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COMMUTER LOUNGE

The Commuter Lounge, formerly the Commuter Services Center, is operated by the Office for Commuter Services and is located in room 005 of the Rondileau Campus Center.

The Lounge is a great resource for commuter students looking to connect with Bridgewater State College and all it has to offer. With comfortable seating and a cafeteria close by, there's no better place to spend some of your free time.



Work study students staff the lounge Monday-Friday 8am-6pm. These students can assist you in answering questions or helping you connect to BSC.

You will find that there are a number of events, programs and activities taking place in the Lounge that are sponsored by the Office for Commuter Services. From commuter appreciation breakfasts, to arts and crafts, informational sessions and movie afternoons, there is plenty going on in the Commuter Lounge to keep you informed and entertained.

In addition you will find a book swap program where you can come and take a book or leave a book, as well as numerous magazine subscriptions to pass the time.

The Lounge is multifunctional to allow students to come in and hang out with friends, or spend some time studying in between classes. Whatever it is you're looking for, the Commuter Lounge is a place to check out.



COMMUTER SPOTLIGHT

JULIA CAIN

Julia Cain '09 Commuter

Major: Elementary Education and Communication Studies

One of the many reasons why I chose to attend Bridgewater State College was because I knew that I wanted to commute. Since there are over 66% commuters, I knew I would not be alone. Bridgewater State allows me to live at home and still be involved on campus, I think of it as getting the best of both worlds. I get the home cooked meals, my own room, but still enjoy college life.

There are so many ways to get involved on campus, which is the one thing I promised myself I would do when I went to college. I got involved by going to the Student Involvement fair the first week of my freshman year. Since then, I have been a Sister of Gamma Phi Beta, BSC Tour guide, Member of Program Committee, DJ at the Radio Station, and an Orientation Leader. Getting involved on campus made a huge difference because it gave me the opportunity to meet new people and gain leadership experience. I can use these leadership skills in my everyday life and will be able to use them in future careers. Bridgewater to me feels like a second home because it offers a close knit community where your friends become your family.



My future advice to commuters or any student attending Bridgewater State would be to get involved. There is so many clubs and organizations to choose from, and the best part about it is, if you cannot find an organization for you, you can start your own! It does not have to be a huge time commitment, and I can guarantee that it will impact your life in a positive way.

I feel that by being involved as a commuter, I have truly made the best out of my years at BSC. I can honestly say that coming to Bridgewater State was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

Connect Off Campus

The beginning of the semester can be a hectic and stressful time for many. Finding ways to alleviate stress can be difficult. Recently, [Uplifting Connections](#) has opened its doors and is located on Route 104 in Bridgewater.

[Uplifting Connections](#) offers a wide range of services and programs including, healing arts such as massage and reiki, life and relationship coaching, wellness coaching and a variety of workshops. They also have books, gifts, healthy food and drinks.

[Uplifting Connections](#) welcomes BSC students by accepting your Connect Card.

Hours:

Sunday: 11-5

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10-6

Wednesday: 10-8:30

Thursday thru Saturday: 10-6



GREEN CAR

Enjoy a Greener Commute

The inconvenient truth is that not everyone can afford a hybrid car. However, that doesn't mean that your commute to and from BSC has to be a literal guilt trip. There are things informed motorists can do in any vehicle that will not only help the environment but also help the fuel economy of their vehicle. With gas prices as they are, here are some tips that you can't afford to miss.

Determine your fuel economy. Find out what kind of mileage your vehicle currently gets by going to a gas station when you're pretty close to empty, and filling up your tank. Be sure to write down how many gallons it took to fill up and reset your trip meter to zero. Drive as you normally would and when your gas gauge is nearing empty again, look at your trip meter to find out how many miles you've driven. Divide that number by the number of gallons of gasoline it took to fill your car. The result will be how many miles per gallon your car gets: this is called your "fuel economy."

Keep your tires inflated. Tires should be inflated to the pressure recommended for your vehicle. You can find this information in your car's manual or on the inside of the door frame. Tires can typically lose about one pound of air pressure per month, and for every three pounds of pressure your tires lose, fuel economy goes down by around one percent. Underinflated tires can also affect handling, safety and the life of the tires.



Get a tune up. Regular auto maintenance, including tune ups and filter changes, allows cars to run cleaner and more efficiently and can also reduce the risk of breakdowns.

Be mindful of your driving. Accelerating slowly and smoothly and avoiding rapid starts and stops not only improve fuel economy, but also cause the car to release fewer emissions during your commute.

Drive your way into a smarter commute!

TICKET APPEALS AND PARKING

Appeal Process—so you got a parking ticket.....now what?!

If you feel that you were wrongly issued a parking violation notice, you may submit a written appeal along with the original ticket within 21 calendar days from the date of issue to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. Appeal Forms are available at the BSC police station, from parking lot monitors and in the Parking Services and Connect Card Office, Hunt Hall, Room 10. To appeal moving violations, contact BSC campus police.

After your appeal has been turned in to the office it is reviewed by the BSC Parking Clerk. You will be notified in writing in approximately 14 - 21 days if your appeal was approved or denied. To inquire about the status of an appeal please feel free to call the office at (508) 531-2897.

Please note that orange colored violations are from the Town of Bridgewater. To appeal or pay town violations please call the Town of Bridgewater Selectman's Office at (508) 697-0919.

Paying a Parking Violation

Parking violations are payable in person in the BSC Student Accounts Office, by mail to the Plymouth County Treasurer, or online at www.plymouthcountyparking.com within 21 days of the date of issue. Overdue parking violations are payable in the Parking Services & Connect Card Office. If you have overdue tickets that are preventing you from renewing your license or registration please call the office at (508) 531-2897 for assistance. If the office is not open you may also contact the Plymouth County Commissioner's Office, 11 South Russell Street, Plymouth, MA 02360

For more information please contact the Parking Services and Connect Card Office.



MUD BOWL '08

Did You Know?

According to recent studies, 5 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities are caused by automobile maintenance neglect. The following checklist will not only keep you safe but add to the life of your car, all while benefiting the environment..

Have the oil changed regularly, every 3,000-4,000 miles.

Have all fluids checked, including brake, power steering, transmission, windshield washer fluid and antifreeze as this plays a large role in the safety and performance of your vehicle.

Keep your engine tuned.

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Join the Office for Commuter Services & Athletics for the
2nd Annual

Mud Bowl!

April 24 2008

Register your team or as an individual by IMing the Commuter
Services Office at

BSCcommuters

Commuters CAN Week February 11-15, 2008

Monday

Pool Tournament 11-1, Game Room \$25.00 Gas
Card for Winner

Free Throw Contest Tinsley Center

Tuesday

11-7 Blood Drive American Red Cross

Wednesday

One Ton Sundaes 11-1pm,

Campus Center Fountain Area

Movie Night: Enchanted,

Moakley Auditorium 4pm

Thursday

10-3pm Movies in Commuter Lounge

Friday

8-10am Commuter Breakfast | Park Ave

One Park Ave

For updates check www.bridgew.edu/commuterservices



FREE T-SHIRTS FOR PARTICIPANTS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST