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THE CERULLO LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF AN AWARD-WINNING CENTER



Testing and Tutoring at the Meadowlands Campus

Take advantage of subject matter tutoring and testing services at the Meadowlands campus.



Supplemental Instruction Center

Learn through the Socratic Method with an SI Leader.



English Language Resource Center

Receive help with grammar, reading, writing, and speech if English is not your native language.



Tutoring Center

Schedule one-on-one appointments and drop-in assistance while also participating in study groups and other tutoring session formats.



Writing Center

Practice critical thinking skills and develop your writing process to complete assignments, conduct academic research, and write to meet the demands of 21st century literacies.



Math and Science Walk-in Center

Experience tutorial support in a collaborative setting with peers.

NEW ACADEMIC COACHING PROGRAM!

What is Academic Coaching?

Academic coaching is focused on helping students become better life-long learners through examining their learning styles, habits of working, and current challenges to success. The aim of academic coaching is to heighten awareness of what it takes to achieve academic success and anchor this with new strategies, a supportive relationship, and increased personal accountability. Academic Coaching is different from tutoring in that it assists students in examining their learning styles, habits of working, and current difficulties or barriers to success.

How does it work?

Students and academic coaches meet for 1-on-1 appointments consistently throughout the semester. Together, this team (the academic coach and the student) works to create and put in place more effective strategies than are the norm. Sessions are focused on developing skills to improve academic success rather than on specific content areas (i.e math, writing, etc.).

What are some key areas in which academic coaches can assist students?

Study Skills - Note-Taking - Time Management - Levels of Organizations
Problem Solving - Strategic Planning - Critical Thinking

NEWS, UPDATES, HOT TOPICS

- PEER TUTOR CASSIE INTERVIEWED BY NY TIMES!
- FIRST LADY VISITS BCC & MORE!
- CLAC CENTER INFORMATION!



First Lady Dr. Jill Biden Visits BCC!



(From R-L, U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona, First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, and CLAC Managing Director Khairia Fazal)

On Thursday, January 20th, CLAC Managing Director Khairia Fazal was one of only a handful of BCC members who had the chance to speak with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden and U.S. Secretary Dr. Miguel Cardona. Khairia shared with the First Lady and the Secretary the CLAC's award-winning highlights as well as our brand new Academic Coaching Program. This was an incredible honor for BCC and for the Cerullo Learning Assistance Center!

Dr. Biden and Dr. Cardona spoke with members of the BCC community about the new \$198 million in federal funding available to colleges with needs stemming from the pandemic. BCC's response to the pandemic was praised not only by Dr. Biden and Dr. Cardona, but also by Governor Phil Murphy and U.S. Representative Josh Gottheimer, who were also in attendance.

Peer Tutor Cassie Interviewed by the *NY Times*!

The December 21, 2021 issue of *The New York Times* carried an article by Anemona Hartocollis titled "Another Surge in the Virus Has Colleges Fearing a Mental Health Crisis" discussing the immense anxiety being carried by college students who are finally returning to campus after a number of semesters online. Peer Tutor Cassie Guinto, who also co-runs Active Minds, BCC's mental health advocacy group, was one of the students interviewed.

From the article:

Cassie Guinto, a second-year student (at BCC), offered tutoring services this semester to first-year students. But she noticed that many students who sought academic help did not need it.

"They needed to talk," she said.

They had been shut inside in their last year of high school. And they told her, "I have no clue how college works."

Of course Cassie is correct. That is why the Cerullo Learning Assistance Center at BCC prides itself on not only helping students academically, but also being a place where students can seek all kinds of assistance and be pointed in the right direction. With the advent of the new Academic Coaching Program, now more than ever, we are able to assist students in learning exactly "how college works" and how they can be an excellent college student.



Peer Tutor Cassie Guinto and Eli Serrano, leaders of BCC's Active Minds.

Photo by Bryan Anselm,
The New York Times, 2021

Celebrating Achievements!

- **Cassie Guinto**, Peer Tutor, became the Editor-in-Chief for a digital newsletter called *Politically Invisible Asians*, which focuses on important issues in Asian communities. Cassie also led a short film project about immigrant/first-generation youth for PTK's Honors in Action this semester which screened at the Korean Community Center in December 2021.
- **Alphonse Dattolo**, Professional Tutor, celebrated his 50th year in the teaching profession in September 2021! He is proud to say that 6 of those years so far have been spent in the Tutoring Center at BCC!
- **Hafsa Oksuz**, Professional Tutor, has been accepted in the Rutgers School of Law!
- **Alice Heffner**, Professional Tutor, co-presented with Professor Mina Ahn and Professor Maria Kasparova at the National Learning Centers Conference "Cruzando Fronteras/ Creating Communities" in October 2021. Their workshop, "Paired for Success: Incorporating a Tutor in Learning Communities," discussed how a tutor can support and enhance learning in a paired Psychology and ALP Writing class at BCC.
- **Amanda Kulesza**, Peer Tutor, won BCC's Common-Read Inspired Contest!
- **Marcin Lojtek**, Professional Tutor, participated in BCC's 6th Annual Hero 5k Walk/Run and placed 3rd in the Male 40 - 49 Age Group!
- **Candice Kaup-Scioscia**, Manager, CLAC, presented "Creativity and Tutor Adaptation" at the College Reading and Learning Association Annual Conference, November 2021 in Cincinnati OH.
- **Livia Fontana**, Peer Tutor, has been selected for the Outstanding New SI Leader Award by the UMKC and will be recognized at the 12th International SI Conference in June.
- **Dr. John Findura** and **Kelli Hayes** will be presenting on BCC's new Academic Coaching program at the ACTP 2022 Conference in March 2022.
- Writing Center Supervisor **Dr. John Findura** was one of only a handful of poets accepted into the Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference at Brevard College to spend a week workshoping new poems with award-winning poet and writer Aimee Nezhukumatathil.
- Mathematics Tutorial Supervisor **Madhvi Shah** and **Dr. John Findura** will be presenting "We Can Do That!: Moving a Tutoring Program Online" at the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Conference in New York City in May.

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VISION

THE CERULLO LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER COMMITS TO PROVIDING EXEMPLARY ACADEMIC SUPPORT UTILIZING A PURPOSEFUL, STUDENT-CENTERED APPROACH.

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- CLICK ON BCC TUTORING (UNDER BERGEN LINKS)
- SIGN IN WITH YOUR BCC CREDENTIALS
- CLICK ON "SEARCH AVAILABILITY"

