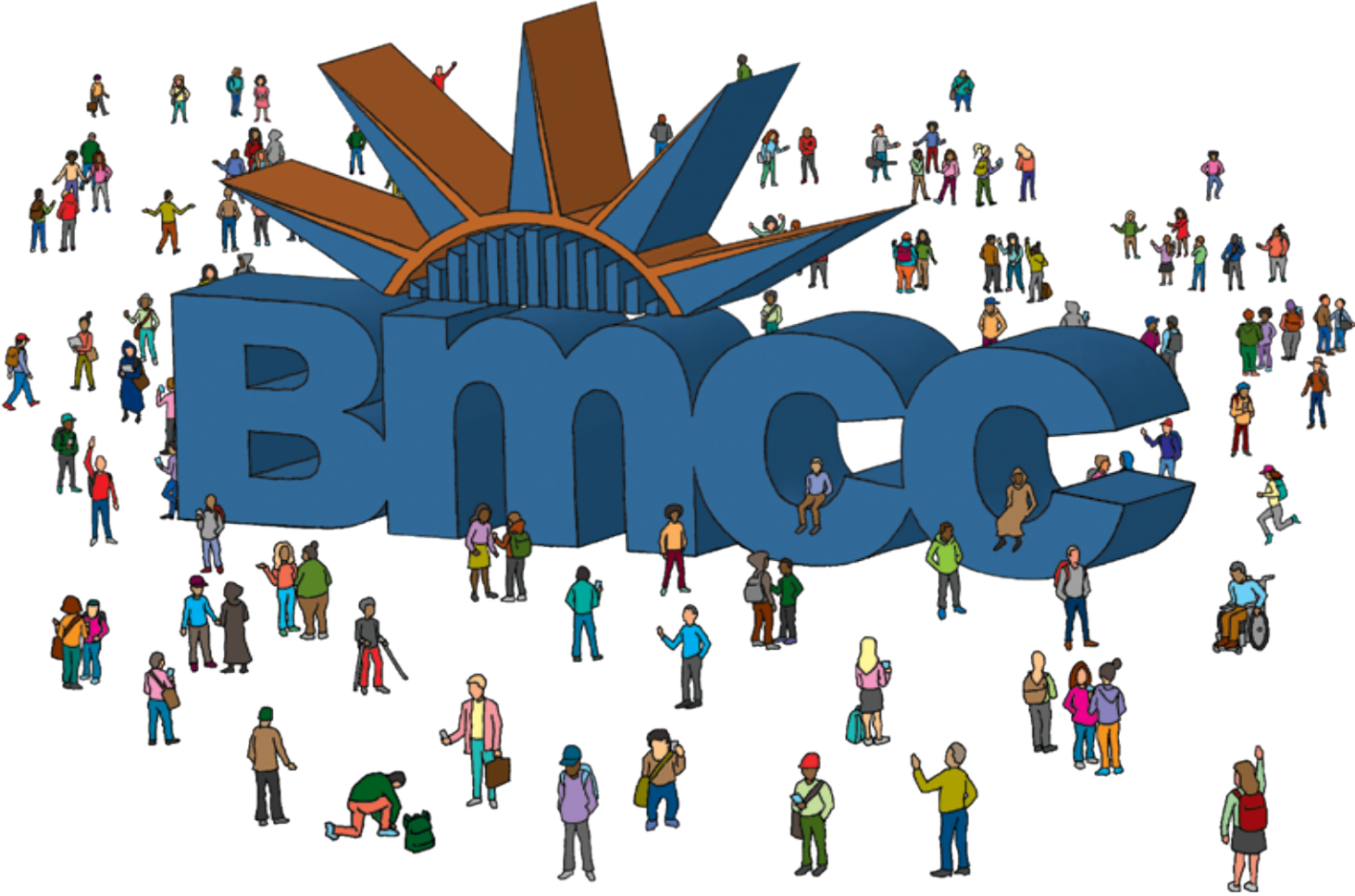


Excellence, Equity and Opportunity



BOROUGH OF **MANHATTAN** COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Annual Report 2020–2021

Message

From the President



While this year was marked by distance learning, our community stayed close through the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the visionary support of our funders.

These include philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, whose momentous \$30 million gift in December 2020 validated our College in a way that was both humbling and exhilarating. It enabled us to establish the BMCC President's Fund for Excellence and Innovation and identify recipient programs that address race and inclusion, foster highly effective models for learning and move our students toward higher economic mobility.

We have also created the Race, Equity and Inclusion (REI) steering committee to advance equity for students, staff and faculty in all BMCC communities. To assist underserved groups in upper Manhattan, we have expanded CUNY in The Heights (CITH), and will make BMCC's successful cohort model available to returning students as they explore careers and prepare for associate degree programs.

At the heart of these efforts are BMCC students who have excelled at remote classes and held down essential jobs. Many have completed associate degrees and earned transfer scholarships to baccalaureate programs, like our BMCC Foundation Scholars and Jack Kent Cooke scholars—Abdoul-hanane Gbadamassi and Altrim Mamuti. Others have presented at conferences and completed internships in fields they aspire to enter.

The Petrie Foundation Scholarships and the Fund for Education Abroad have helped BMCC students make their mark on the world. Support from the Robin Hood Foundation has strengthened BMCC's Urban Male Leadership Academy, and thanks to Trinity Church, the Pinkerton Foundation, Eugene M. Lang Foundation and Petrie Foundation, our justice-involved students have thrived in BMCC's Project Impact.

Academic excellence goes hand-in-hand with life skills like becoming financially savvy, a goal supported by our funders State Farm Insurance and Citi Community Development. Emerging student entrepreneurs have found inspiration through the Kaufman Foundation. The Andrew Mellon Foundation has bolstered BMCC programs that propel students academically, and Feed the Frontlines NYC and a Title V Connexiónes Project Grant have helped ensure they don't experience food insecurity along the way.

I am honored to be part of the BMCC community centered on our students, inspired by our faculty, lifted by our staff and made more robust by our generous donor partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony E. Munroe', written over a light blue background.

Anthony E. Munroe
President, BMCC

Message

From the BMCC Foundation Board Chair



On behalf of myself and my fellow BMCC Foundation Board members, I want to thank our forward-thinking donors who have remained our steadfast partners, even as we navigated one of the most challenging periods in the College's history.

This has also been a time marked by gratitude, as BMCC received a game-changing gift of \$30 million from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott. These funds will support the College's mission, help propel students to their goals and strengthen BMCC's most effective programs and services.

Buoyed by the validation shown by this and every gift to BMCC, we are more determined than ever to strengthen BMCC's visibility at a national level, as the College continues to help boost socioeconomic mobility and ensure a more equitable society through the transformative power of education. The BMCC Foundation Board, in partnership with our donors and the faculty and staff of BMCC, is committed to making this happen.

Our resolve is strengthened by the example of BMCC students who have won awards for their research and earned life-changing transfer scholarships. They have started careers as greatly-needed paramedics, respiratory therapists and registered nurses. Faculty-led research on antiviral activity and the coronavirus, to give one example among many, opens doors for students that might not have otherwise existed. BMCC students present at prestigious forums like the Beacon Conference, the American Council For Medicinally Active Plants (ACMAP) and others. They tutor their fellow students, volunteer in their communities and transfer to CUNY and private colleges all over the country. BMCC faculty like Professor Henry Bulley, who won an international sustainability award from the Belmont Forum, motivate their students to take risks and push themselves forward. BMCC professors have put groundbreaking humanities research into motion with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and boosted the pipeline of male teachers into early childhood education, with support from the Heising-Simons Foundation.

These are just some of the many inspiring examples of all that the BMCC community accomplished this past fiscal year. This is why I am honored to work alongside the BMCC Foundation Board members, and faculty and staff of the College. Our work is strengthened by our donors, whose vision and generosity help BMCC remain strong.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Portannese". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Anthony Portannese
Chair, BMCC Foundation Board





Our Mission

Borough of Manhattan Community College is a diverse teaching and learning community committed to advancing equity and the intellectual and personal growth of students. Working to strengthen a culture of care inside and outside the classroom, we share a passion for learning with students from around the world. We strive to increase degree completion, successful transfer, career achievement and service and leadership within our community, New York City, and beyond.



Our Vision

BMCC will be nationally recognized for improving student learning and success, excellence in research and knowledge creation, and for advancing socioeconomic mobility through the transformative power of education. BMCC faculty and staff are committed to strengthening our culture of care, and take responsibility for creating the conditions under which all students can learn and all members of the BMCC community can thrive. Teaching and learning at BMCC, both inside and outside the classroom, is culturally responsive and sustaining, deeply engaging, and celebrates the rich diversity of experience and knowledge that the entire community brings to the College. Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni share great pride for BMCC, and for our role in creating a better, more equitable New York City.

Fulfilling Our Mission

Philanthropist and Author MacKenzie Scott Presents \$30 Million Gift to BMCC

In December 2020, BMCC was awarded \$30 million, the College's largest gift, by philanthropist and author MacKenzie Scott. The \$30 million gift is being used to establish the BMCC President's Fund for Excellence and Innovation, which will accelerate current efforts and create new programs addressing race, equity and inclusion, gender equity, economic mobility, innovation in education, social responsibility and other college-wide priorities.

"We are grateful for the transformational, life-changing gift that Ms. Scott has generously extended to us," said BMCC President Anthony E. Munroe. "Our institution prides itself on altering the lives of our students in ways that will help them obtain career training, obtain their dream of earning a degree and move up the socioeconomic ladder."

"MacKenzie Scott's generosity and philanthropy towards improving the lives and the future of underserved communities—including the amazing students of BMCC—will have a long-lasting, positive impact on our society," said Tony Portannese, Chairman of the BMCC Foundation Board.

President's Fund Champions Equity, Socioeconomic Mobility and Student Retention



The President's Fund was established to support BMCC's efforts to improve student learning and success, enhance research and knowledge creation, and advance socioeconomic mobility through the transformative power of education. In early 2021, the entire College community was invited to submit project proposals that adhere to the guiding principles of the fund and support the mission and vision of BMCC and meet one or more of the thematic areas of needs, which include addressing food and housing insecurity, improving student learning and engagement, incorporating career development opportunities, and reducing social and economic equity gaps for students.

The three review committees: Teaching and Curriculum Initiatives, Innovative Programs and Transformational Student Support, comprised of BMCC students, faculty and staff, reviewed and scored each of the submissions. The committees selected seven teams and projects to receive funding from the President's Fund for Excellence and Innovation.



Fulfilling

Our Mission Fundraisers Engage Community

Donors and Friends “Invest in a Future”



On September 30, 2021, BMCC raised more than \$400,000 during a virtual fundraiser on September 30, which was livestreamed to audiences. The event included up close interviews with BMCC students, and performances by the BMCC and Downtown choirs. The fundraiser honorees were Deirdre Featherstone (*top left*), Founder and CEO of Featherstone Design Fine Jewelry, award-winning gemologist and BMCC parent; and John Dunleavy (*top right*), Global Chief Client Officer Ogilvy Group/ WPP Global Client Leader, IBM. Corporate donors included: BNY Mellon, CBOE, Bank of America, CBRE, Citi, DTCC, Hogarth, United Healthcare, GFP Real Estate, Mish Fine Jewelry, Wunderman Thompson, Graystone Consulting, Jack Resnick & Sons, Featherstone Design Fine Jewelry, Moody’s and Ogilvy.

“Movements in Transformation” Spotlights Performing Arts Students

On May 6, 2021 the virtual fundraiser “Movements in Transformation” featured performances by students in the BMCC Theatre program and BMCC Choir. The celebration’s theme focused on hope, resilience and new beginnings as the College prepared to welcome students, faculty and staff back to the BMCC campus. Proceeds for the event totaling \$2,733 were raised in support of students enrolled in BMCC’s performing arts programs.

“Evening of Thanks” Recognizes Donors and Brings Awareness to Food Insecurity

A virtual “Evening of Thanks” on December 17, 2020, recognized the generosity of BMCC’s donors and acknowledged the support and contributions of the BMCC Foundation Board members and College community. The program opened with a video on BMCC’s efforts to address food insecurity with help from Feed the Frontlines, NYC. Speakers included BMCC President Anthony E. Munroe, who thanked BMCC supporters for standing by the College, “especially during this very tumultuous year. Your dedication, advocacy, and generosity have helped BMCC rise to the challenges that face our students and entire campus community.”



Fulfilling

Our Mission

Fundraisers Engage Community



COVID-19 Emergency Fund Receives \$150,000 Grant From Robin Hood

BMCC received a \$150,000 grant in Summer 2020 from Robin Hood, New York City's largest poverty-fighting organization, to fund the College's COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund, which provides financial assistance to students so they can pay rent, utilities and other essential needs—and stay on track for their degrees.

Feed the Frontlines NYC Partners With BMCC to Stop Food Insecurity on Campus

In 2020, BMCC entered into a partnership with Feed the Frontlines NYC, creating a pilot program to provide restaurant-quality meals to students facing food insecurity. The meals are delivered fresh to students each Thursday at BMCC's 199 Chambers Street campus.

BMCC Receives \$3-Million Title V Conexiones Project Grant

BMCC has received a \$3 million Conexiones Title V Project Grant to increase engagement and provide Latino male and low-income students with a deeper connection to career interests. A key component of the initiative involves the use of Career Maps, which guides students to link their academic and career goals.

Andrew Mellon Foundation Awards CUNY \$10 Million; \$2.7 Goes to BMCC

A \$10 million gift to CUNY from the Andrew Mellon Foundation—the largest donation in the Foundation's 45-year record of support to CUNY—was earmarked to drive change and expand a range of initiatives related to pandemic relief and social justice. BMCC received just over 27% of those funds, or \$2,700,000. The funds will be used to support BMCC's Ethnic Studies and Race department and equity initiatives, relief programs for students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, humanities research and more.

Fulfilling

Our Mission Fundraisers Engage Community

Robin Hood Foundation Gives \$270,000 to UMLA



The Urban Male Leadership Academy (UMLA) at BMCC increases the enrollment, retention and graduation rates of student groups that are severely underrepresented in higher education, particularly men of color. UMLA provides mentorship, academic support and leadership training. It creates pipelines to academic and professional opportunities, and prepares students to take on the unique challenges of their generation. Thanks to a generous gift of \$270,000 from the Robin Hood Foundation, this essential program can double in size, and better serve the students of BMCC.

Petrie Foundation Continues Making a Difference in Students' Lives

BMCC's successful Finish Line Scholarship Program propels students to graduation by providing tuition-free summer courses. To continue this important support for students who are just a class or two away from earning their degree, the Petrie Foundation donated \$250,000 to the program. In addition, the Petrie Foundation provided \$35,000 in support of the BMCC Panther Food Pantry, ensuring that hunger does not get in the way of their goals. The Panther Pantry provides healthy food as well as food vouchers, which can be used in neighborhood supermarkets.

Endeavor Foundation and Luce Foundation Fund The Way Forward

In Fall 2020 and with support from the Endeavor Foundation and the Luce Foundation, the project Bringing Theory to Practice (BT2P) launched "The Way Forward," an initiative addressing crises facing American society and higher education—systemic racism, the pandemic and economic inequality. As part of that work, a combined BMCC and Rutgers-New Brunswick student team received a \$10,000 grant for their collaborative project, "From Pandemic to Protest, We Remember," in which students create virtual monuments in an online exhibit commemorating the pandemic and the Black Lives Matter Movement. BMCC Professor Jill Strauss, from the Speech, Communications, and Theater Arts department is Principal Investigator for this project.

Kauffman Foundation Awards Small Business Entrepreneurship Program \$363K

In Fall 2020, BMCC received a \$363,260 Knowledge Challenge grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to fund the BMCC Citizen Entrepreneur Explorers Program. Students will collect, present online and evaluate data on small businesses in their own neighborhoods.

Fulfilling

Our Mission

Fundraisers Engage Community

Donors Provide Close to \$300K for Project Impact

Project Impact at BMCC supports the academic success of students who have been formerly incarcerated, have a sibling or parent who has been incarcerated or arrested or were in any way affected by the justice system. Students who are struggling with legal, social and life-sustaining challenges such as housing and food insecurity—all of which have a profound effect on their studies—find through Project Impact, links to the services they need. To support Project Impact’s mission, generous donors in the 2020–21 fiscal year included Trinity Church, which gave \$100,000; the Pinkerton Foundation, \$115,000; the Petri Foundation, \$54,000 and the Eugene M. Lang Foundation, \$30,000.

Eugene M. Lang Foundation Renews Support of Immigrant Students



BMCC is committed to assisting students with immigration issues that threaten their ability to complete their degrees. The College provides information about policies, legislation and executive orders that affect international students, permanent residents and students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. BMCC also maintains an Immigrant Student Emergency Fund—all of which were benefited by a \$20,000 grant from the Eugene M. Lang Foundation.

State Farm and Citi Community Support Financial Literacy on Campus



A \$15,000 gift from State Farm was given in support of Dollars and Sense, a financial literacy program produced in partnership with State Farm Agents who led Zoom sessions on subjects such as how to make better financial decisions. To encourage students to better understand how taxes affect them and to take advantage of Free Tax Preparation Citi Community Development provided \$50,000.



Breakthroughs and Achievements



College Celebrates Milestones and Excellence

BMCC has made great advances in putting its students on a strong path to graduation, transfer to a four-year institution, and ultimately a bachelor's degree. To achieve those goals, the College offers its diverse student body a range of supports and opportunities to learn. During the 2020–2021 academic year, BMCC earned recognition for its academics and dedication to student success.

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BMCC ranks #1 in U.S. among two-year public colleges in terms of racial and ethnic diversity among its managerial ranks, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

BMCC was recognized as a **top 10 finalist** for the 2021 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among community colleges.

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BMCC ranked 3rd among all U.S. 2-year colleges with the greatest success in **lifting low-income students into the middle class** according to a 2020 report from Brookings Institution.

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BMCC's Center for Continuing Education and Workforce Development offers certification programs that are **putting New Yorkers back to work.**

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BMCC ranks among **the top 25** community colleges nationwide in awarding degrees to Hispanics, by the *Hispanic Outlook on Education*.

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BMCC's Zero Textbook Cost program continues to **save students an estimated \$6 million.**

In recognition of its Entrepreneurship program, BMCC is **one of five** community colleges named a **College of Excellence** by the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship.

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Partnerships Bring Opportunities for Students

Blackstone LaunchPad Offers Resources for Future Entrepreneurs



On August 4, 2021, Blackstone LaunchPad announced that it has expanded access to its student venture and entrepreneurial skill-building program to students at BMCC. Blackstone LaunchPad's network now provides students at BMCC with the resources and opportunities to support their entrepreneurial endeavors and career ambitions. The Blackstone Charitable Foundation has committed \$6 million to the program. BMCC joins Baruch College, Bronx Community College, Brooklyn College, City College of New York, College of Staten Island, Lehman College, Queens College and Queensborough Community College as CUNY schools participating in the program.

For students at BMCC, Blackstone LaunchPad will facilitate a global network of lasting professional relationships between students, faculty and advisors through proven startup resources and unique virtual and physical convening opportunities. Students will also have the chance to participate in pitch competitions, fellowships and live speaker series.

BMCC Partners With Google and Pathstream to Offer Apprenticeship Program

BMCC is working with Google to train five apprentices as part of Google's first Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship program. Apprentices will complete two months of online coursework through BMCC to earn the Google IT Support Professional Certificate and then serve as IT Support Specialists for a year in Google's Manhattan office.

BMCC Is Education Provider for Apprenticeship Program With Zurich North America

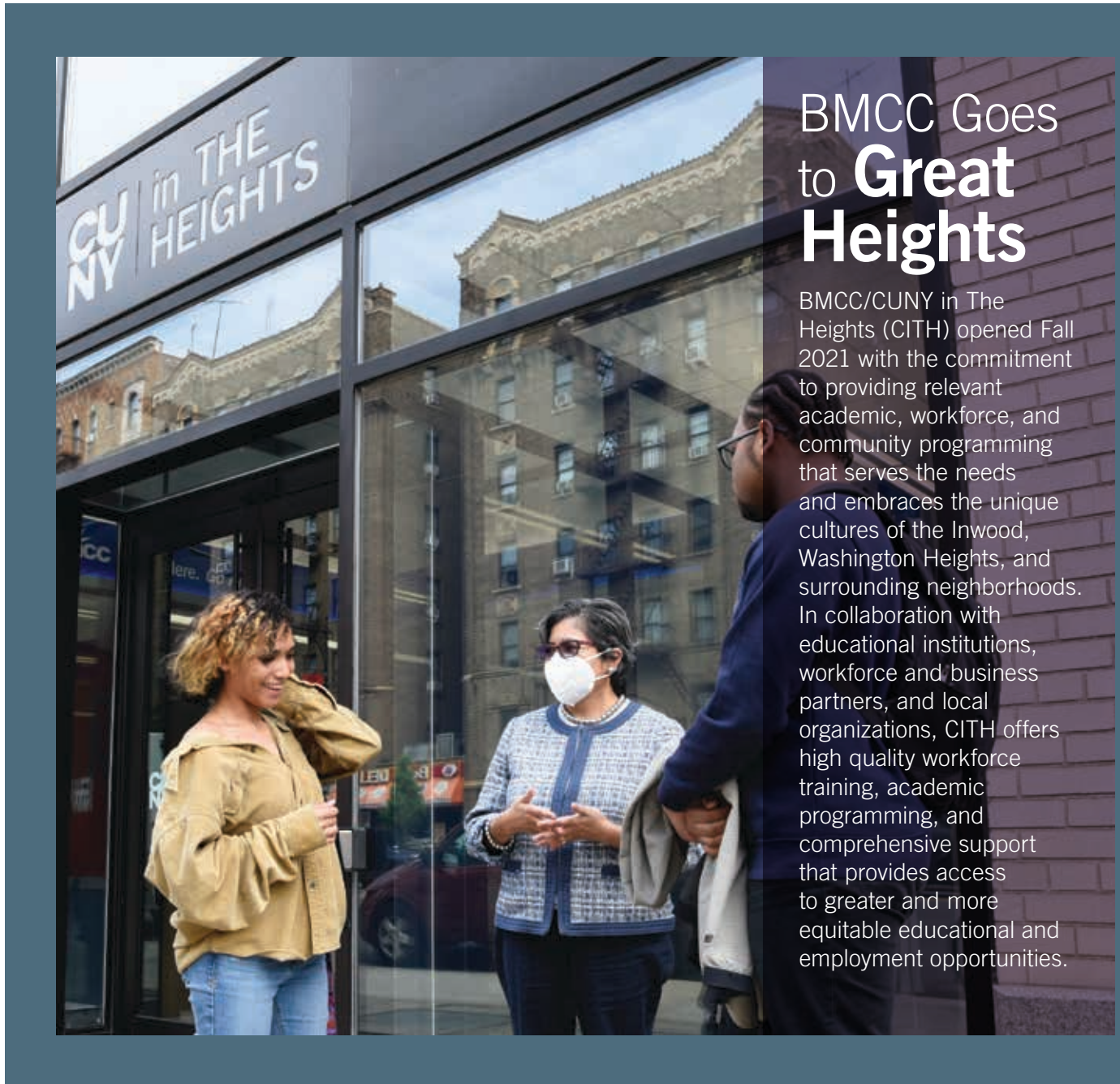
Zurich North America, a leading provider of insurance products and services to businesses and individuals, expanded its professional apprenticeship program from its Chicagoland headquarters to New York City in Fall 2020, with BMCC as the education provider. The program attracts diverse talent to the insurance industry, while providing a debt-free path to a professional career. Apprentices earn a full-time salary and benefits, including health insurance and 401(k) matching, and pay no tuition.



BMCC Partners With NBCUniversal News Group to Launch NBCU Academy

On January 14, 2021, BMCC was selected as one of 17 colleges and universities across the country to take part in the NBCU Academy, launched by NBCUniversal News Group. The NBCU Academy, a multi-platform journalism program, provides education, on-campus training and online programming. NBCU Academy will invest a total of \$6.5 million in the initiative, including

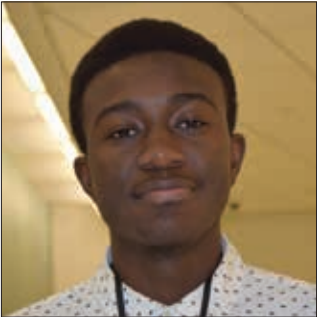
scholarships worth \$3.5 million over the next two years. In addition to providing equipment and collaborating with professors to develop seminar courses, NBCU News Group journalists, executives and management from editorial and production teams across NBC News, MSNBC, CNBC and Telemundo will participate as guest lecturers to provide real-world insight and mentorship.



BMCC Goes to **Great Heights**

BMCC/CUNY in The Heights (CITH) opened Fall 2021 with the commitment to providing relevant academic, workforce, and community programming that serves the needs and embraces the unique cultures of the Inwood, Washington Heights, and surrounding neighborhoods. In collaboration with educational institutions, workforce and business partners, and local organizations, CITH offers high quality workforce training, academic programming, and comprehensive support that provides access to greater and more equitable educational and employment opportunities.

Jack Kent Cooke Scholars Named



Computer Science major Abdoul-hanane Gbadamassi (*left*), from Togo, and Biotechnology major Altrim Mamuti (*right*), from Albania, are among three CUNY students and 72 community college students nationwide to be awarded the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. The scholarship provides each winner with up to \$40,000 per year for the final two to three years toward their bachelor's degree.

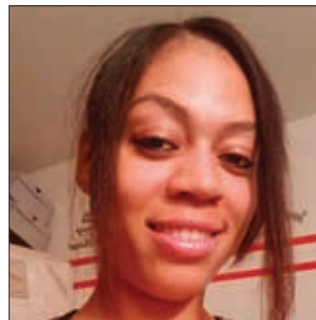
Four BMCC Students Win Panel Awards

BMCC was among 19 community colleges in four mid-Atlantic states represented at the prestigious 2021 Beacon Conference hosted online by Westchester Community College on June 4. BMCC student researchers who presented research findings at the conference and received panel awards in their disciplines include Joshua Lasciche, William Roman, Zachary Cussick and Maya Wong. Faculty mentors for the student researchers are Science Deputy Chair and Professor Abel Navarro, Science Professor Joanna Giza and Academic Literacy and Linguistics Professor Jennifer Delfino.

Students Win Scholarships to NYU

Through a partnership between BMCC and New York University (NYU), two unique pipeline programs—the Pipeline Opportunity for Inter-Collegiate STEM Education (POISE), linked to NYU's College of Arts and Science, and the Gallatin Undergraduate Initiative for Discovery in Education (GUIDE), linked to NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study—provide mentoring and other benefits to a select group of BMCC students who are then eligible to apply for scholarships to NYU. The 2021 BMCC graduates entering NYU in Fall 2021 include POISE scholars Nadir Arauco, Samuel Boadu, Chanthea Quinland, Diana Castillo and Emily Rodriguez, and GUIDE scholars Karen Escalona Santos, James Lu, Kadesh Stewart, Nancy Torres and Natassia Walker.

BMCC Students Become FEA Study Abroad Scholars



Three BMCC students are among 91 college students nationwide to receive 2021–2022 Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) scholarships. Psychology major Amanda Amezcuita (*right*), Nursing major Dominique Talley (*left*) and Criminal Justice major Kimberly Vega are also the only CUNY students selected for the program. Amezcuita's goal is to travel to the Czech Republic; Vega is focused on Ghana and Talley wants to visit Peru.

College Virtual Commencement Honors Diverse Graduates

BMCC celebrated the 56th graduating class of more than 4,600 students on June 4, a livestreamed event honoring graduates from Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021 and Spring 2021. “We have vaccines and we are seeing mask restrictions being lifted. All signs point toward a brighter future for all of us,” said President Anthony E. Munroe. Other speakers included BMCC Vice President for Student Affairs Marva Craig, CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, Valedictorian Fernanda Carvalho Santos, Student Government President Josiah Ramesar, U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer and U.S. Representative Hakeem Jeffries.



Nursing Pinning Ceremony Welcomes Pioneering Alumna Back to BMCC

Dr. Sandra Lindsay, the first person in the United States to receive the coronavirus vaccine, told the 78

graduates of the BMCC Nursing Program that she was proud of them during the 2021 nursing pinning ceremony on June 2 in Theatre I. Dr. Lindsay (Nursing, '94), also implored anyone in the BMCC community who has not yet gotten the vaccine against the deadly virus to do so, not only for themselves, but for their community. Dr. Lindsay was presented with the 2021 BMCC President's Medal during the Nursing Pinning Ceremony for her contribution and pioneering leadership. “You're entering nursing at a challenging time, but the very fact you are here today, shows how brave and unwavering you are in your commitment to your future patients, to your colleagues and to yourselves,” said Dr. Lindsay to the graduating nurses who completed their studies despite the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Respiratory Therapy Program Celebrates Graduates

The Allied Health Sciences department celebrated the Respiratory Therapy Class of 2021 on June 16 with an in-person, livestreamed commencement on the BMCC campus. Opportunities abound for the graduates of these rigorous Allied Health Sciences programs. “As it has been said, ‘Without breath, there is no life,’” said President Munroe during the ceremony. “This is why respiratory therapists are among the first clinicians at a patient's bedside during emergency health situations. From helping a premature baby breathe to saving the life of a patient suffering cardiac arrest—RTs are close by to share their life-saving knowledge and skills.” Other speakers at the Respiratory Therapy commencement included Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Erwin Wong, RT graduate Kateryna Khymych, RT Professor Michael Nazzaro and Allied Health Sciences Chair/RT Program Director Everett Flannery.

Faculty Researchers Named 2021 Andrew W. Mellon/ACLS Fellows



BMCC Modern Language Professors Sophie Maríñez (*left*), Ángeles Donoso Macaya (*middle*), and Social Sciences Professor Marci Littlefield (*right*) are among the 28 faculty from 24 two-year colleges across the country named as 2021 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) community college faculty fellows, for research in the humanities.

Health Information Technology Students Earn Degrees

On June 17, President Munroe congratulated the Health Information Technology (HIT) graduates on their dynamic career choice. BMCC's HIT majors learn the fundamentals in technology and healthcare that are required to jumpstart a career as a health information technician or as a healthcare data analyst, medical coding specialist or compliance officer. Other speakers at the HIT commencement celebration included Provost and Senior Vice President Erwin Wong, Interim Health Information Technology Program Director Lynda Carlson, HIT Professor Cheryl Christopher and Allied Health Sciences Chair Everett Flannery.

MEOC Commencement Recognizes Graduates' Achievements

On June 17, more than 400 graduates from the SUNY Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC) were recognized during a livestreamed 2021 Commencement Ceremony. In addition, 66 of the 400 graduates were recognized with Certificates of Academic Achievement for their scholastic excellence. Programs the graduates completed range from college prep to workforce development. Speakers included Valedictorian Noreen Jackson, MEOC Executive Director Anthony Watson, BMCC President Anthony E. Munroe, SUNY Associate Provost Lisa McKay, New York Senator Brian Benjamin and CEO of Executive Bound, Ginny Baro.

Research Team Receives \$85K to Improve Infant-Toddler Teacher Training Pipeline



New findings from a team of BMCC faculty researchers—Jennifer Gilken (*left*), Jennifer Longley (*right*) and Jillian Crosby—highlight the need to improve infant-toddler teacher training through specialized curricula and skill-building experience. Their work also seeks to improve the credit-transfer process from two- to four-year programs that lead to early childhood teacher certification.

Alumni

Accolades

Speaker Series Offers Opportunity to Engage With Successful Alumni

The Office of Institutional Advancement (IA) connects BMCC students with inspiring alumni and industry leaders. The Alumni Speaker Series is a chance to learn from BMCC alumni, hear about their journeys, and make new connections. In 2020-2021 the speaker series welcomed Elizabeth Butson, a BMCC Foundation Board of Directors member and former Vice President of Philip Morris International; Aaron Francois ('14, Business), an Integrated Communications Supervisor at MediaCom; Simon Zais ('16, Business Administration), a consultant at the global firm Capco; Abraham Albarracin (Liberal Arts, '13), a Liability Insurance Underwriter at Zurich North America; Tom Mullaly (Business Management, '10), Data Privacy Program Manager at Publicis Health; Erii Sugimoto (Computer Science, '17), Apple Software Engineer; and Marica Hodges (Nursing, '97), who talked about transferring from BMCC to Yale to Johns Hopkins, where she is completing her doctorate.



VAT Alumna Sienna Rodriguez-Truley Awarded Critical Language Scholarship

Video Arts and Technology (VAT) alumna Sienna Rodriguez-Truley, now earning a bachelor's degree in Film Production with a minor in Chinese and Art at Brooklyn College, CUNY, has been selected as one of about 550 college students nationwide to receive the Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

BMCC Alumna and Documentary Filmmaker Carla Francesca Robles Highlights "Voices of the Unheard"



After earning an associate degree at BMCC in Media Arts and Technology, Carla Francesca Robles graduated in the first documentary film class at The City College of New York, CUNY. She works as a production facilitator at a Spanish-language television station, founded the production company Rayoelú Films and has received acclaim for her original films that highlight immigrants in New York City: *Buhoneros (Street Vendors)* and *Layers of a Baker*.

Alumni

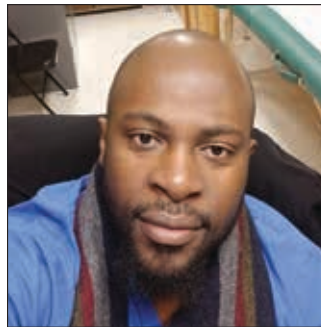
Accolades

Aspiring Principal and Alumnus Jamel Holmes Goes Extra Mile for His Students



Jamel Holmes (Early Childhood Education, '12) teaches sixth graders with disabilities at East Bronx Academy for the Future, where he himself graduated in 2008. When the New York State stay-at-home order went into effect, Mr. Holmes used the platform DonorsChoose to raise funds for over 360 care packages of snacks, art supplies and more—then personally delivered them to his homebound students. In May 2021, he earned a Master of Education Administration as School Building Leader, and aspires to be a principal in the NYC public school system. In 2021, he was one of six educators nationwide to receive a 2021 Changemaker Challenge Middle and High School Award from Students Rebuild, a program of the Bezos Family Foundation, and was featured in the podcast series *You and Me Both* hosted by Hillary Clinton. “My students live in one of the poorest congressional districts in the country,” said Mr. Holmes in that episode, “but they are so motivated and eager to learn. When they know they have people in their lives that genuinely care for them, they will go that extra mile.”

Tomorrow’s Health Care Leaders Begin at BMCC



Samuel Adédèjì (Science, '10) was president of the Future Alumni club and a member of the Honor Society for Black Student Scholars at BMCC. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Biology at SUNY Stony Brook, and landed an internship at Bellevue Hospital where he was promoted to a management position in surgery and sub-specialties clinics. BMCC alumnus Kwame Amin (Science, '10) earned a Bachelor of Science in Physician's Assistant Studies at York College, CUNY, and works in emergency services as a physician's assistant. Focused now on healthcare disparities in New York City, he will soon complete an MBA in Strategic Healthcare Management at Hofstra University, putting him in a position to help change the healthcare system.



Ways to Give

Thank you for your support!

There are many ways you can impact the lives of BMCC students.

These include Direct Gifts of cash, checks or Donor Advised Funds (DAFs). Your generous support can also be expressed as marketable securities, electronic stock transfers via DTC or mutual fund transfer. Other ways to give include corporate and foundation funding, matching gifts, gifts of real estate, life insurance, bequests and life income gifts.

Your donations go a long way in funding scholarships, research and programs that allow BMCC to continue delivering quality education to hard-working and ambitious students.

To learn more, please visit the BMCC Foundation website: www.bmcc.cuny.edu/ways-to-give, or call the Office for Institutional Advancement at (212) 220-8020 or email us at advancementevents@bmcc.cuny.edu.



Create a Lasting Legacy While Transforming Students' Lives

One creative way of giving back to BMCC and transforming students' lives—while ensuring your legacy for future generations—is to make a gift using a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA).

A CGA combines two concepts: a charitable gift and income for life. Think of it as the gift that gives back to you. For as little as \$10,000, you can help achieve your financial goals and provide an educational opportunity that allows you to support BMCC students while benefiting from the following:

- *Safe, fixed income for your life and/or the life of a loved one (spouse or parent)*
- *Income tax savings—immediately and in the future (in most cases)*
- *Favorable tax treatment on capital gains, if funded with appreciated assets*
- *Membership in our exclusive BMCC Legacy Society*

To review a personalized example of how a Charitable Gift Annuity would benefit you, please call (212) 220-8020. We will provide your customized Gift Annuity Illustration at no expense or obligation.

Sample Payout Rates for Single Life Annuities:
Age 70: 4.7%. Age 80: 6.5%. Age 90: 8.6%.

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#CUNYTuesday Addresses a Critical Need by Raising Funds for Urban Male Leadership

At BMCC, advancing equity through the transformative power of education is key to the College's mission, and reflected in the goals of the BMCC Urban Male Leadership Academy (UMLA).

UMLA is firmly committed to increasing the graduation rates of groups that are severely underrepresented in higher education, particularly men of color. Participants of the program have shown a higher graduation rate than their peers outside UMLA—even as the gap between Black male student success and that of other groups has widened at BMCC over the years.

UMLA's role became more critical when the coronavirus pandemic hit New York City and disproportionately impacted the economy and health of Black and Brown low-income neighborhoods. The program's 344 student count in the 2019-2020 academic year decreased to 253 in the 2020-2021 period.

To help reverse that trend, BMCC will dedicate funds raised through the 2021 University-wide campaign #CUNYTuesday to the program.

#CUNYTuesday is a CUNY initiative set for Tuesday, November 30 at BMCC and welcomes donations from employees, faculty, students, alumni and friends of the College. Contributing to CUNYTuesday enables BMCC supporters to directly help a program that has proven success and addresses a significant need.

"We're trying to create a community and give our students the tools they need to not only be successful here at BMCC, but also at their next step; whether that is going to a four-year school or going straight to the workforce," says UMLA Director Ashtian Holmes.

To learn more about CUNYTuesday, please visit the www.bmcc.cuny.edu/ways-to-give, or call the Office for Institutional Advancement at (212) 220-8020, or email us at advancementevents@bmcc.cuny.edu.

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June 30, 2021 and 2020

Assets	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$257,772	277,887
Investments	9,243,712	7,551,611
Contributions receivable, net	858,302	1,745,352
Other receivables, net	352	4,855
Prepaid expenses	61,987	51,680
Works of art	96,661	96,661
Total assets	\$10,518,786	9,728,045
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	10,630	4,962
Due to related party	95,000	—
Total liabilities	105,630	4,962
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	5,342,888	4,911,915
With donor restrictions	5,070,268	4,811,168
Total net assets	10,413,156	9,723,083
Total liabilities and net assets	\$10,518,786	9,728,045

Statement of Activities

Years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Support and revenue:		
Contributions	\$1,090,849	1,372,202
Contributions in-kind	1,316,096	1,767,659
Special events:		
Event income	23,350	452,189
Less: related direct costs	(4,900)	(324)
Net special event income	<u>18,450</u>	<u>451,865</u>
Investment income	1,857,267	238,000
Other income	<u>6,835</u>	<u>(3,740)</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>4,289,497</u>	<u>3,825,986</u>
Expenses		
Program services	3,226,533	3,617,197
Administrative expenses	364,843	636,013
Fundraising expenses	<u>8,048</u>	<u>9,715</u>
Total expenses	<u>3,599,424</u>	<u>4,262,925</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in net assets	690,073	(436,939)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>9,723,083</u>	<u>10,160,022</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$10,413,156</u>	<u>9,723,083</u>



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