



# Henry & Edith Cerullo Learning Assistance Center

Tutoring Center ~ Math/Science Walk-In Center ~ Writing Center ~ S.I. Center  
English Language Resource Center ~ Tutoring Center at the Meadowlands

SUMMER 2019

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## Tutor Accomplishments!

Every year CLAC peer and professional tutors perform exceptionally well in academics and extra-curricular activities.

It is this well-roundedness that makes these tutors particularly notable. CLAC tutors' versatility, academic excellence, and ambition is what makes the CLAC the number one tutoring center among community colleges in the country!

To be able to help the student body with their academic worries and then take care of their own school work is truly a feat. It gives us great pleasure to recognize what they have accomplished.

Lindsey Njanja graduated this month as BCC's 2019 Valedictorian. Lindsey is also a recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. She will be attending Rutgers University.



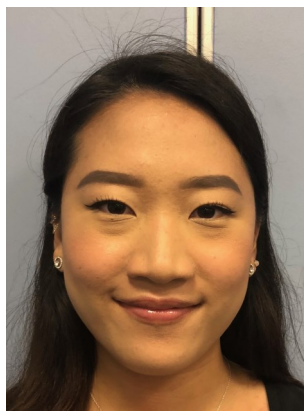
Fatimeh Alhomeidany graduated this month and will be attending Montclair State University where she received the Jean McVean Scholarship from the Department of Modern Languages and Literature.



Elda Pere graduated this month and will be attending UC-Berkeley in the fall.



Sunny Lee graduated this month and will be attending UCLA.



Doreta Biba graduated this month and is deciding between St. Peter's University and Baruch College, both of whom have offered her scholarships.



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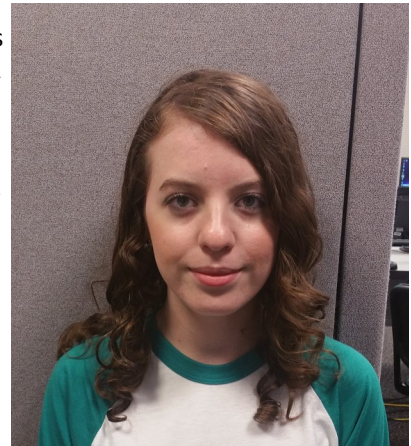
Katy Temple is graduating this summer and won two NJPF awards (Editorial Writing and Opinion Writing) as well as the Iron Reporter competition at the College Media Association conference . She will be attending Columbia University in the fall.

Ariana Landeira won first place for poetry in the Labyrinth, BCC’s literary journal, received the Steven Chung Poetry Award, and received a full scholarship to attend William Paterson University, where she’ll begin studying in the fall.



Kyle DuBroff received the “Edward ‘Doc’ Wonsicki Memorial Scholarship” from the BCC Foundation.

Fernanda Jimenez-Cano was inducted into Columbia University’s School of General Studies Honor Society, received a named scholarship, and was published in the *Morningside Review*.



Kelli Hayes graduated from Kean University this month with a M.A. in Writing Studies and has been admitted to Pratt Institute’s M.S.L.I.S. program for the fall.

Bryant Gomez graduated this month and received a full scholarship to Rutgers-Newark. He also won a leadership award as president of the nation’s #1 PTK Chapter and was elected Alumni Trustee to the BCC Board of Trustees.



# 28th Annual Tutor Awards Ceremony

The CLAC held its 28th Annual Tutor Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 15th in the Technology Building. The ceremony was attended by over 150 guests, including tutors, faculty, administration, Board of Trustees Vice-Chairman Gerald Carrol, and Mr. Stephen Cerullo and Mr. Kenneth Cerullo.

The ceremony began with welcoming remarks from Khairia Fazal, Managing Director of Learning Assistance Services, Dr. Brian Agnew, Executive Vice President, and Dr. William Mullaney, Vice President of Academic Affairs. Students Sara Hernandez and Karen Palacios spoke about how their time in the CLAC has helped them in their academic journeys.

Tutors Bryant Gomez and Lindsey Njanja entertained the audience with stories about how being tutors has affected and enriched their lives.

Henry Cerullo Most Promising Student: **Maudiel Romero**

Edith Cerullo Most Promising ESL Student: **Nayibe Issa Barrera**

Adam Feigenbaum Awards: **Frank Rosalia & Valeria Correa Vasquez**

Robert Neil Ender Memorial Awards: **Hyeonhye Lee, Andrew Michel, & Jean Pierre Alvarez**

RAS Technology Awards: **Marcin Lojtek & Harsh Patel**

Best Newcomer Tutor: **Ariana Landeira**

Students' Choice (Tutoring Center): **Melissa Brino**

Students' Choice (ELRC): **Maria de Las Nieves Elias Alvarez**

Writing & Humanities Tutoring Award: **Matthew Dibenedetto**

Stephen Gold Memorial Award: **Matthew Demarco**

Graduating Peer Writing Tutor Award: **Ariana Landeira**



Ken and Steven Cerullo with Henry Cerullo Most Promising Student Award Winner Maudiel Romero



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Newsletter

By

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SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday 9:00 am — 6:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am — 6:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

The Learning Assistance Center operates under the leadership of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. William Mullaney

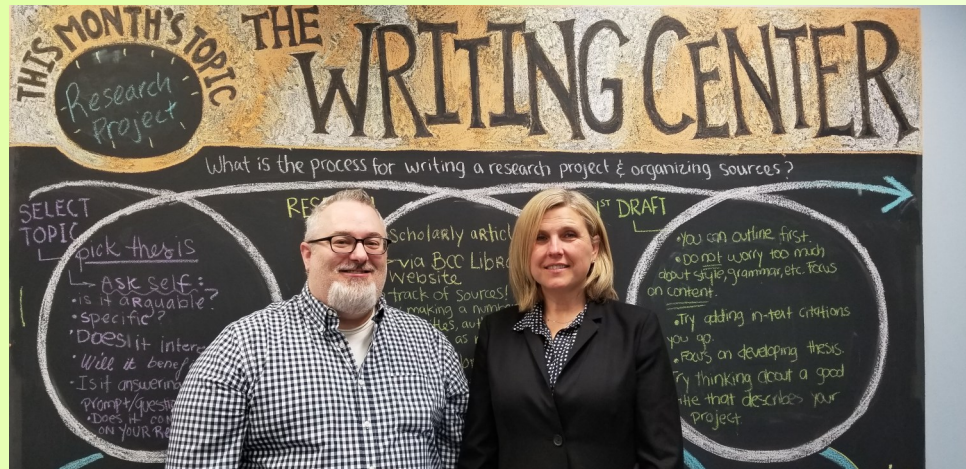
Mission Statement

The Cerullo Learning Assistance Center (CLAC) is committed to providing academic support and fostering independent learning for all BCC students in a nurturing environment, while guiding them through their educational journey.

Vision

The Cerullo Learning Assistance Center commits to providing exemplary academic support utilizing a purposeful, student-centered approach.

Dr. Kelly Keane and John Findura Win Innovation of the Year Award



CLAC English Faculty Liaison Dr. Kelly Keane and Writing Center Supervisor John Findura received this year's Innovation of the Year Award for their College Transfer Essay Program. Selected from a record number of nominees, this program has assisted hundreds of BCC students with writing and editing their college transfer essays through three different workshops and one-on-one specialized tutoring. Students who have worked with the program have been accepted to many colleges and universities, including Columbia University, New York University, and Rutgers University, among others. The program returns again in September and offers free assistance to all registered BCC students.