Dear Graduate: You are cordially invited to Bergen Community College’s MAY Graduate Salute.

Purpose:
After years of hard work, we want to see you off in a BIG way! We will be providing you with all the information and services you will need for a smooth transition and unforgettable Commencement.

At the Graduate Salute, you will have the opportunity to:
• Settle any Financial Aid or Bursar issues
• Resolve any holds
• Learn how to order transcripts and check final grades
• Verify permanent address
• Verify name on commencement day
• Pick up cap, gown and any medals and cords
• Purchase graduation-related items
• Receive career and transfer advice
• Visit with 4-year college representatives and employers

STEP 1 - Log into your Bergen Portal
Locate & follow these hyperlinks in the Datatel WebAdvisor Menu
• WebAdvisor for Students
• Registration for Students
• Confirm My Graduation

STEP 2 - Complete and submit the “Confirm My Graduation” form.

STEP 3 - A notification receipt will be sent to your Bergen student e-mail address

STEP 4 - Your request will be received and processed by the Department of Registration and Records - a communication will be sent to your Bergen e-mail with Graduation readiness results and information on your “Next Steps”

Paper form: If you are unable to complete the graduation confirmation process via the Bergen Portal, feel free to download the form:
• Confirming My Graduation

Fax the completed form to (201) 670-7973 or email a scanned copy of the completed form to Registration

Questions regarding the Graduate Salute should be directed to the office of Student life at 210-447-7125 or email commencement@bergen.edu

Did you know you can confirm your graduation….

Graduation Confirmation Progress Request
The purpose of this process is to enable students to verify their graduation readiness.

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For those about to graduate…
...we salute you!

Graduation Salute 2015
Wednesday, May 6; 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Student Center, Main Campus

• Join the Alumni Network

We will be looking for you….
Come out and celebrate with your family and make this the most memorable BCC graduation!!!!!

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Pizza with the VP of Student Affairs
Ciarco: Thu, April 9 • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Jill Rivera

I am thrilled to be the new Associate Dean of Student Success and Completion! Some of you may know me from The Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) where, for the past five years, I was the Assistant Coordinator of EOF. I love working at Bergen Community College – and we go back a long way. When I wanted to change careers after many years as a textile designer, I attended Bergen! (I still have my Bergen ID card from 1993 in my office!) I am a graduate of William Paterson University (Sociology /Education major) and Seton Hall University (Masters in Academic Counseling). My favorite part of my EOF position was working with and listening to students and helping them discover their path in life and providing them with guidance to be successful. In my new role I will get to take my passion for student success and strive to improve the Bergen Community College experience for all students! The “Completion” part of my title refers, of course, to GRADUATION, a goal and accomplishment that I wish for all students to achieve. I need YOU, the Student, to help me in this new role by sharing with me the reasons why a student may start with the dream of a college degree only to withdraw before completing their degree – whether the reason is related to finances, family, job, academic, or lack of motivation, I want to help connect you with the resources and strategies to address those issues so you can stay on course with your dreams – Don’t Give Up! I also want to hear from those of you who have succeeded in overcoming hurdles that threatened to come between you and your academic dreams! Was there an instructor who went the extra mile, or a counselor or tutor that supported you in knocking down a barrier, I want you to share your story with me. It is important for me to know what is going on in your lives, what matters most to you as a college student and what you feel Bergen Community College can do to help you meet your personal academic and career goals. Your personal success really matters to me so please reach out anytime with your thoughts and suggestions. I will also be hosting gatherings to learn more about your experiences. Here's to a great end of the Spring Semester!

Jill Rivera
Associate Dean of Student Success and Completion
jrivera@bergen.edu

Student 101 magazine March Issue is ready…. Check it out.. http://readsh101.com/bergen.html

Health Tips

by Barbara Buff
Health Services College Nurse

Self-Improvement Workshops

These workshops will provide step by step guideline on how to cope with issues that affect you

Would you like to learn how to manage anger? Join Personal Counselors Professors S. Barton and E. Purcell for a confidential and free eight-week course on …

1. ANGER MANAGEMENT
When: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. every Monday for Eight Weeks
Dates: Monday - until May 4th, 2015
Where: Room HS-100- The Center For Health, Wellness and Personal Counseling.

Please register in Room HS-100, Due to the Confidential Nature of the course registration required to attend Anger Management.

2. ANXIETY WORKSHOP
Learn skills to overcome your fears and anxieties and live a happier life
Personal Counselor: Lois Carmichael LCSW
Wednesday March 26th
Wednesday April 1st
Signup at L115 or HS 100
Room HS 102
12:30-1:30

Women’s History Month

Friday, March 27
Terry Tempest Williams
Keynote Speaker
1:30-3:00 | Ciccone Theatre
Williams is currently the Annie Clark Tanner Scholar in Environmental Humanities at the University of Utah. Her writing has appeared in The New Yorker, The New York Times, and Orion Magazine. Her most recent book, When Women Were Birds, was published in Spring 2012 by Macmillan. Presented in collaboration with the Literary Arts Series

Tuesday, March 31
Book & Brunch with Professor Tobyn De Marco 12:30-1:30 | C-325
Ecofeminist Theory: The Work of Lori Gruen Reflections on Weaving Stories – Reception & Tea 3:00-4:00 | TEC-128 B/C
The Women’s History Month 2015 committee invites you to join them for refreshments as they celebrate the power of women’s stories and women’s lives.

Thursday, March 26
“In Her Shoes”: Violence Against Women Panel 12:30-1:30 | C-313
Join student and faculty on an informative and illuminating discussion of the private yet very public issue of violence against women Judith K. Winn School of Honors Co-Sponsor
Career & Transfer
Help is Here
Counselors at The Center for Student Success (CSS), located in Room A-118 (Paramus), are ready to assist you with identifying an academic major, selecting four-year colleges and universities for transfer, and guide you through the career and job search process. Visit the Center or call a CSS representative at (201) 447-7171 to make an appointment.

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College Transfer Information Presentations
Wednesday March 25 John Jay College of Criminal Justice
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Save the Date
Come and celebrate!

Commencement 2015

May 21, 2015
10 a.m.
Meadowlands Exposition Center
Secaucus, NJ

NEW FASHION DESIGN PROGRAM AT BCC!!!!!!

Learn to design clothes and develop an eye for fashion detail.

Use your imagination and ingenuity to create your own designs. In these “hands on” courses you will learn the basic principles and small details of drawing fashion figures that will enable you to design an entire wardrobe, custom fit just for you! All courses will be offered each semester.

After completing these courses, you will receive a certificate of Completion in Fashion Design. Basic Sewing knowledge is helpful.

To register, call: (201) 447-7488 • www.bergen.edu/continuinged

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Helpful Information from Bergen

Student Affairs, Paramus
Academic Advising .................................................................Room A-118
Admissions .................................................................Room A-115
Center for Collegiate Dead Education ..................................................Room L-115
Center for Health, Wellness and Personal Counseling ..................................................Room H5-100
Center for Student Success .................................................................Room A-118
Educational Opportunity Fund Counselors ..................................................Room C-100
International Student Center .................................................................Room C-102
Office of Public Safety .................................................................Room L-115
Office of Specialized Services .................................................................Room L-154
Office of Student Life .................................................................Room SC-110
One Stop Registration and Financial Aid ..................................................Room A-128
Student Affairs, Meadowlands
1280 Wall Street West, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
First Floor, Room 116 • (201) 301-9699
Academic Counseling: Career and Transfer Services ..................................................Room 124
Financial Aid Services .................................................................Room 140 and 136
Office of Public Safety .................................................................Room 101
Registration Services .................................................................Room 126
Student Advisement .................................................................Room 126

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