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Fall 2009

Calendar of Events

Parent Assoc. Mtg.

December 10, 2009
6 pm, Crimson Hall

Winter Commencement

January 29, 2010

Information will be mailed to eligible students in Dec.

Important Dates:

Academic Calendar 2009-10 Highlights:

Classes End
December 10

Final Exams End
December 18

Residence Life & Housing

508.531.1277
Room Deposit Accepted
Nov 30, 2009 - Feb 5, 2010

Residence Halls Close

for Winter Break on
December 18 at 5pm

Scholarship Database Goes LIVE!

November 13, 2009
Encourage student to check out scholarship opportunities

Student Accounts

Bills will be available online beginning November 27. Notification e-mails will be sent to BSC students when new statements are available.

BSC Breaks Ground on New Math and Science Center

*Story by John Winters, Director of College News & Media Outreach
October 29, 2009*



Gov. Deval Patrick joined President Mohler-Faria, members of the college community, and distinguished guests to break ground on a \$98.7-million Math and Science Center. College and state officials hailed the new complex as a great catalyst in

the region for education and technology. President Mohler-Faria hosted the ceremony in the Rondileau Campus Center ballroom, and called the math and science center "long overdue."

Many at the ceremony spoke about the need for the new center, and called it an investment in future generations.

"We invest in public higher education today to prepare our students for a better tomorrow," Gov. Patrick said. "Bridgewater State is totally committed to creating opportuni-

ties for young men and women, and this science building is a fitting example of that.

The new 213,000-square-foot science center will be double the size of the college's current facility, the Conant Science Building, which was built in the 1960s. It will be the focus of study for nearly 800 science and



Parent and Family Blog: NOW LIVE

*By Brian Salvaggio
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs*

This fall we are again introducing our new blog site for parent and family members of BSC students. The Parent Blog was established to provide a location for BSC parents to talk with other parents and college staff. Each month topics will be presented from various staff from the college. The first two topics are addressed by **Laurent Troland, from Career Services**, "On Career Planning and Explo-



ration" and **Phil Roberts from the Counseling Center**, featuring this month's topic, "Anxiety Problems". Please send your ideas for future topics or staff presenters to parents@bridgew.edu

The site is simple to use even for the novice, non-technical person. To read and contribute to the blog, go to the Parent & Family web site at <http://www.bridgew.edu/parents> and click **Parent Blog** under the **What's New** heading on the left. This link will bring you directly to our blog page and the simple registration process. We hope you will participate on this site to connect with others and to share ideas and information.

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Internships: Getting The Relevant Work Experience



By Debra London
Internship Adviser

If your child is one or two years away from graduation, you may well be wondering in today's economy how he or she can increase their marketability and value to prospective employers? One good answer: *intern-*

ships. Internships provide opportunities to experiment and pursue careers that match academic and personal interests, and at the same time increase the likelihood of building professional networking contacts and mentoring relationships. According to a 2009 survey report by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) on Experiential Education, employers report that they extended offers of full-time employment to an average of 67.7 percent of their 2007-08 interns.

The Career Services Office maintains a database of internship opportunities in the region and promotes them on our web site as well as in meetings with faculty, classroom visits, career panel discussions and at our annual Work 'N' Serve Expo. Internships can be paid or non-paid; they can be performed during the academic year (fall and/or spring semester) or during the summer. A student may take a non-credit internship as early as their sophomore year and have (cont. p. 4)

Commuter Students Engage in Programs and Events

By Colleen Gallagher
Coordinator, Commuter Services

Each semester the Office for Commuter Services hosts a week-long series of programs and events designed specifically for commuter students. This series is known on campus as Commuter CAN Week. Since more than half of our population here on campus is comprised of commuter students, it's important that we reach out to them and have specific, intentional programs for these students.

This fall we were proud to work with the Commuter Student Association to offer students a wide variety of involvement opportunities. The week began on a funny note with a commuter comedian, Ben Hague. Mr. Hague is known throughout the

country and joined us here at BSC to light up the Campus Center. Laughter could be heard throughout the building. In addition to this kickoff event, a number of events kept the commuter students busy. Some of these events included pumpkin carving, writing letters to troops and knitting for charity. Later on in the week commuter students had the opportunity to visit our mechanics on campus and have their cars checked out. The college mechanics took the time to review commuter vehicles and provide students with a diagnostic sheet. This event happens two times a year so that students are able to



take full advantage of this great event. The week concluded with a commuter breakfast and dinner and bowling.

Our goal and mission is to assist commuter students in becoming a part of the fabric of the college. We work to do this in many ways and this year we are proud to say that the Commuter Student Association was instrumental in bringing performer, Mr. Barry Drake, to Parent and

Family Day on Saturday, October 31. Mr. Drake brought students and families back to the 60s with his lively and entertaining multimedia presentation that covered this genre of music and how it impacted the music industry today.

Commuters CAN Week is a great opportunity for commuter students to make new friends, get involved, and learn more about what BSC has to offer to them. Each October and February we work with different offices and departments to assist in connecting commuter students with the variety of support services we provide to our students. We care about our commuter students here and look forward to providing more opportunities, programs and events.

Room Reservation Deposits for 2010-2011

Attention Parents of students currently living on campus.

Between Monday, **November 30, 2009** and Friday, February 5, **February 5, 2010** students who plan to live on campus for the 2010-2011 academic year must pay a \$300 room deposit to

reserve a space on campus. *You will not receive a bill for this deposit.* The room deposit credit appearing on the spring 2010 bill is the deposit you paid for this 2009-2010 academic year. Students who do not pay the deposit for next year before the **February 5** deadline are not guaranteed

a space in housing for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Watch for a letter from the Office of Residence Life and Housing at the end of November regarding this process or check the RLH website at www.bridgew.edu/rlh/ for more details.



Groundbreaking Ceremony (cont. from p. 1)



Gov. Patrick and President Mohler-Faria

math students, and have office space for 56 full-time faculty members.

Major improvements to the existing building and the construction of a new addition, as well as the demolition of one wing of the original structure, will bring together the now-scattered biology, chemistry, earth science, geography, physics, math, and computer science departments. The multi-phased project will integrate and expand these teaching and research facilities, resulting in a cutting-edge undergraduate science program.

Lou Ricciardi, '81, chair-

man of the BSC Board of Trustees, opened his remarks by saying, "This is a real good day." He added that even though the country is in a recession, "we still have a future to plan for and an obligation to educate our future innovators."

The center will also educate a great number of future educators, as BSC remains the commonwealth's largest provider of new K-12 science and math teachers. Since an overwhelming majority of graduates remain and work in the region, college and state officials said they expect the new Math and Science Center to be a great resource throughout the commonwealth -- and beyond.

"This will become the place to go in southern New England," said state Sen. Marc Pacheco. State Rep. David Flynn, '58, who along with Sen. Pacheco was cited by President Mohler-Faria as critical to the success of funding the new complex, gave the packed ballroom a little

institutional history lesson. He brought that idea home again after discussing the cost of the center and tipping his hat to President Mohler-Faria.

"If Horace Mann, John Quincy Adams and Daniel Webster came through that door right now, they would say, "Mr. President, job well done."

Also on hand was David Perini, commission of the state's Division of Capital Asset Management, who thanked all those involved with the planning of the new center.

Nearly stealing the show was Megan Dobro, '06, who majored in biology at BSC and is now working on her PhD at Caltech. She listed her BSC professors for special thanks, and singled out two, Drs. Jeff Bowen and Merideth Krevosky, as keeping her from "dropping out of school and running off to join the circus. The new building will allow great math and science faculty members to do even more. "This building

will provide not only more opportunities but confidence," in tomorrow's BSC math and science grads, she said.

The unenviable job of following Ms. Dobro to the



Megan Cobor, '06
PhD Candidate, Caltech

podium fell to the governor, who said the investment in the new Math and Science Center was "an investment in ourselves, in the future, and in Megans."

President Mohler-Faria seemed to agree, citing Ms. Dobro as a shining example of the best that BSC has produced.

The center is expected to be completed by 2012.

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Links to Resources, Opportunities & Newsletters:

[Campus Link Newsletter:](#) November Issue now available

Newsletter for parents featuring articles about today's college student . . .

[Healthy Habits Newsletter](#) October Issue November Issue

Newsletter for students promoting healthy behavior

[Internship Newsletter](#)

[Parking & Connect Card Office](#)

General information that includes how to purchase flex dollars . . .

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Advice for New Parents of Residence Hall Students . . .

Internships (cont. from p. 2)

the option of doing an internship for academic credit during the junior and senior years. Internships can be done close to home, out-of-state or as part of a study abroad experience. Another exciting option for qualifying students is The Washington Center Program for Internships and Academic Seminars. Students who participate in this program spend a semester (or summer) in our nation's capital and

earn up to 15 credits for a 35 hour per week internship (the cost is only slightly more than a full semester at Bridgewater).

Students interested in exploring internship possibilities should check with their academic department

and/or schedule an appointment with a Career Services. Many students just don't know where to begin or wonder how they will fit one

more thing into their academic and work schedule. We can guide them through the internship process and help them identify ways to make this important experience part of their career-building path. The Career Services Office is located in the Campus Center, Room 8. We encourage you to visit our website at: <http://www.bridgew.edu/CareerServices/>.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOUSING WAIT LIST

On December 14, 2009 students on the Residence Life and Housing wait list will be able to log on to the website at <http://www.bridgew.edu/rlh/Waitlist/> to check their numbers on the spring wait list. Students who were on the fall wait list will automatically be included for the spring. The deadline to add on to the list is December 1, 2009. For more information on the housing wait list please see the Frequently Asked Questions at <http://www.bridgew.edu/RLH/waitlistfaq.cfm>

Beware of Holds on Student's Account

By Val Cabral

Student Accounts

Spring registration begins November 16. Students should be aware that a hold on their student account will block them from registering. Parents can help by reminding their student to check for holds in InfoBear under Registration & Student Information. Students are able to view both their

account balance and holds. Most common holds that can appear on a student's account are from the following areas:

- Student Accounts—overdue account balance
- Health Services—incomplete health record
- Progress Outreach—alcohol course not complete (freshmen only)

- Library—overdue books/fines

Students should work through any holds prior to the registration period to prevent delay in establishing a schedule for next semester. Please visit our web page for the latest updates and quick and easy online payment at www.bridgew.edu/Student



More than **200 families** of BSC students visited campus for Family Day/Homecoming 2009

We Want Your Feedback !

Complete survey at www.bridgew.edu/parents

