Welcome...

I am so excited to be your Vice President of Student Affairs. The Division of Student Affairs is more than just a place to register. It is the hub that connects students with college resources and services, faculty, staff, and to several opportunities for leadership, career, and college transfer. My office is located in A-330, Pitkin Building at the Paramus Campus. I am also available at the Meadowlands and Hackensack centers during newly established Pizza with the Vice President days to ensure students from all college locations are aware of the latest Student Affairs updates and to provide an open forum where students can express concerns and ask questions.

We bring you in, we make sure we do all that is possible to keep you in, and we will help you transition to a career or a transfer institution through graduation. Whether you are a first-time or returning student, allow me to congratulate you on making one of the most important decisions of your life, to pursue a higher education. Through personal experience, I can tell you that education DOES open doors to new opportunities. To achieve your educational and career goals, it will take time, patience, persistence, tenacity, motivation, endurance, strength, and personal responsibility.

Just know that whatever your goals are, they CAN become a reality. So, stay the course, keep attending class, keep studying, keep making time to take care of yourself, and know that there is always someone in Student Affairs ready to help you succeed every step of the way.

1. The Bergen Community College Scholarship Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications through February 8, 2013. Apply for a scholarship by visiting: www.bergen.edu/Documents/foundation/pdf/Revised_2013SP_Scholarship_Application.pdf
2. The Student Government Association (SGA) is always looking for new members. Contact your student government at studentgovernment@bergen.edu to get involved. Be the change you want to see!
3. Receive Emergency Notifications through your personal emergency alert account on your cell and email. Set up your notifications at: www.bergen.edu/emergencyalert.
4. FAFSA Workshops will be offered in the Sidney Silverman Library from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 20 and March 6, Room L-309; evening workshop will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Feb. 13 and 27, and March 13, in Room L-206.

Dr. Naydeen González-DeJesus
Vice President, Student Affairs

Pizza with the VP of Student Affairs
- February 12 - 12 - 1:30 p.m., Paramus Campus, A-104
- February 21 - 12 - 1:30 p.m., Meadowlands, Student Lounge
- March 28 - 12 - 1:30 p.m., Ciarco Learning Center
Alan Manzueta

I started at Bergen Community College in 2004 as an ALP student and graduated in 2009 with my A.A. in psychology. It took me about 2 ½ years to complete all the ALP classes. Immediately following, I began work on my psychology degree and completed that degree in 2 ½ years.

I worked as a student ambassador on the Paramus campus for about 2 years. In this position, I helped the freshmen students with registration procedures and student life activities on campus. I used to be Office Manager of the SGA and gave weekly reports of all the activities. As a student ambassador, I helped students to acquire leadership skills, assisted in college student events involving diversity, leadership, orientations, graduations, and campus guidance, and assisted Spanish-speaking students with registration. I went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in psychology and currently I am working on my master’s degree in counseling with a concentration in higher education at Montclair State University. I have the ability of communicating in Spanish.

Some of my goals are to advance as much as I can in my field of counseling and to become a counselor at Montclair State University with a concentration in higher education. I picked Bergen Community College for my internship because of all the help I received during my years in the institution, and also because I think that this community college has an extremely diverse population that needs a lot of support from bilingual counselors. In the future, I would love to be part of the great faculty and staff at BCC.

Along my path of working with the students, I have encountered challenging emotions and experiences that not many young people have faced. All the situations and hard times are part of my life and have made me a stronger person. Hard times either provide the fuel to succeed or break the individual. I have chosen to succeed, regardless of the challenges in life.