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## STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

### ***Mariama Diallo, Medical Assisting - Fall 2018 graduate***

Since I was a young child, my dream has always been to work in the medical field. I was thinking about going back to school but did not know where to start. A friend of mine, who was already studying at BEOC told me about the Medical Assisting program and that it was free! I decided to give it a try and by the end of the program, I had applied for college and was juggling between pursuing my degree and completing my Medical Assisting certifications. The hardest part was going home at night and having to deal with homework, cooking, and taking care of my kids. It was not easy, but I was determined, because I knew that my life would be much better after I am finished.

I attended the workshops provided by Career Services, and met with my advisor, Ms. Paolino, who assisted me with obtaining an internship in an OB/GYN office. I am proud to say that not only was I able to become a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA), I became a Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) and a Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) as well.

All I can say is that being at BEOC was one of the best choices I ever made in my life. Not only did they give me the foundation I needed to work in any medical environment, but also gave me the tools to succeed in my higher education. Today, I have a Bachelor Degree in Biology and work for NYC Health and Hospitals as a Public Health Advisor. I am thankful for the support and guidance I received from the instructors, career advisors and my fellow classmates who were a great source of inspiration.



## BLACK HISTORY JEOPARDY

As mentioned in last month's issue, BEOC Advisors Zakia Dunson and Marsha Williams-Nicholas hosted the Black History Jeopardy event on February 24, 2021 at 3:00pm.

This event was a fun and interactive way to learn about Black American history. The participants were divided into teams (2-4 groups). Each group took turns answering questions, with 5 seconds to write their answer in the chat. If the answer was incorrect, or the group ran out of time, the next group had 5 seconds to post their answer in the chat. The winner was the team with the most points.

The final team winners were **Karama Ball** and **Jean Mulrain**! The appreciation and excitement was expressed by winner Karama Ball (Medical Assisting):

*"I want to give special thanks to Ms. Dunson and Ms. Nicholas for hosting this very special and much needed workshop! I also want to thank my teammate Jean, and the other participants who played along. I really had a blast with you guys!!"*

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Every year March is designated Women's History Month by Presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history. BEOC would like to take this moment to recognize our own accomplished women who were honored as our valedictorians and salutatorians.

Please join us in saluting these amazing women.

### 2020

Salutatorian - **Ximena Ortiz** [Medical Assisting]

### 2019

Valedictorian - **Natalya Davies** [Medical Assisting]

Salutatorian - **Denise Clement** [Medical Electronic Records]

Please look for their individual bios in upcoming issues.

Congratulations to these extraordinary women!

## SUNY FOR ALL

### What is SUNY For All

SUNY For All is an initiative of the SUNY Chancellor to create a SUNY Online Training Center to help New Yorkers start their education and improve their job prospects. ATTAIN Labs and EOCs are the entry point to free training.

### How does it work

When people across the state make contact through the SUNY For All portal, they are funneled to ATTAIN Labs and EOCs for follow up. At Brooklyn EOC, there are staff members assigned to answer queries and direct inquiries. Depending on the need or desire of the person, they might refer applicants to other programs or direct them to apply to Brooklyn EOC.

### What does it mean for BEOC

For the time being, this is another referral source for us; however, in the longer term, SUNY for All may continue as a virtual EOC. However it progresses, the goal of Brooklyn EOC is to provide the appropriate support to enroll, teach, and complete students so that they can continue their career pathway through placement into jobs or college.

### How to access SUNY For All

Visit the site at: <https://www.suny.edu/sunyforall/> Also visit BEOC's social media pages for updates and events.





# BEOC UPCOMING EVENTS

BROOKLYN EOC  
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## College Admission Essay Workshop

Tips on writing an admission essay



Join College Connections Initiative on April 21, 2021 at 4:00pm for the College Admission Essay Workshop

- What is a college admission essay
- How does it fit into the application process
- Tips and suggestions for a great essay

BEOC is now recruiting for the Spring II and Fall 2021. To get more information about classes and the enrollment process, visit our website at [www.sunybeoc.org](http://www.sunybeoc.org).

If you are already committed to pursuing a new career or furthering your education, contact our admissions office at [admissions@beoc.cuny.edu](mailto:admissions@beoc.cuny.edu) or call 718-802-3344.

Make 2021 the year you decide to open the door to the great future that awaits you! Contact us today!

Free Tuition

## RECRUITING FOR SPRING II / FALL 2021

Tuition-Free Academic Programs

- College Preparation
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- High School Equivalency

Short Term Training

- OSHA 40 Certification
- Security Guard Training



Tuition-Free Career Programs

- Direct Support Professional
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Office Administrative Professional w/ Microsoft Office



*\*Programs will be offered online and are subject to change*



## Upcoming Student Workshops

- **ALLIED HEALTH PEER GROUP**  
Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00pm / Starting March 02, 2021
- **STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOP**  
March 11, 2021 at 3:00 pm
- **HSE PEER MENTORING GROUP**  
March 15, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Note: All workshops are accessible via Zoom. To register, go to BEOC Schoology system or contact your student advisor.