

SSS ★ STAR Program

“Our mission is to guide, support, and retain our students so that they may successfully graduate from Bloomfield College.”



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Internship Experiences: Rohanna Powell

In the STAR newsletter’s continuing piece, recent graduate Rohanna Powell (‘13) shares her experience student teaching in Newark, NJ. Rohanna offers other STAR participants a look at student teaching, and wrote this experience before completing her graduation requirements in December 2013:



My name is Rohanna Powell. My major is Elementary Education with Subject Specialization in Mathematics. At the end of the fall 2013 semester I will be completing my journey here at Bloomfield College. I am currently completing my last requirement of the Education program which is an internship. I am currently student teaching in a 4th grade class at Abington Elementary School in Newark, NJ. At first I was upset because I wanted to be placed in a Middle School setting only teaching Mathematics. I am a strict believer that everything happens for a reason so I embraced this new journey and challenge with confidence. I just want to say I have never been so tired and a bit stressed but happy all at the same time. My students make me realize everyday why I chose to go in to this field. At first it was difficult because I wasn’t used to designing lesson plans for younger students. I had to realize they don’t know as much as I think they may know. I constantly am improving each day; my lessons are always better than the previous one. I was a bit nervous about teaching Writing, Science, and Literacy because Mathematics is my passion. I amaze myself at how much I am learning. A lot of the concepts I forgot from when I was younger and now I am enjoying re-learning and refreshing my memory to teach the skills and concepts to my students. I am glad to say I had a good mid-term assessment. I am very thankful for this opportunity because I am getting way more preparation that I can learn in any class or read from any book. I am counting down the days to graduation but it will truly be a sad day when I have to say goodbye to my students.



Rohanna Powell



★ **FAFSA** ★
Did you complete FAFSA
— Free Application for
Federal Student Aid?

The College’s priority date
for applying for next
year’s Financial Aid is
March 15th!

Remember to visit your
STAR Counselor for
assistance.

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A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning.

—Brad Henry, via Rohanna Powell (‘13)



STAR has a new Chemistry Ambassador



Upperclassman Tuwana Rudolph was selected in September 2013 as a Chemistry Ambassador for the American Chemical Society (ACS).

An ACS Chemistry Ambassador promotes the “value of chemists and chemistry to the community.”

We congratulate Tuwana and all of our students who strive to reach their academic and professional goals.



The STAR Program congratulates all our students who were admitted to the Nursing and CAT programs. Your determination has paid off!



Destiny Perez

We must view young people not as empty bottles to be filled, but as candles to be lit. ★

— Robert H. Shaffer

Financial Aid Workshops:

What does BC's FAFSA Priority Deadline mean? ★

Every school has its own priority aid deadline—that's the day that the school begins processing all of the aid applications that they have received up until that point. **Bloomfield College's FAFSA Priority Deadline is MARCH 15th.**

Some forms of financial aid, such as state grants, are limited. BC only receives a certain amount of this money each semester to offer students and **this is where the Priority Deadline becomes important!** On March 15th, the Office of Student Financial Services starts awarding this limited aid to students who qualify (which also depends on your EFC and other factors, such as academic standing).

So what does this mean? Applicants who meet the priority aid deadline are considered for all available sources of financial aid. Students who miss the deadline are only considered for some sources of aid. Your FAFSA should be completed no matter what. But by meeting the Priority Deadline, you could be offered more aid! The later you wait, the more problems can arise with less time to fix them.

Need assistance with your FAFSA? Your STAR Counselor is available to help. Bring your financial information, have your FAFSA Pin ready, and get that form filled out before the Priority Deadline. Make an appointment or come to our three Financial Aid Workshops:

Tuesday, February 25th, 2-4pm

Monday, March 10th, 2-4pm

Wednesday, March 12th, 2-4pm

and by appointment

Graduating May 22nd?

Congratulations!

Schedule your STAR exit interview to let the Office know your future plans.

STARs Show Off Their Creative Writing Skills

Professor Genega's Introduction to Creative Writing class invited the Bloomfield College community to the Library's Shelby Art Room on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, for readings of original student poetry and fiction.

The STAR Program was pleased to hear three STAR students read their own creative writings. Rashid Pleasant, also a STAR Lab Assistant, read a piece of fiction, entitled "The Beast," that surprised with its unique premise. Michael Murphy's poem "I Hate Math," led the participants on a comedic hero/antihero journey to conquer the nemesis math. Lastly, Johnny Vega presented a poem, aptly named "Reflection" that recounted a speaker's questioning of identity.



Rashid Pleasant



Michael Murphy



Johnny Vega

It is inspiring to see students go outside their comfort zones and challenge themselves in courses outside their majors. The results are amazing.

Bloomfield College Elects STARs to Its Student Government



Vice President of Senatorial Affairs:

Junior Class President:

Sophomore Class Vice-President:

Sophomore Class Treasurer:

Freshman Class President:

Freshman Class Secretary:

Naomi Exius

Jasmine Leftwich

Nicola Waldron

Kelly Frias

Tiayanna A. Boston

Marilene Jean

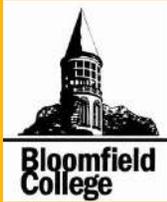
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and more online,
anytime and any place.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Recognition

Congratulations to the STAR Program’s Johnny Vega for receiving an Honorable Mention from the BC 2013 Hispanic Heritage Month Committee in “recognition of his leadership, service, and demonstrated respect for the diversity of others” at BC and his contribution to the campus community.

September 15th -
October 15th is
National Hispanic
Heritage Month.



STAR PROGRAM HOURS

Monday:	8:00 am—8:00 pm
Tuesday:	8:00 am—8:00 pm
Wednesday:	8:00 am—8:00 pm
Thursday:	8:00 am—4:30 pm
Friday:	8:00 am—4:30 pm

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