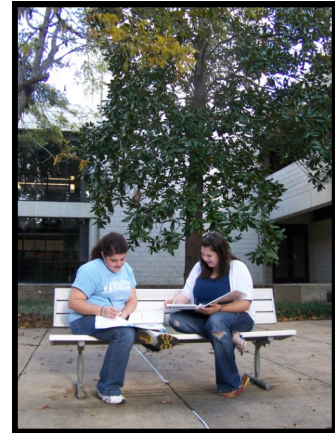


Gator Aid

Welcome back students! I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was relaxing and filling. Final Exams are coming up on December 14-17th and stress levels are steadily rising as we get closer to those dates. Here are a few stress relieving tips provided by Brazosport College counselor Jennifer Hedrick:

1. Plan ahead to reduce performance stress
2. Don't over-schedule yourself
3. Study effectively
4. Do not procrastinate
5. Get organized
6. Form a study group or visit a tutor in the LAC
7. Eat a healthy breakfast
8. Go to bed early
9. Go jogging or walking while taking deep breaths
10. Make a To-Do list and cross off items when completed



End this semester as stress free as possible by following these steps. Remember, if you can manage your own life and have complete power over what you wish to achieve, you can reduce stress. Focus on your daily goals and set practical expectations of yourself. Good luck on your exams and have a wonderful Christmas break!

H1N1 Virus Precautions

With concerns about the flu appearing in the news media, Brazosport College is providing the following information to students, faculty, and staff regarding ways to prevent the H1N1 (swine) influenza:

- **Keep your hands Clean.** Wash you hands correctly and often. Also, hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed near restrooms and in other areas of the college. Please use these.
- **Observe respiratory etiquette.** If you don't have a tissue handy, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- **If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home!** H1N1 infections can cause a range of symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Persons who have the flu should stay home at least 24 hours after the fever is gone before returning to work or school.
- **Get your flu shots.** The seasonal flu shot is now available, and H1N1 vaccinations should be available in mid-October.

Club of the Month

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

On November 21st, ΦΘΚ members made a presentation about The Symposium on Autism, their college project, at the District 4 Conference in Tomball, Texas. Psi Psi, BC's ΦΘΚ chapter received the Pinnacle Award for increasing membership 5% over the previous year. Currently, ΦΘΚ is collecting items for the Arrow Foster Care program to be delivered to foster children between the ages of 0-18 years who live in the local area.

ΦΘΚ is the International Honor Society for two-year colleges. The purpose of ΦΘΚ is to recognize and encourage scholarship. This is achieved through participation in opportunities for leadership, service, and scholarship while developing fellowship. To be invited into membership, a student must have earned a 3.5 overall GPA and have completed 12 semester hours of academic study at Brazosport College, exclusive of developmental courses. If you would like more information, please contact Jo Greathouse at (979) 230-3343.

Intramurals

Intramurals held *Live Life Late* on November 19 and it was a success! Students played Dodge Ball and Ultimate Frisbee while jamming to the music. Approximately 100 students came out and showed off their skills. More activities are being planned for the spring semester of 2010. Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Conference-Beach Day, Live Life Late, Madden Tournament, and 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball Tournaments are some of the events taking place. If you have any more questions or you want to suggest an activity contact the Office of Student Life.

Intramurals is directed by Robert Gutierrez and advised by Barry Foster. Sign up at the Office of Student Life with Roberto aka "Rob-T" Gutierrez, at (979) 230-3412; please leave your name, number, and email address.



Campus Crusaders for Christ

The CCFC provides a Christian environment and fellowship for the BC students. Campus Crusaders for Christ meet every Friday at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in being a part of this club, contact Daryl Beatty at (979) 230-3433 or Julian Johnson at (979) 417-3154.

Study Tips

Provided by

Lynda Villanueva

- **Find an appropriate place to study.** Just as you need to manage your time, you need to manage the environment where you study. Avoid studying in places that tempt you to do *anything* else but study. The kitchen table, living room sofa, and your bed are not the wisest study environments. Instead, study at a desk or at the BC library.
- **Don't be afraid to ask for help!** Every college has numerous resources to help you when you are struggling. Tutoring, counseling, and student life organizations are just some of the places you can utilize.
- **Minimize distractions.** Think of attention as money. Similar to the fact that we all have only so much money to spend, we all have only so much attention. If we "spend" our attention on things *outside* of studying (e.g., texting, watching television, listening to music) we have less attention to devote to studying.
- **Find a good study buddy.** We all have different skills. Studying with other people allows us to share what we know and learn what we don't. Caution:

Music Department

December Events: Festival of Carols

- Dec. 4 Jazz singers perform along with YouTube talent contest winners.
- Dec.7 College and Community Wind Ensemble concert at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec.11 Grammy Award winning Take 6 concert at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec.12 Brazosport Symphony Orchestra playing with Brazosport Young Peoples' Choir at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec.13 Brazosport Choral Union performs *The Messiah* with the John McGee Reunion Choir, conducted by Rodney Mason, at 7:00 p.m. at the John McGee Performing Arts Center at Brazosport High School.

If being a part of the Jazz Band or Choir interests you, there are openings and scholarships available for the spring semester. Contact Richard Birk for Jazz Band information and Rodney Mason for Chamber, Coasters, College Singers, and Jazz Singers Choir information.

The New BASF Building

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The BASF Center is the college's newest state-of-the-art building for students in the petrochemical, energy and nuclear fields. The 11,000 square-foot building houses a control room for the process equipment trainer (distillation unit) and an operator's boot camp, as well as a future power generation unit. The building also features a laboratory analysis area, maintenance and repair area, student locker room, permit area, three classrooms and a large lobby.

In addition to conducting classes, the center will provide a location for the college to conduct open houses or orientations for the community to get a glimpse of how a chemical plant operates.



Student Senate

Big Bird Project

November 2nd-23rd, Student Senate hosted the Big Bird Project with the goal of feeding 13 families. The Senate members worked hard to obtain donations of turkeys, canned goods, and non-perishable items donated from BC community. The Big Bird Project was a success!

Fall Raffle

Student Senate will hold a Fall Raffle in order to raise money for their TJCSGA State Convention this Spring semester. Raffle items include: 19" flat screen television, a GPS system, a DVD player, and several gift cards. The drawing will be held December 8th at 1:30pm in the Student Center. Winners will be contacted immediately by Ricky Jefferson.



Student Senate member Edward Oliver helps put up a Christmas tree in the student center.



Job Opportunities

Student Mentoring Jobs Available:

Brazosport College has received funding to begin a mentoring program for new students at the College. We are looking for four students to serve as mentors. Essential job information:

Work hours/pay: Each of the 4 mentors will work 20 hours a week with an hourly pay of \$10. This is a grant funded position.

Start Date: Immediately and through the August 2010

Purpose of the Program: Assist new students in being successful in college. Students served in the grant will be 75% African American or Hispanic. The remaining 25% will have identified barriers to academic success.

Job Responsibilities: Each mentor will be assigned 20-25 new students and will work with students to provide on-going and regular communication with their assigned new students; schedule regular meetings; develop and design strategies to assist their assigned students; and attend training and other programs.

Requirements to be eligible for the mentoring position:

Must have completed a **minimum of 12 college level credit hours at Brazosport College**. Preference will be given to students who have 2 semesters of college -level courses at BC.

Preference will be given to students with higher GPA's.

Be a Texas resident

Be enrolled at least half-time (6 hours or more)

Will be able to document a financial need (not based totally on eligibility for financial aid but other things are considered).

Preference will be given to applicants who match the population of student participants served in the program.

Contact Martin Crichlow at (979) 230-3412 if you have questions about the job. Interested applicants should apply in Human Resources.



Important Dates to Know

December

- 2 College Night
- 4 Festival of Carols: 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 7-18 Winter- Mini Registration
- 14-17 Final exams
- 18 Grades due at 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Christmas/ New Years Holidays begins

Spring Registration

November 16th- January 5th

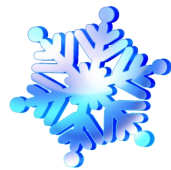


Fall 2009



Merry Christmas!

14th Annual



Festival of Carols

Thursday, December 3

8:00 pm

Drama Performance, *Sorry, Wrong Chimney*, at the Seidule Drama Theatre. For tickets call 230-3217.

Friday, December 4

6:00 pm– 8:30 pm

- “The Opening”- activities for families including Santa Claus, Sweet Potato the Clown, Holiday games, Fred the Gator, and much more!
- “Pre-Show”- Welcome, Christmas Carol, and lighting of the Clarion
- “The Show”- Brazosport College Jazz Singers and the winners of the YouTube talent contest (7:00 pm).
- “Post-Show”- Santa Claus, Sweet Potato the Clown, games, refreshments, and more.

8:00 pm

Drama Performance, *Sorry, Wrong Chimney*, at the Seidule Drama Theatre

Monday, December 7

7:30 pm

Brazosport College & Community Wind Ensemble perform at the Clarion.

Thursday, December 10

8:00 pm

Drama Performance, *Sorry, Wrong Chimney*, at the Seidule Drama Theatre

Friday, December 11

7:30 pm

Take 6– Celebrate the holidays with the phenomenal, incomparable Gospel group Take 6, in a holiday show featuring a sweet, melodic and soulful a cappella sound. Every album the sextet has released has gone either platinum or gold. Tickets are sold at the Clarion; call 230-3156.

8:00 pm

Drama Performance, *Sorry, Wrong Chimney*, at the Seidule Drama Theatre

Saturday, December 12

7:30 pm

Brazosport Symphony Orchestra, Holiday Performance at the Clarion Collaboration with the Brazosport Young Peoples’ Chorus and selected students from Rasco Middle School Choirs. For tickets call 230-3156

8:00 pm

Drama Performance, *Sorry, Wrong Chimney*, at the Seidule Drama Theatre

Wednesday, December 15

7:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Clute, *The Messiah*, at the clarion. For tickets call 230-3156.