

Burlington County College  
New Student Orientation

*Parent Program*

Summer 2009

A stylized silhouette of a mountain range in a darker teal color, located in the bottom right corner of the slide.

# *Parent Program Purpose*

- ◆ Offer insight and accurate information to Frequently Asked Questions
- ◆ Provide quality, accurate information and resources.
- ◆ Simplify access to important materials and information.

# *Financial Planning*

- ◆ **Community college savings – \$\$\$**
  - \$86 a credit = under \$1200 (with Fees per semester)
  - Typical semester at 4 year institution ranges between \$4,000 and \$13,000.
    - ◆ Tuition, fees, room and board can range between \$10,000 - \$40,000 a YEAR!
- ◆ **Scholarships – College Foundation**
  - FAFSA Required

# *Financial Planning*

## ◆ Semester Payment Deadlines

- Online Payment Options
- Deferred Payment Plan - FACTS program
- Financial Aid

## ◆ Where to Find It:

### – Fall Course Catalog

- ◆ Overall Schedule for semester
- ◆ Tuition & Fees Details
- ◆ Payment Plans & Financial Aid

### – College Catalog

- ◆ Academic Calendar
- ◆ Student Services

# *Academic Planning*

- ◆ BCC Student Services includes a variety of professionals to assist your student in achieving their educational goals.
- ◆ Academic Counselors and Faculty Advisors
  - Assist with mapping out academic plan
  - Schedule early
- ◆ Register early
  - Spring 2010 registration starts November 2<sup>nd</sup>!
  - Best selection, best scheduling!

# *Academic Planning*

## ◆ FERPA

- “Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act”
- Maintains the confidentiality of the students academic records and prohibits the college from releasing information about the student to anyone but the student
  - ◆ Requires verification of the student’s identity.
  - ◆ Cannot distribute information about a student’s account over the phone or to a parent without the student present and consenting.
- Additional Details in the BCC College Catalog (pg 22)

# Planning For Transfer

## NJTransfer.org

The screenshot shows the NJ TRANSFER website. At the top left is the logo, a blue graduation cap with a tassel, and the text "NJ TRANSFER". To the right are links for "main page", "glossary", and "f.a.q.". Below the logo is a navigation bar with "Students/Parents" and "Educators" tabs. A blue banner below the navigation bar states: "NJ TRANSFER is a joint initiative of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and New Jersey Presidents' Council".

An announcement box with a yellow background contains the following text:

Students completing or planning to complete course work at the following New Jersey community colleges are now able to use NJ Transfer to learn how their courses will transfer to selected community colleges in the State:

- Hudson or Passaic County Community College to Bergen Community College
- Middlesex County College to Raritan Valley Community College
- Essex or Middlesex County College to Union County College

To access this information, choose the 'Find Course Equivalencies' link and select the appropriate 'Sending' and 'Receiving' institutions.

On the left side, there is a "Students Menu" with the following items:

- How to Begin
- Transfer Contacts
- Transfer Recruitment Events
- Search Using Keyword
- Find Course Equivalencies
- Plan Academic Program (RTP)
- Evaluate Courses
- NJ Colleges and Universities
- NJ STARS, Financial Aid, Scholarship, and EOF Programs
- On Track Transfer Brochure

The main content area features a grid of photos of students in graduation caps and gowns. Overlaid on the grid is the text "Linking New Jersey's Colleges and Universities". Below the grid, a welcome message reads: "Welcome to NJ TRANSFER, the Web site that helps you transfer community college courses in the State of New Jersey. NJ TRANSFER was developed as a joint initiative of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and the New Jersey Presidents' Council. Its many features will assist you in learning:"

- Which courses to select at a community college
- Which New Jersey four-year colleges offer equivalent courses
- How the courses will satisfy four-year degree requirements
- Where you can transfer your community college courses in New Jersey

The bottom of the screenshot shows a Windows taskbar with the "start" button, several open applications (Novell Group, Home - Microso..., NJ TRANSFER:..., Microsoft Powe...), and the system tray showing the time as 3:35 PM.

# *Planning For Transfer*

- ◆ Transfer Presentation by BCC Transfer Coordinator: Dr. Robert Arisoto
  - Transfer Articulation Agreements
  - Dual Admission Programs
  - On Site Partners
  - NJ Legislation
  
- ◆ Additional Resource:
  - 2007 – 2009 College Catalog

# *Online Resources*

[www.bcc.edu](http://www.bcc.edu)

- ◆ Student access to:
  - **Webadvisor** (check grades, access schedule, assess credit status, ect)
  - **Student Email** (correspond with faculty, receive college alerts, ect)
  - **Student Worker positions** and other local jobs  
[www.collegecentral.org](http://www.collegecentral.org)
  - **Update emergency contact information** for Connect Ed services

# *College Students in 2009: Key Concepts for Consideration*

## **Awareness Areas:**

- ◆ Out of Class Academic Expectations
- ◆ Working in College
- ◆ Code of Conduct / Judicial Issues
- ◆ Problem Solving Skill Development
- ◆ Communication Skill Development
- ◆ Long-term and short term planning
- ◆ FERPA restrictions – waiver option
- ◆ Student Engagement

# *Opportunities for Parents @ BCC*

- ◆ Credit Classes
  - Convenient locations and times
  - Online options
- ◆ Non-Credit Classes
  - New brochure each semester with a wide variety of sessions – from one day to 12 week classes!
- ◆ Foundation events
  - Holiday Auction, Golf Tournament
- ◆ College functions open to community
  - Concerts, family events and more

# *Questions?*

## *Key Resources for Your Student:*

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[www.bcc.edu](http://www.bcc.edu)

*609 894 9311 or 856 222 9311*

*Academic Advising ext. 7349*

*Registration ext. 1378*

*Financial Aid ext. 7575*

*Business Office ext. 1291*

*Athletics ext. 1435*

*Student Activities ext. 1238*

*Public Safety ext. 1100*

*Thank You For Your Time.*