and registration is ongoing 7 days per week at BCC's Attleboro campus.

Call us at 508.226.2484 or email us at attleboro@bristolcc.edu for more details.

How can you connect?

Connect to a great future.

Don't wait - you can do it this **Fall** at Bristol Community College in Attleboro.

Schedules that are flexible

- Day, evening, weekend, and [online](#) options – courses in [Attleboro](#), Fall River, [New Bedford](#), and [Taunton](#)
- Learn about BCC [eHealthCareers at BCC/New Bedford](#) – Hybrid onsite and online learning!

Costs that are affordable

- [Financial aid](#) is available to eligible students
- Easy payments plans available

Connect to the people, programs, and potential of you and your world!

- More than [150 Associated degree and certificate programs](#)
- In-demand programs in healthcare, business, and engineering

Registration is going on now.

Visit www.bristolcc.edu or email us at attleboro@bristolcc.edu.

***Please join us for BCC Attleboro's
On the Spot Admissions
And
Financial Aid
Saturday, April 29, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.***