

H. Major Research and Public Service Activities 2011-2012

Enrollment on the Rise

It was another banner year for enrollment at BCC. There are a total of 1,153 potential graduates who made up the Class of 2012 and a record high 721 participated in the commencement ceremony. The bulk of the class has earned the Associate of Science degree and the cumulative GPA for the class is 3.23.



New Degree Programs Introduced for a New Workforce



BCC has always been ahead of the curve when it comes to meeting the demands of the workforce. To that end, BCC introduced several new green degree programs this year -- programs which Energy Studies.

Academic Success On All Levels

BCC now offers college level courses in every public high school in the county through the increasingly popular CAP program. In this year alone, the CAP program allowed access to more than 2,000 students to earn college credits while still in high school. The NJ STARS program is a state-funded program that provides full scholarships to NJ's best and brightest students in the state. This year, BCC welcomed 229 of these high-achieving high school graduates and on target to welcome even more NJ STARS for Fall 2012.

Excelling Under Pressure

BCC's radiography duo of Dominic Ferrara and Nicholas Freni took home top honors this year at a regional competition in Philadelphia. They faced teams from 12 area universities and hospitals and claimed 1st Place and helped prove that BCC students are consistently workforce ready.



Scholar Athletes Garner Spotlight

It was an intense year on and off the fields for our athletes. Many of the Barons earned regional recognition for their abilities as individuals and as team players. Several will continue to play their sport at four-year institutions on full athletic scholarships. Additionally, this year's class includes several highly successful

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scholars. In fact, BCC's Class of 2012 included more than 40 of our athletes and their combined GPA exceeds 3.0.

Student Activities Highlighted by Volunteerism

Many BCC student service projects continued this year and included outreach to the local Animal Shelter, care packages to our troops and fund raising for the American Heart Association. In total, this year's Office of Student Activities hosted an impressive 264 events. On top of these events, there were numerous volunteer efforts throughout the community by BCC's athletes and individual classes – efforts that improved the lives of young and old throughout Burlington County.



Faculty Who Care and Truly Make A Difference

A hallmark of BCC's faculty is their ability to make an impact inside and outside of the classroom. Dr. Terrence Sherlock made headlines again this year when he teamed up with a student to conduct research. Professors Elizabeth Lavertu and Erika Baldt organized a series of presentations to celebrate Civility Day. Faculty participation made several new initiatives a success including working to identify students for unique internship opportunities.

Grant Support Continues to Grow

While BCC remains one of the lowest tuitions in the state of New Jersey, BCC has also remained committed to finding alternate funding solutions. Henry Rowan bestowed a generous grant to BCC which allows the College to extend its reach to K-12 to promote careers in science, math and technology. All told, the College benefitted from more than \$3.9 million in grant funding; this includes over 25 separate grant programs and projects. Grant awards come from federal, state, County, foundation and corporate sources.

Presidential News

After 25 years of service, Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr. retired as President of BCC. His long list of accomplishments include establishing campuses and centers, adding programs of study, partnering with four-year institutions, increasing enrollment and consistently meeting the demands of the workforce. His legacy of being a constant advocate for all students will continue to thrive through the Dr. Robert and Jean Messina Scholarship Fund established through the BCC Foundation.

