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## WELCOME TO BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

These are a few steps you will need to follow once you arrive to New Jersey or transfer in to Bergen Community College:

- Visit the International Student Center (**Room C-102**)
- Bring COPIES of all of your immigration documents (I-20, printout of I-94, Visa and Passport) as we need this for your immigration file. We will also need to know your local address. Please note that a hold will be placed on your registration record, and you will not be able to register for classes for the Fall 2017 semester if you do not bring these photocopies.
- Go to the Testing Center (**Room S-127**) to take your English Language Placement test. Click here for Testing Center hours.
- <u>Activate your Student Portal Account</u>. Your acceptance provide your Bergen User Name, ID number and Bergen Email. All admissions, testing, financial aid, billing, and registration information will be sent to your portal address.
- Meet with an ISC counselor to select courses and register for classes. You can register for your classes at the One Stop/ Registration Center (Room A-129) or at the ISC (C-102).
- Submit or get immunization forms (Room HS-100)
- Get your student ID card and parking sticker (**Room L-154**) This can only be done after you have registered and paid for your Fall 2017 classes.

New F-1 visa holders **MUST** attend the **MANDATORY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION** on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The orientation will be a *wonderful experience* to help you to acclimate to life at BCC and to the United States. We will bring you through all of the steps that you must take to be able to register. You will meet fellow international and US American classmates, and it will help you to understand your immigration status as an F-1 international student.

The International Orientation Team (I-TEAM) will also be at orientation to welcome you. The I-TEAM is made up of international students, just like you, to help you to feel comfortable, and to help you in any way possible!

We look forward to seeing you on August 23rd! See the schedule below.

## ORIENTATION SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2017

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:30 am – 12:00 pm Technology Building, Tech 128 (Main Campus in Paramus).

**9:30 am** Welcome and Check in. Breakfast will be provided

**10:00 am** General Information and Meet the Staff

**10:15 am** Important Immigration Presentation

**10:45 am** Questions and Answers with the "International Team"

**11:00 am** New Student Information Fair. Representatives from various on-campus departments will be present to provide information or answer your questions.

- Athletics
- ESL American Language Program and Speech
- English Language Resource Center (ELRC)
- Health Services
- Honors Program
- International Student Association Club (ISA)
- Library
- Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)
- Student Life
- Testing
- Tutoring Center

## **12:00 pm** Campus Tour.

**Afternoon** - Members of the I-Team and the ISC staff will be available at the ISC to assist you with course selection and scheduling.

