



BCC Connections

Barstow Community College District

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE—AUGUST SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAM IN PROGRESS

AUGUST 5. SATURDAY REGISTRATION

AUGUST 11. IN-SERVICE

AUGUST 14. FALL CLASSES BEGIN

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SUMMER HOURS

As a reminder, the college is operating on a 4-10 work schedule Monday thru Thursday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Closed Fridays.

IS M.I.S. MIA?

As you know, Barstow Community College is changing in many ways, with a comprehensive remodel for efficiency well underway. Due to the remodel, certain departments have had to be relocated.

The Norman Smith Center has hosted many drama productions throughout its life. These staged dramas are fictional and well known throughout the world. Yet, a new real life drama is taking place on the stage at the Norman Smith Center.

The college's Management Information Systems (MIS) department is a real life drama that unfolds before the whole college. The MIS department has been re-located in order for work on the D building, formally Child Care America,

to be completed for use this fall. With the stage productions and drama classes taking place in the new interim performing arts center, MIS now has a new space to conduct its operations in.

It is too early to tell what exactly the MIS drama department has up its sleeve. You can bet that it will be the same friendly type of production that keeps its audience coming back for more. More help that is!



The Norman Smith Center is home to a new type of drama.

OUTREACH COUNSELORS BRAVE THE ELEMENTS TO HELP OTHERS

Second in a series of stories about outreach activities at Barstow Community College.

Instead of reporting on the technical aspects of the Summer Outreach program, this editor has decided that it would be more fitting to bring the reader along with them. Now, when I refer to the outreach counselors, I consider anyone who is actively involved in the program itself an outreach counselor. I myself was an outreach counselor last summer and I enjoyed every bit of it.

The outreach counselors are seen as helpful individuals who are trying to make a difference in the community by introducing higher education into the community. Rightfully so, these outreach counselors brave 115° heat and sometimes demanding hours. Yet, the benefits far outweigh the challenges that are presented to them.

As an outreach counselor last summer, I felt accomplished and fulfilled in the job that I was doing. It brought me great joy to see people that I knew and did not know register for classes at BCC. I told them that it will be the start of a wonderful journey that they will never forget. I was not the only

one who felt great joy in being an outreach counselor. My peers felt the same way as I did. We all had the same goals and the perseverance to do our best.

I can remember how Joann Garcia, the Outreach Program coordinator at the time, would tell us that we were doing a good job and making a huge difference in the lives of those we reached. She was a tremendous driving force that inspired us to be our best. It was especially helpful when we had trouble getting a hold of a prospective student.

I would join the outreach team again in a heartbeat. To me the experience alone is worth the time and work necessary for the program to be successful.

So, when you see an outreach counselor around town, say hello, because they are making a difference in the community.

I, Joseph Hisquierdo, am proud to have been an outreach counselor.



A potential student interested in attending BCC is helped by an outreach counselor at Wal-Mart.



WISHING MELVINA GUTIERREZ A FOND FAREWELL

Melvina started her educational career at Barstow Community College in the fall of 2002. In 2004, she was hired by then Financial Aid Officer Shannon Souter as a Financial Aid student worker in June of that year. Since then, Melvina has helped countless students with their financial aid applications and questions.

Melvina said that it brings her joy to help people of all backgrounds afford an education at the college. "I am a people person, I like to meet people, talk to people and learn new things. I especially like helping them get financial aid," she said.

Talking to her co-workers nets the same results. They all see her as a caring individual who is dedicated to her job and a very pleasant person. "She was a real help when I started working in the Financial Aid office. We are like good buds," said Christina Martinez, who is the Financial Aid clerk.

"She is a hard worker who is friendly and does her job very well. We are going to really miss her," said Daniel Cordova who is the Financial Aid Technician at the college. These sentiments are echoed from her supervisor Lillian Justice. "She is a hard worker, she is a good customer service person who is very thorough in the information that she gives. She is very friendly and outgoing, which has made her easy to work with. We will miss her."

Melvina graduated from Barstow Community College this May with a AS in Business and a AA in Social Science. She is going to be taking classes online through Park University. She hopes to get a Bachelors degree in Business and is looking forward to her future. All of us at Barstow Community College wish her the best of luck!



Melvina with her fellow graduates.

A SPECIAL DAY FOR GUSTAVO AGUAYO

Gustavo Aguayo bids Barstow Community College and the staff and faculty he fondly refers to as "mi familia" adio as he heads east to Arizona and the Art Institute of Phoenix. Emerging as a leader in creative education, API has accredited degrees in design, media and culinary arts and fashion design.

When asked what he plans to do once he finishes his formal studies, Gustavo answered simply, "I want to be a cartoonist once I finish with a bachelor's degree in animation design."

Gustavo graduated in May from BCC with two associate degrees in computer science and social science. Actively involved in ASB, he was a senator and student worker for student life.

Attending his pizza social on June 29 were many faculty and staff of the college who worked closely with Gustavo and wished him well on the step of his educational journey.

Along with Joann Garcia, pizza social host and Student Life & Development Supervisor, were BCC President Dr. Brock, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Meadows and Human Resources Director Michael Murrey who all worked with Gustavo during his years at the college. When he leaves Barstow for Phoenix, he won't be alone however. Gustavo plans to marry the end of July and will be taking his bride to Phoenix with him.



Gustavo (center) with Jesús and Mayra at his pizza social.



SUMMER HOURS AT THE LUNCH BOX

For your enjoyment this summer, The Lunch Box will be open Mon - Thur
7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays

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