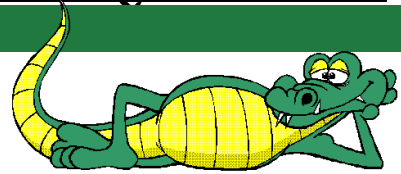


Gator Aid

Welcome Students!



A warm welcome! Students are at the center of what we do at Brazosport College. That means your success is our success. With all of us on the same team, it's bound to be a great year.

I encourage you to get involved in the life of the college. Do this by:

- Joining a club or student organization
- Visiting your instructor during their office hours
- Hooking up with a study buddy in each of your classes
- Using the library
- Visiting the Learning Assistance Center
- Enjoying the Game Room

Being involved both in the classroom and outside the classroom will positively influence your success as a student. Let's make that happen!

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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 your 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

Drama Club

Drama Club is advised by Dana Anderson-Wyman. Anybody who is interested in being in this theatrical club should sign up for the Theatre class in the spring semester. The skills that are incorporated in this club is...you guessed it...acting! The ways this club raises money is by selling t-shirts, donations, and chair rentals at plays. Upcoming play for the fall semester are as follows:

- December 3-12, 2009
"Sorry, Wrong Chimney"

The production "A Time to Prey" is the 3rd Thrillology following the 1st "In Sheep's Clothing" and 2nd Wolf Trap. This play took place on October 22-31 and was a great success! These plays are written by Brazosports' own faculty Karen and Byron Gernand. They are directed by Byron Gernand and produced Dr. Anderson-Wyman, who also creates the stage props. Come see these comical productions and support your Drama Club!

Intramurals

If you enjoy playing soccer, flag football, volleyball, basketball, billiards, pool, dodge ball, table tennis (ping-pong), or softball then Intramurals is for you. On October 8, 2009, Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Conference Sports Day was held at San Jacinto College – Central campus. Gulf coast area community brought teams to compete in variety of sports to bring home the gold. In basketball and flag football, Brazosport College placed first! Burley Gunter received first in the billiards tournament. Mingo Marquez pulled in first and Jarrod Hill received second place in the ping-pong tournament. Congratulations to our players for doing such a great job! Volleyball play is scheduled for November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th at 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.

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

Study Tips

Provided by
Lynda Villanueva

- **Manage your time effectively.** There are only 168 hours in a week and it is up to you to decide how to much time you will devote to what you *have* to do and what you *want* to do.
- **Read! Read! Read!** When your professor assigns reading, it is not for their benefit, it is for yours! Reading course materials reinforces what you learn in classes and gives you an opportunity to spend more time on the course subject matter. A small hint: the overlap between what you read and what the professor discusses is fertile ground for test questions!
- **Take good notes.** Note taking is a skill that is developed with time. Notes serve as a record of what occurred on a particular day. Will your notes stand the test of time?



Student Life Board

Gator Bash

B.C.'s first Car Show at the college went pretty smoothly. There were various activities during the BC Gator Bash. For example, the Office of Student Life had "Kids Korner". Kids Korner was designed to provide activities for children ages 4 -12 years old. Music was provided by D.J. Merk, who is an established DJ from Brazoria County.

We had 30 vehicles and motorcycles entered in the Gator Bash. Automobiles ranging from a Model -T to a Toyota Scion were judged on basis of appearance, interior and engine composition. The competition that day was fierce. The judges had to make tough decisions about the competitors in each division. The winners won a Plaque and a Friendly picture with the show's coordinator Martin Crichlow.

The 1st place winners are as follows:

Classic/Antique	Participant	Vehicle
Tuners	John Duke	2006 White Scion TC
Classic/Antique	Tim Salaika	1963 Red Chevy Corvette
4X4 Trucks	Twisted Concepts	2002 White Ford
Early/Late Model Trucks	Clint Gary	1996 White/Green Chevy
Hot Rod/Muscles	Ken Tasa	2006 Gray Porsche
Cruiser Bikes	Carole Bensley	2009 Blue Honda Rebel 250
People's Choice	Jim Calvert	1939 Deep Red Ford
Best of Show	Dale Libby	2004 Gray Corvette

Overall the 2009 Gator Bash Auto & Bike festival was a success. Hopefully next year the car show will be just as successful.



Live Life Late

Date: November 19
Time: 10 p.m.–12 a.m.
Where: Gym

Everybody join in on the fun as the student body conjugates in various sporting activities!

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week

This successful and effective event took place October 19-22 in the Swamp. An activity about that dangers of alcohol was provided every day of the week.

On Monday, Officer Whittingslow and Officer Sidebottom showed a video about drunk driving and provided an activity with beer goggles. Mock tails and popcorn were provided on that Tuesday, as well as pamphlets about the dangers of alcohol. Guest speaker Dr. Nick Giannone told powerful stories of the horrors that go on in the Emergency Room due to alcohol poisoning. On Thursday, a prize wheel was provided. When a student answered a alcohol related question correctly, they were allowed to spin the wheel to win a prize.

Student Life Board goal was to provide interactive activities to educate about the dangers of alcohol abuse.

Student Senate

The Brazosport College Senate is the official voice of the student body to the B.C Administration. The Student Senate provide opportunity and avenue for students to participate in the college's decision making process. It's members consist of elected and appointed officers (sophomores and freshmen) that meet bi-weekly. The co-advisors are Martin Crichlow and Paul Pedisich who advise Student Senate and guide members as they represent the student body. The Student Senate hold different events, such as: Constitution Day, Western day, Big Bird Project, and Veterans day. The Big Bird Project consists of collecting canned goods to help families who are in need during the Thanksgiving Holidays. If you have any to donate, please place them in the Big Bird boxes around the campus. This event lasts November 2-24. Veterans Day on November 11th will be held in the Student Center at 10AM. Taps will be played by the Jazz Band and speakers there to honor the Veterans. Come join SGA in remembering US Veterans!



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

November

- 2-24 Big Bird Project
- 9 University of Houston– Clear Lake Representative on campus
- 10 Veterans Day Celebration at 8 a.m.
- 18 Blood Drive
- 19 Live Life Late at 10 p.m.
- 24 College closes at 3 p.m. for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 30 College Reopens

December

- 2 College Night
- 4 Festival of Carols: 6 p.m.-7 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

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