



Gator Aid

Spring 2010

Welcome Back!

Welcome! As we kick off the Spring 2010 semester, I hope you feel the energy and enthusiasm for a great adventure. Make sure your resolutions include your own success as a student. I encourage you to get involved in the life of the college. Do this by:

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

Being involved both in the classroom and outside the classroom is very important. See you around campus!

Milliecent M. Valok

President

H1N1 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.

Important Upcoming Dates:

February

Black History Month Celebration	18
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March

FAFSA Workshop	2
Gator Day	11
Gator Games	13

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Club of The Month

Witness – Culture in Peril Written By: Billy Loveless

Office of Student Life

The Student Life Board (SLB) within the Office of Student Life & Intramurals is an organization focused on developing programs to engage students during their tenure at BC. SLB plans various activities throughout the academic year to involve students, staff and faculty. The organization's main goal is to foster positive interactions on campus.

All day billiard tournaments during the spring semester every Thursday; Gator Gallup; and Gator Day. So come join the fun and catch the spirit! Go Gators!

Intramurals

Semester Events

Practices:

Basketball	Thursdays 4:30-6 pm
Softball	Sign-Ups ongoing
Dodgeball	Events: Coming Soon!
GCIC Day	Feb. 25
*@ San Jacinto Central College	
GCIC Beach Day	April 14th
*@ Galveston Stewart Beach	

If you are interested in signing up for the sports listed or have any questions about events, stop by the Office of Student Life and let Robert "Rob-T" Gutierrez know.

Fun Facts

1. TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on one row of the keyboard.
2. Most elephants weigh less than the tongue of a blue whale.
3. It is believed that Shakespeare was 46 around the time that the King James Version of the Bible was written. In Psalms 46, the 46th word from the first word is "shake" and the 46th word from the last word is "spear."
4. The Baby Ruth candy bar was actually named after Grover Cleveland's baby daughter, Ruth.
5. Until 1796, there was a state in the United States called Franklin. Today it is known as Tennessee.

The Brazosport College Art Gallery is proud to announce the appearance on Feb. 8 of artist Valerie Hellermann, world traveler and student of Buddhism. Hellermann's appearance comes in conjunction with her show, titled "Witness – Culture in Peril," currently on display at the BC Art Gallery. The show will run through Feb. 28.

Hellermann is a life-long advocate of peace and social justice and these socially relevant themes inform her art work, primarily through the media of photography and clay. Her work exposes the viewer to issues of oppression and social injustice while offering hope inspired by the wit and wisdom of the Buddhist view on the nature of reality.

BC Jazz Band, Singers, and Combo Preparing for Concert

Written By: Billy Loveless

The Brazosport College Jazz Band, Jazz Singers and Combo is scheduled to hold their February Jazz Concert at 7:30 p.m. on February 26.

The concert, which will be at The Clarion at Brazosport College, will be under the direction of Richard Birk and Rodney Mason. The concert is free and open to the public.

Jazz Band selections will include:

All Blues – A jazz classic from the greatest selling jazz album of all-time, Miles Davis' "Kind of Blue."

Doxy – A 1957 composition by jazz tenor sax legend, Sonny Rollins.

Sister Sadie – A funky, soul jazz standard by NEA Jazz master pianist Horace Silver.

The Chicken – made famous by jazz bassist Jaco Pastorius, but originally penned by James Brown's saxophonist, Pee Wee Ellis.

Jazz Singers Selections will include:

Ticket to Ride – A medley of Beatles' tunes including "Ticket to Ride," "Penny Lane" and "Drive My Car."

I Heard It Through the Grapevine – Marvin Gaye's Motown classic.

Combo selections will include:

Well You Needn't – An updated hip-hop version of pianist Thelonius Monk's quirky bebop standard

Dis Here – An original hard bop tune by BC Jazz Director Richard Birk

For more information, contact the Clarion box office at (979) 230-3156 or visit clarion.brazosport.edu.

Student Mentoring Program

- ◆ *Did you start as a new student at Brazosport College in fall, 2009 or the spring 2010?*
 - OR
 - ◆ *Did you transfer to BC in the fall, 2009 or spring, 2010 and complete fewer than 12 college credit hours with a C or better?*
 - AND
 - ◆ *Would you like to be paired with an experienced BC student who will help you be successful in college?*
- Then you are eligible for Brazosport College's new **Student Success Mentoring Program**

Through participation in this program you will:

- **Learn about strategies that successful students use and how to apply those strategies to your own college experiences**
- **Learn about specific resources available that will help you be successful**
- **Develop skills on how to work with instructors to ensure your making the best grades possible**
- **Learn how to understand the financial aid process and apply for grants and scholarships**

Mentoring programs across the country have shown to contribute to students getting better grades, staying in school, and increasing their chances of graduating or transferring. In short, the BC Student Success Mentoring Program is designed to provide students with the tools to become more successful! Successful careers begin with success at BC -- so let our mentors assist with your future.

If you are interested in being part of this program, contact one of our student mentors at:

979 230-3493 or

BCMentoringProgram@brazosport.edu



Student Activities

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Graduation Deadline

Deadline to submit Degree Applications for May 2010 Graduation is March 12, 2010

Applications are available in the Registrar's Office.

(Check with a Registration Specialists)

Requirements to be Eligible to Participate in May 2010:

- Apply for Graduation.
- Completed all classes toward your degree.
- You can also participate if you still have 12 hours or less to finish in the summer 2010 semester. (Your diploma will be awarded when the requirements have been completed).



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