When I look back to my decision on living at the Felician dorms, I totally don’t regret it. Back when I was still in my home country, it was extremely stressful to find a place to live in, and when I found out that BCC had this agreement with Felician College I got immediately exited. Having the opportunity to experience a real college life is a chance that I definitely could not miss. At Felician, I have the opportunity to interact with American citizens and understand more about their culture and traditions. Furthermore, they also have a large quantity of international students as well, and it makes me feel more comfortable when I am around campus, because I know that I am not the only one from abroad who is living there.

Moreover, another excellent perk of living at Felician, is definitely their regular activities. I have had the opportunity to watch American football games in stadiums, and to go to some trips in New York City, like seeing the Statue of Liberty. Besides that, almost every day they have on campus activities as well like movie sections, yoga and music events.

Want more information about living at Felician, stop by the ISC!
Traveling to Ebola virus affected areas over the break?

It is highly recommended that any travel to Ebola virus affected areas should be postponed.

More information can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: [http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html)
Important Message from Health Services

If it is an emergency, always go to the emergency room at the nearest hospital, but if you’re simply not feeling well, and would like to see a medical professional, the BCC Nurses’ Office suggests that you go to one of the offices with the Valley Health Medical Group. **In the event that your health will prevent you from attending your classes, please contact the ISC IMMEDIATELY!**

Also, if you have not submitted your Immunization Form, this needs to be given to Health Services in HS-100. Any student that needs to still get their immunization shots can visit Health Services or the ISC to get information on locations that provide these services.

Need health insurance information, please stop by the ISC.

Public Safety Announcement

**Reminder:** Always keep your personal belongings with you at all times. Do not leave your personal belongings unattended. In addition, the ISC recommends that you only keep copies of your passport with you when you are on campus. All original documents should be kept in a safe place.

More information from Public Safety can be found at [http://www.bergen.edu/about-us/public-safety](http://www.bergen.edu/about-us/public-safety)

Academic Reminders

**Thinking about changing your major?** — Students are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with their International Counselor to discuss a potential change of major. Call the office at 201.689.7601 and schedule your appointment today! As the fall semester approaches, there will be limited appointments.

**Maintain full-time load**—All F-1 students are required to maintain a minimum of 12 credits unless they have received permission from the ISC counselor to go below.

**Math Placement Test**—Students who have completed or passed out of their ESL courses should stop by the Testing Office in S-127 to take the math placement test. **IMPORTANT:** Beginning Spring 2015, any student who places into remedial math will be required to register for IST-123 ‘Success 101’

**ESL Update**—SPE-003 has changed to SPE-100.
Optional Practical Training (OPT)
Any student that is interested in working off campus needs to attend a workshop (see Workshop Schedule) on OPT.

Graduating this Fall 2014?
Any student graduating this fall will have a 60 day grace period from the last day of classes. The grace period gives additional time to transfer to another U.S. institution, apply for the post completion OPT benefit, or return home.

I-20 Extensions
It’s time to check your program end date on the I-20. If it’s about to expire, you need to apply for an extension. The I-20 extension packet is on the website.

Updating the ISC Office
Moving or have a new e-mail address? USCIS/DHS (United States Customs & Immigration Service/Department of Homeland Security) requires all F-1 students to notify the ISC of ANY home address changes within 10 DAYS of the move. In fact, if you have ANY contact information changes, like change of e-mail, or phone number, let us know! To notify the ISC, simply visit us in C-102, fill out the F-1 Change of Data Form, and we will change the information. This form is also available online at www.bergen.edu/isc/forms.

Traveling
Any student that will be traveling over the winter break needs to obtain a travel signature from the ISC. Please stop by the ISC with your latest I-20.

Extended Library Hours
Beginning today and continuing through Saturday, Dec. 20, the Sidney Silverman Library at the Paramus campus will be open until midnight Monday through Thursday. In addition, the library will open two Sundays: Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 from noon to 5 p.m. There is no change in hours on Fridays and Saturdays. Please review the library’s website for complete list of hours.