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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

A Message from the Executive Director

Dr. Gerald Maitre

Dear BEOC Community,

As we step into March, we find ourselves at a pivotal point in the semester—a time to reflect on how far we've come and to focus on the finish line that lies ahead.

The first two months of 2025 have been nothing short of extraordinary. January and February were filled with milestones that showcase the strength of our BEOC community. Our participation in the Caucus provided a powerful opportunity to amplify the voices of our students and highlight the critical work being done at BEOC.

We kicked off the year with strong Spring 1 enrollment, a reflection of the trust that our community places in us. As we prepare for Spring 2 and Summer 1, let's continue to build on this momentum.

One of our most inspiring moments this quarter has been celebrating the success of our students who passed the NHA (National Healthcareer Association) exams. To those who achieved this milestone: congratulations! Your perseverance, discipline, and commitment to excellence have paid off.

Additionally, I am excited to launch **Fireside Chats with the Executive Director**, where I will sit down with students to hear their stories, dreams, and feedback. I encourage students to join and share their journeys which will inspire others to persevere.

Let's make March a month of persistence, progress, and pride.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

OSHA Completion Ceremony

The OSHA Completion Ceremony was held on February 27th. This event served as both a networking opportunity and a celebration of students who successfully completed OSHA 30, Site Safety, and OSHA Flagging training.

In addition to receiving their certification cards, participants were given OSHA kits containing hard hats, gloves, earplugs, protective goggles, and vests, ensuring they are well-equipped for entering safety-conscious industries. Employers from the construction, warehousing, maintenance, and related sectors gathered to connect with job-ready candidates and shared insights on their hiring needs. It was a valuable opportunity to recruit great talent and engage with motivated individuals eager to contribute to the workforce.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Explore our Patient Care Technician program!

With the increasing demand on the healthcare industry, patient care technicians are a vital part of today's medical workforce. These healthcare professionals provide direct patient care in hospitals, rehabilitation, or acute care facilities.



Under the supervision of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals, a PCT is responsible for providing the following:

- Basic patient care like bathing, feeding, and catheter care
- Acquiring, distributing, and administering patient care supplies
- Ensuring the cleanliness of patient rooms and conducting safety checks o Monitoring and recording changes in patient health and vital signs
- Performing EKG and phlebotomy procedures o Collecting laboratory specimens

Program Details: Day Classes • Length: 10 Weeks • Entry Requirements: HS Diploma or HSE

For more information, visit our website at: www.sunybeoc.org

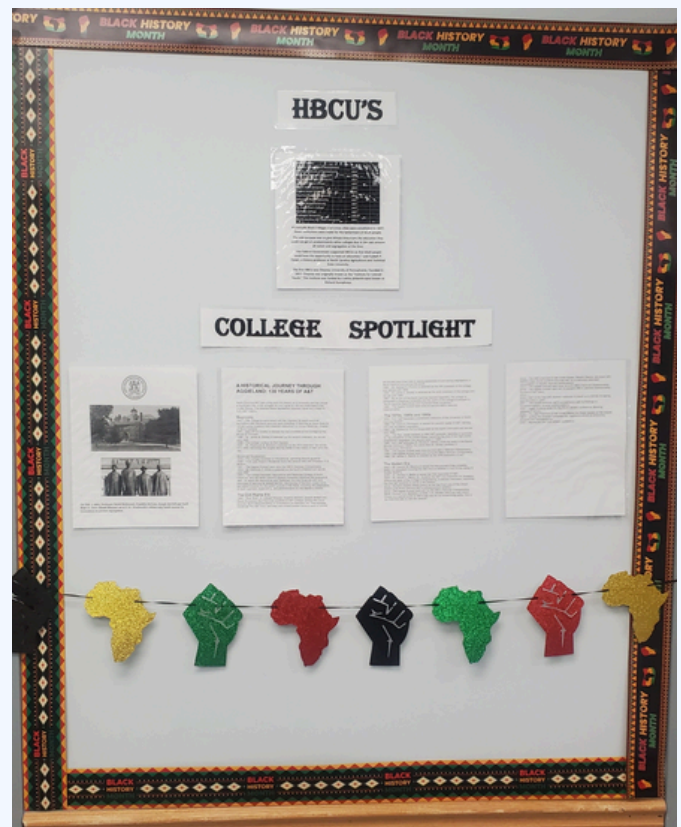
College Connection Initiatives

CCI Celebrates HBCU's

The College Connections Initiative honored Black History Month by highlighting two historic HBCUs: **Morgan State University** and **North Carolina A&T State University**.

Morgan State University, founded in 1867 as the Centenary Biblical Institute, was named after the Reverend Lyttleton Morgan, the first chairman of its board of trustees. North Carolina A&T State University, established in 1891, played a pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement with its students initiating the famous Greensboro sit-ins in 1960. This celebration aimed to educate and inspire by showcasing the rich histories and significant contributions of these esteemed institutions.

In the spirit of celebrating the rich history of many universities and colleges, we will be highlighting our staff and faculty by featuring pictures of them during their college days. They are also encouraged to wear a t-shirt from their alma mater! Stay tuned for those wonderful throwbacks!



BEOC IN THE COMMUNITY

BEOC COLLEGE CONNECTIONS INITIATIVE (CCI)

BEOC Partnership

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Avanath, a leader in providing valuable community resources to their residents. Their primary focus is to provide hard working families higher quality, well maintained, and safe value rental housing – a base for their pursuit of the American Dream.

Through this collaboration, we will offer a series of college exploration workshops designed to help residents navigate the path to higher education. These workshops will cover essential topics such as college selection, application processes, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities. We would like to thank Avanath for collaborating on this much needed initiative.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Title: *Maelstrom, Seeker And Source*

BEOC Student showcases additional talents!

BEOC continuously makes strides in encouraging our students to be the best they can be. So, when we discover their added talents outside of the classroom, we feel honored to share with the community.

Student, **Robine Foucault** created this extraordinary artwork and was proud to share it with us along with a heartfelt thank you to BEOC staff and faculty.

Robine shares: "[This artwork] is an expression of my experience in seeking higher education while managing life but symbolized.

I'm a Certified Medical Assistant and now attending college to study Fine Arts. A huge round of applause and heartfelt thanks to Ms. Davis, Mr. Saini, Ms. Sergeya, Ms. Dasher, and others who supported me through my Medical Assistant program journey. Their passion for teaching, with both mind and heart, has been truly inspiring.

An even bigger thank you goes to Ms. Shavon, who has been the backbone and foundational support for my college journey.

BEOC has provided me not only with an edge in the medical field but also a steppingstone to achieving my goals."

BEOC IN THE LEGISLATIVE SPACE

2025 Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Caucus

February 14-15, 2025 - BEOC participated in the annual Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Caucus.

This year, BEOC had the pleasure of sending our new Executive Director and staff members to Albany, NY, along with two BEOC graduates, one current student, and faculty member.

Our new Executive Director, Dr. Gerald Maitre led the group through the enriching 2-day event, which included:

DAY 1

- UCAWD dinner reception for all EOCs
- Mock testimonials which gave students who were presenting during the main event the next day, a chance to practice their speeches

DAY 2

- BEOC tabled at the Convention Center along with other EOCs
- Students performed blood pressure readings and temperature checks
- Students impressed the crowd with their BEOC journey and what they have been up to since graduation
- Notable leaders provided inspirational words to EOC students, including Tamara Frazier, SUNY Deputy COO and Executive Director for the Black Leadership Institute, Lisa Jackson, Associate Provost and Director of UCAWD, and Dr. Roosevelt Mareus, Executive Director of the Rochester EOC.

Overall, the event proved successful in bringing awareness to the importance of the SUNY EOC system. BEOC was also able to obtain over 40 names of potential applicants.

Well done team!





State University of New York
University Center for Academic and
Workforce Development and the
Educational Opportunity Centers (EOCs)

— Cordially invite you to the —

EOC Exhibition
**NYS Association of Black,
Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian
Legislators Inc.'s Conference**

Saturday, February 15th
10am-3pm

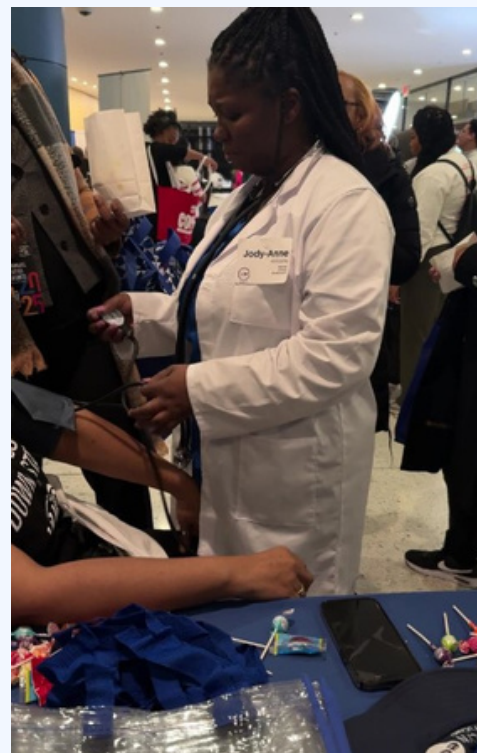
Empire State Plaza
Convention Center lobby
Albany, NY

We would be honored if you would join
the EOCs in celebration of our continued
legacy of service.

Please RSVP [Here](#) by Wednesday, February 12th.

BEOC IN THE LEGISLATIVE SPACE

2025 Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Caucus



BEOC UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

Advisement

Helpful Tips During Midterms

As midterms approach, it's important to start preparing early. Here are some tips to help you get ready:

- **Create a Study Guide:** A study guide can help organize your notes and key concepts. If you're unsure how to create one, check out this helpful resource: [How to Create Study Guides \(with Pictures\) - wikiHow](#)
- **Use Study Apps:** There are many free apps that can boost your productivity and efficiency while studying.
- **Connect with Your Instructor:** Make use of your instructor's office hours to ask questions and clarify any concepts you find challenging.
- **Form a Study Group:** Working as a team can be a great way to deepen your understanding of the material. Collaborating with classmates can help reinforce what you've learned.
- **Attend Our Study Skills Workshop:** The Advisement Department will host a Study Skills Workshop on March 20th at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. A link to join the workshop will be sent out later this week.

March 2025

Student Services Activities Calendar

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 Enrollment to present at Brooklyn Justice Initiatives (BJI)

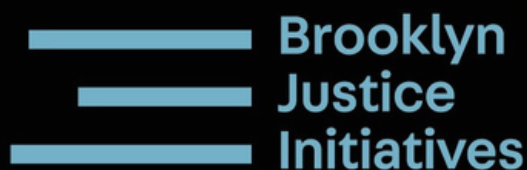
BEOC will be conducting a hybrid presentation to clients of Brooklyn Justice Initiatives. The session will be on-site and Zoom. Clients can attend in person at BEOC or via Zoom or in-person at 3 different BJI locations around the city.

After the session, BEOC staff will assist clients, who attend on-site, with their online application. BJI staff will assist clients, at their respective location, with the online application.

Hybrid Session:

- **March 7 @ 3pm (on-site & Zoom)**

Brooklyn Justice Initiatives is staffed by a team of social workers, case managers, and court liaisons. By providing meaningful early diversion, pretrial supervised release, and post-conviction sentencing options, they seek to use an arrest as a window of opportunity to change the direction of an individual's life and avoid unnecessary incarceration.

The logo for Brooklyn Justice Initiatives features three horizontal teal bars of varying lengths to the left of the text "Brooklyn Justice Initiatives" in a white, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a black rectangular background, which is itself centered within a large, thick yellow circular brushstroke graphic.

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