

# BEOC TODAY

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## WE'RE BACK!



**Thank you for your support**

BEOC Today had taken a two-year hiatus, but we are back in operation to bring you news and information from our students, faculty, staff, and community. We have new initiatives, employees, and departments.

Enjoy our newest issue, follow us on our social media platforms, and submit information that you would like to share in the newsletter.

We have appreciated your support over the years and look forward to your continued engagement.



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# 2025

NEW YEAR, NEW DREAMS,  
NEW PATHWAYS!

Welcome to your future! Are you ready for change?  
Let BEOC be the pathway to your success.

## NEW ADDITIONS TO BEOC

Welcome our new Executive Director  
**Dr. Gerald Maitre**



Dr. Gerald Maitre was hired in 2024 and started his journey at BEOC in July 2024. He has thus far, embraced the school's energy, practices, and culture. Dr. Maitre is a Brooklyn native who has always been passionate about justice, education, and creating opportunities for underserved communities. With a background in psychology, social work, and educational leadership, he has dedicated his career to championing justice-impacted students and supporting individuals on public assistance to achieve their academic goals.

His journey is deeply intertwined with the values and mission of BEOC. As someone who understands the power of education to transform lives, he committed to ensuring that BEOC continues to be a beacon of opportunity for individuals looking to further their education and career prospects.

Dr. Maitre is looking toward the future, and his vision for BEOC is one of growth, inclusivity, and partnership. His goal is to ensure that BEOC remains at the forefront of providing life-changing opportunities for the people of Brooklyn and beyond.

Dr. Maitre, we welcome you!



**Chinyere Rhoad**

*Communications & Multimedia Coordinator  
Communications Department*

Chinyere Rhoad started employment at BEOC in July 2024 as the Communications & Multimedia Coordinator in the new BEOC Communications department.

Chinyere shares her story, "I am an experienced graphic designer passionate about UX/UI design and content creation. I hold a BS from SUNY Albany and am currently pursuing my MA at SUNY Potsdam. As the Communications & Multimedia Coordinator, I enjoy designing new branding materials and building connections with students and the community through social media. In my free time, you can find me trying new dishes I've discovered on TikTok!"

Chinyere, BEOC welcomes you!



**Jessica Lawes**  
*Employment Specialist  
Career Services Department*

Jessica Lawes started her employment at BEOC January 2025 as an Employment Specialist in the Career Services department.

Jessica brings a wealth of experience in employer relations and career services. At John Jay College, she cultivated strong partnerships with companies such as KPMG, Morgan Stanley, and the FBI. She also holds a Master's degree in Organizational Psychology, equipping her with valuable insights to help students thrive in today's workforce.

Jessica, BEOC welcomes you!



# BEOC IN THE COMMUNITY

## Brooklyn Public Library Enrollment Series

2024 brought back the Brooklyn Public Library Enrollment series, which was spearheaded by Darron Henry, Enrollment Manager.

BEOC visited various BPL branches to meet with potential applicants. The idea behind the series was to meet with potential applicants within their own communities.

BEOC staff answered questions and assisted with the online application while visiting the branches. When possible, Mr. Henry counted the sessions as an actual enrollment session. In every case, attendees had an opportunity to complete their online application with members of our staff.

The branches visited were:

New Lotz, Easter Parkway, Flatbush, Pacific, and Kings Highway. This event was also featured in the Community Board 9 newsletter. Thank you to that board for their continued support!

We would like to thank all of the staff of each library in assisting us with this important event. The series is planned to continue throughout 2025.

READY TO JUMPSTART YOUR CAREER? JOIN US AT YOUR NEAREST

# BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

A representative from **SUNY Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center** will be on-site at your nearest Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) to discuss their tuition-free academic and career programs, provide application assistance, answer questions, and more

**WHEN & WHERE**

To view BPL locations and register, scan the QR code or visit [www.sunybeoc.org/student-support-services/suny-beoc-events](http://www.sunybeoc.org/student-support-services/suny-beoc-events)

**PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**

- Medical Assisting
- High School Equivalency Preparation (HSE)
- Office Administrative Professional
- College Preparation
- OSHA 30 Construction and Site Safety training
- Security Guard Training
- English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- **AND MORE!**


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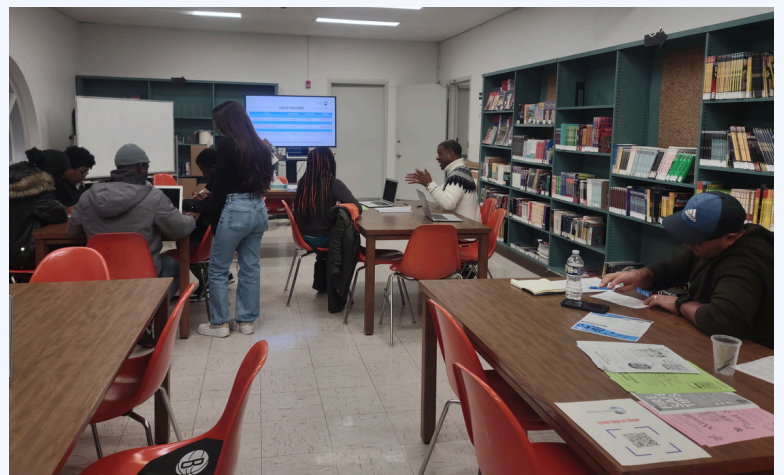
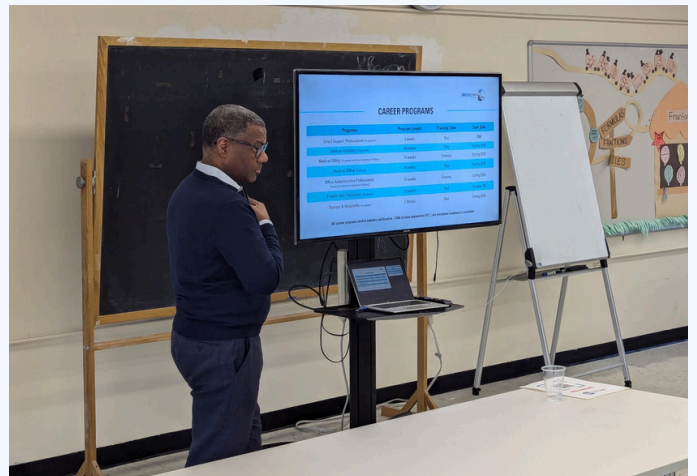
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# BEOC OUTREACH



## Annual Partnership Meeting/Breakfast

On October 15, 2024, BEOC held its annual Partner Meeting. This event brings an opportunity for our partners and potential partners to learn more about our programs and services, enrollment processes, and to meet our staff and faculty.

This year we were excited to introduce our new Executive Director, Dr. Gerald Maitre and hear an inspiring speech from our keynote speaker, Deputy Director of the Office of Higher Education in Prison, Darryl Epps.

The networking portion of the event provided a wonderful breakfast and an opportunity for agencies to explore other agencies and their services to create a community of opportunity and support. We would like to thank Mr. Darron Henry for tirelessly planning this event year after year.

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# FALL 2024 PARTNER MEETING

The State University of New York, Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center (BEOC) cordially invites you to our **Fall 2024 BEOC Partner Meeting** on **Wednesday, October 30, 2024 @ 9:30am**.

This is a great opportunity to meet our new Executive Director, Dr. Gerald Maitre, and learn more about our program offerings, enrollment process and supportive services. This will also be a great opportunity to network with other agencies from across the city. Breakfast will be provided.



DR. GERALD MAITRE



DARRYL EPPS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR DARRYL EPPS, OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

CLICK HERE TO RSVP BY 10/25/2024

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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024  9:30 AM

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## BECC UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

# Student Services Activities Calendar



### February 2025

Date	Time	Activity/Event	Responsible Party	Additional Notes
February 10	3:00PM	Introduction to Self-Compassion	Dumas/Advisement	ZOOM
February 13,20,27	TBD	Black History Celebration: Scavenger HUNT Games	Advisement/CCI	In-Person
February 24	TBD	The HUNT is on: Smart Strategies for Landing a job	Lawes/Career Center	In-Person
February 26	TBD	The HUNT is on: Smart Strategies for Landing a job	Lawes/Career Center	ZOOM
February 27	TBD	Paying for College	Munchez/CCI	ZOOM
February 18	3:00 PM	Write it Right: Professional writing to Land the Job	Lawes/Career Center	In-Person
February 20	3:00 PM	Write it Right: Professional writing to Land the Job	Lawes/Career Center	ZOOM
February 27	2:00 – 5:30 PM	OSHA Completion Class Celebration/Networking Event	Lawes/Career Center	In-Person

### March 2025

Date	Time	Activity/Event	Responsible Party	Additional Notes
March 4	3:00 PM	How to Resolve Conflict Workshop	Dumas/Dunson	ZOOM
March 20	3:00 PM	Study Skills Workshop	Dumas/Dunson	ZOOM
March 27	10:00AM	CCI College Fair	Munchez/CCI	In person
March 11	3:00 PM	Nailing the Interview: Confidence, Questions, and First Impressions	Lawes/Career Center	In person
March 13	3:00 PM	Nailing the Interview: Confidence, Questions, and First Impressions	Lawes/Career Center	ZOOM
March 18	3:00 PM	Your Network is Your Net worth: Building Connections that Count	Lawes/Career Center	In person
March 20	3:00 PM	Your Network is Your Net worth: Building Connections that Count	Lawes/Career Center	ZOOM
March 25	3: 00 PM	Resume Clinic (Employer Led)	Lawes/Career Center	In person
March 27	3:00 PM	Networking Event (Alumni & Employer)	Lawes	In person
March 30	1:30pm	APPLYING to College: CUNY Application	Munchez/CCI	In Person



# BEOC UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES



## Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center Spring 2025 Academic Calendar

Date	Day	
January 20	Monday	BEOC Closed/Martin Luther King's Day
January 25	Saturday	NYCCT Spring 2025 Semester Begins
February 3	Monday	First Day of Spring & Spring I 2025 Semesters
February 7	Friday	Spring I 2025 Schedule Adjustment Ends
February 12	Wednesday	BEOC Closed/Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	Friday	Spring 2025 Schedule Adjustment Ends
February 17	Monday	BEOC Closed/Presidents' Day
February 18	Tuesday	Classes Follow a Monday Schedule
February 27-March 5	Thurs-Wed	Spring I Midterm Evaluations & Advisement
March 6	Thursday	Spring I Midterm Grades Due
March 21-27	Fri-Thurs	Spring I Final Evaluations & Advisement
March 24	Monday	Spring 2025 Mid-semester Evaluations & Advisement
March 27-April 2	Thurs-Wed	Mid-semester Evaluation & Advisement
March 28	Friday	Spring I Final Grades Due Last Day of Spring I 2025
March 31	Monday	No Classes in Session
April 1	Tuesday	First Day of Spring 2 2025
April 3	Thursday	Spring 2025 Mid-semester Grades Due
April 7	Monday	Spring II 2025 Schedule Adjustment Period Ends
April 14 -18	Mon-Fri	Spring Recess/No Classes in Session
April 21	Monday	Classes Resume
April 29-May 5	Tues-Mon	Spring II Midterm Evaluations & Advisement
May 6	Tuesday	Spring II Midterm Grades Due
May 14-20	Wed-Tue	Advisement for Summer & Fall 2025 Registration Exit TABE Testing (HSEB/PRE/P & ESOL)
May 21-29	Wed-Thurs	Spring & Spring II 2025 Final Evaluations & Advisement
May 26	Monday	BEOC Closed/Memorial Day
May 29	Thursday	Classes Follow a Monday Schedule Last Day of Spring & Spring II 2025 Semesters
May 30	Friday	All Final Grades Due
TBD		GED Screening & GED Exam for HSE Program Students
June 2-13	Mon-Fri	NHA Certification Review Sessions (MED/ASST/BILL)
June 17-18	Tue-Wed	NHA Certification Exams (MED/ASST/BILL)
June 19	Thursday	BEOC Closed/Juneteenth
June 23	Monday	First Day of Summer 2025 Semester
June 25	Wednesday	2024-2025 Graduation / Commencement

### Emergency Closing Information:

During inclement weather or for emergency closings, check announcements at:

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