



BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - STAR PROGRAM

Commencement 2017: STAR Program Celebrates Thirty-Two Graduates

Each May, the SSS-STAR staff is pleased to volunteer at Commencement to watch its students turn their tassels and walk across the stage to receive their academic hoods. On May 19, 2017, the program watched proudly as thirty-two students graduated. We celebrate their individual achievements and thank each student for letting us be part of the college journey.



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Department Spotlight: Residential Education And Housing (REH)

There are STARS across campus! This year, residents will see SSS scholars in the dorms and some are even serving as Resident Advisors (RA) for REH! The STAR Program is pleased to highlight SSS participants who are RAs for this upcoming academic year. Here are some facts and information about each student.

Laura Esposito ('18), Psychology. Hometown: Vernon, NJ. Fun fact people about me: I am obsessed with wrestling and Luke Bryan. I just love: Making people laugh.



Cynthia Milfranc ('18), Psychology. Hometown: Irvington, NJ. Fun fact about me: I am very goofy and I love to make people laugh. The one experience students shouldn't miss at Bloomfield College: Joining Clubs. Favorite place on campus: STAR office and the STAR lab.



Omar Morales ('20), Game Design/Development. Hometown: North Bergen, NJ.

Briana Able ('18), English. Hometown: Newark, NJ. STAR fun fact about Briana: Staff has nicknamed her "Professor Able." I just love: Reading. The one experience students shouldn't miss at Bloomfield College: Living on campus. Favorite spot on campus: The Star Lab.

Disney World Accepts STAR Scholar as Intern—Elizabeth Manoes '18

Bloomfield College student Elizabeth Manoes ('18) is Disney's newest intern. Manoes, an early childhood/special education major and STAR participant, began the Disney College Program in May 2017. The seven-month Disney College Program allows Manoes to network with leaders, take part in personal and career development classes, and build transferable skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, guest service, and effective communication. As a Disney College Program participant, Manoes will gain valuable, on-the-job experience working in Disney's parks and resorts. Each role offered through the Disney College Program is a paid internship and provides a unique and diverse learning and working experience.

At Bloomfield College, Manoes served as a student ambassador, or Storyteller, for the Office of Admission, and worked as a student employee for the student center, the Bloomfield Public Library, and a daycare center close to campus. Manoes also acted as a mentor to freshmen and staffs the front desk of the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement (CSLE). This past semester, she earned a coveted BC Portrait of Excellence.

Manoes will return from Disney in January, just in time to begin her final semester and student teaching at Keansburg Elementary School. Afterward, she will graduate May 2018. In July, she let the Program know about her experience:

"I started my Disney College Program on the 15th of May. It's been almost two months now and I am having a magical time at Disney. When I first had my lifeguard training, a lot of guards and I joked how our song for this program will be 'How Far I'll go' from the Disney movie *Moana*. The song says 'I been staring at the water' and everyone said this is all we will do. Through these two months I have done so much more than just staring at the water. I have had interactions with guest that I can never forget. I have also made magical moments. A magical moment is when a cast member connects with a child and wants to give them something special but with still keeping the Disney magic alive. For example, I had a young girl offer to clean the pool after we just had a huge storm. I told my leaders about the mess but they were dealing with other pools. I told the girl she didn't need to but she insisted. Afterward I found out her favorite princess which was Princess Elena and I got her room information from her parents. Before my break I got her some pink princess ears and a bow and left note saying 'Dear Princess Rachel, I heard what you did today at the pool, I wanted to make you a honorary princess for your help. Keep it up!' And I signed at the end 'From, Princess Elena.' The next day her parents thanked me and Rachel showed me the note and how she couldn't believe that Princess Elena made her a princess. Through these two months I have experienced so much and I can't wait to see what the next six months bring for me during my adventure here at the Disney College Program."



—Some information in this section was taken from Alicia Cook's BC website news article "Bloomfield College Student to Intern with Disney" (April 2017, <http://www.bloomfield.edu/about-us/news/bloomfield-college-student-intern-disney>)

"DREAMS CAN COME TRUE, IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO PURSUE THEM." — WALT DISNEY

Spring 2017 Dean's List

Every semester, STAR scholars make the BC Dean's List shine! Students who are awarded "Honors" have achieved a quality point average of 3.5 or higher. Those receiving "High Honors" have achieved a quality point average of 3.8 or higher. Students who are named to Dean's List for the academic year (both Fall and Spring) are honored at a ceremony each year in October.

HIGH HONORS

Tiayanna A. Boston
 Rosamaria Colon-Merced
 Shennel J. Green
 Tanaisha T. Houston
 Ariel Madera
 Lisbeth A. Maldonado
 Chyanna L. Matthews
 Precious O. Olubiyi
 Shaniquah M. Reynolds

HONORS

Carlos A. Cruz
 Adrienne D. Demming
 Tytianna S. Drew
 Laura A. Esposito
 Jocelyn Galicia
 Julia A. Golden
 Dreiana I. Halley
 Alesse M. Hawkins
 Kenvil D. Hernandez
 Dennise C. Iniguez
 Sofina W. Khan
 Carla M. Lopez
 Elizabeth T. Manoes

Gianni L. Resto
 Isaac J. Rodriguez
 Valerie N. Santana
 Rishana N. Ubah
 Ana I. Valentin



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALUMNA DANIELLE PATTERSON ('13) ON HER ACCEPTANCE TO JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY'S BIOTECHNOLOGY MASTERS PROGRAM WITH A CONCENTRATION IN BIODEFENSE!

BC Elects STARs to Its All-Female '17-18 Student Government Executive Cabinet

President: Abisola Adewolu ('18), Biology. Hometown: Little Ferry, NJ. Fun fact about me: 3 is my lucky number that follows me everywhere. I just love: being active and staying on the go. The one experience students shouldn't miss at BC: getting involved on campus. Favorite spot on campus: the quad.



Thomas

VP of Administrative Affairs: Kayla Grace Thomas ('18), Psychology. Hometown: Brooklyn, NY. Fun fact About me: I was born at home, and delivered by my Godmother! I am also left-handed. The one experience students shouldn't miss at Bloomfield College: Being INVOLVED, you meet some amazing people by joining clubs and organizations. I know that is how I met some of my life long friends. You build that family away from home, and you create memories that are irreplaceable and that is what will make your college years the most rewarding and memorable!



Adewolu

VP of Senatorial Affairs: Adrienne Demming ('18), Sociology. Hometown: Willingboro, NJ.



Demming

Financial Advisor: Jessica Demianicz ('18), Biology, minor Chemistry. Hometown: Elizabeth, NJ. I just love: Hanging out with my friends and making fun memories. The one experience students shouldn't miss at Bloomfield College: Learning about study abroad and expiring the world. Traveling and visiting new countries it's an amazing experience and you make new friends around the world. Trying new food and absorbing the culture and history a city has to offer. Favorite spot on campus: The organic chemistry lab, library and the STAR computer room.



Demianicz

SSS-STAR Fall 2017 Calendar of Activities and Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location
August 28 	First Day of Classes	All Day	Bloomfield College
August 28 - 31*	Welcome Back Week at FRO SSS-STAR	All Day	SSS Office, Room 107
September 13 	Last Date to Drop a Course (Schedule a meeting with your SSS Coach to discuss your options before dropping a course!)		
September 13	USLP Broadway Trip & Bronx Tale/Merit Trip*	8:15 pm	NYC
September 13	HESSA (LAW) follows-Up: DEADLINE		
September 19*	New York Idealist Grad Fair, NYC	5:00 – 8:00 pm	NYC
September 22	FRO SSS Program Priorities Application Deadline for New Students DEADLINE		
September 22	Westminster Snow Machine in Concert	8:00 pm	Westminster
September 23*	Habitat for Humanity Service Project	8:30 – 4:30 pm	Newark
September 28	Career and Volunteer Expo	2:00 – 4:00 pm	MR, Transition Hall
October 1 	FAFSA Opens for 2018-2019 (based on 2016 tax)		
October 2-6	New Candidate Admission Interviews	All Day	SSS Offices
October 3	NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates by MENA	2:15 – 3:45 pm	
October 9*	Sophomore and Junior Checks with Advisement Begin (Schedule a meeting with your SSS Coach after meeting with Advising to discuss your course options!)		
October 12	FAFSA Completion Workshop presented by FHSAA	12:00 – 2:00 pm	FBI
October 14	Deacons' new Open House -abling Friends/Volunteers needed!	5:00 – 9:00 pm	Quad
October 18	Plagiarism - Research Paper Workshop	1:00 – 2:00 pm	STAR Computer Lab
October 21*	Habitat for Humanity Service Project	8:30 – 4:30 pm	Newark
October 26	Dress for Success - Free Suit Giveaway	2:00 pm	STAR Office 107
November 1 	Grant Aid Application DEADLINE		
November 1	New Student Orientation and Meet-and-Greet	FBI	FBI
November 2	Schedule Your Schedule Workshop	FBI	FBI
November 3	Advising and Registration for Spring 2018 Begins		
November 25	Two-Hour MBIE Foundation Seminar for Freshman	4:00 – 5:00 pm	STAR Computer Lab
November 26	FAFSA Completion Workshop presented by FHSAA	2:00 – 4:00 pm	FBI
November 26	Thanksgiving Dessert Social	11:00 – 4:00 pm	SSS Offices
November 29	Dress for Success - Free Suit Giveaway	2:00 pm	STAR Office 107
December 4-7 	De-Stress fest with CMA and Wellness Center	FBI	FBI
December 7	Stress Management Seminar	4:00 – 5:00 pm	FBI
December 11-16	Final Week (Final Group Study Session in SSS Lab - The lab will be open late and snacks will be provided!)		

**DO NOT FORGET: FAFSA APPLICATIONS FOR
2018-2019 CAN BE COMPLETED STARTING
OCTOBER 1ST!**

United Airlines Intern Gabrielle Davids ('20)

Gabrielle Davids ('20) has an internship other STARS can look up to. Davids interned at United Airlines during summer 2017. Here, Gabrielle details her time with the Fortune 100 company:



“During the summer of 2017, I was more than delighted to take a part in an internship program that United Airlines had available to college students. This program showed me behind the scenes of the airport industry. To actually be

involved and have the chance to partake in such experiences with the airport environment was mind blowing.

What was our job? Well, the associates were hired to assist United agents with unaccompanied minors. The summer is very crazy especially when it comes to children traveling alone to go to camp or just to visit family, so we picked up the minors, walked them through customs and to baggage claim, and then out to their parties. We also helped passengers with anything they weren't sure of, but mostly we were known as “unam reps” (“unaccompanied minors representatives”).

Yes, there were fun experiences.... Every Wednesday

the representatives organized tours so we were able to get the whole insight or feel of what actually takes place in an airport. Inflight refers to the flight attendants and crew on board the aircraft. I was so excited for this part of the tour because flight attendant is a position I can see myself doing. We got the chance to actually take part in the training that all flight attendants and flight crew have to go through. It was an amazing experience and the reps who spoke to us were extraordinary and very happy to talk to us about what they do. They took us all over the airport--to the tower where operations representatives work, and to the hangar where aircraft repair technicians work on the planes or parts of the planes. I

got to see where they store all the pieces of airplanes from the tiniest bolts and screws to huge pieces.

The areas that I enjoyed the most that I will remember for a long time would have to be going to see inflight and going on the ramp, being allowed to operate machinery and go into the cockpit and talk with a pilot. There are people who have worked for the airline and haven't gotten the chance to experience what we did. And I feel like it was one of the greatest opportunities because it opened my eyes to wanting to work for the airline.

Overall, I'm just so thankful for this experience and gave us huge opportunities to network and meet some great people.

“Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.” — Helen Keller

STARs Welcome Incoming Students as BC Storytellers

Bloomfield College Storytellers are, according to the College's website, “a select group of students chosen to assist prospective students and their families in the enrollment process. They are representatives of Bloomfield College both on and off the job.” Storytellers give campus tours, but are also visible at campus events, at college fairs with BC's Admission Team, and working on special projects on campus.

Out of the twelve Storytellers BC employs, three of those students are STAR scholars. Meet these Storytellers, students who help incoming students write their own stories:

Issamar Mora ('21), Psychology. Hometown: West Orange, NJ.

Laura Esposito ('18), Psychology. The one experience students shouldn't miss at Bloomfield College: Getting involved in the many different activities and organizations on campus. Favorite spot on campus: Nothing beats studying outside on a nice day on the quad. (For more information about Laura, see page 2.)



Paola Tejada ('20), Psychology. Hometown: Perth Amboy, NJ. I just love: helping others and being a young independent woman. The one experience students should not miss at Bloomfield College: dorming, events, and community service. Favorite spot on campus: STAR program lab and the library. STAR fun fact about Paola: Paola was the STAR Freshman Lab Assistant Intern '16-17!

What I Wish I Knew Before Transitioning to College

Terry Webb, assistant professor of counseling at Ohio's Cuyahoga Community College, offered advice to incoming freshman on Cleveland's leading news/information website, Cleveland.com, in July 2017. Below are some of his most important tips, which you can use now and in the future.

- Learn to prioritize and manage time. Do not let it manage you.
- Reading is not studying. Learn the difference.
- Network and interact with a wide variety of people.
- Schedule fun time and get involved in campus -- but do it around academics.
- Control your attitude and emotions to present yourself in a positive light.
- Understand that people often view you by the company you keep, and a real friend never discourages you from pursuing your studies.
- Talk to professors. They have a world of experience and knowledge to share.
- Use college counselors to stay on track.
- Understand your learning style and personal strengths.
- Acknowledge personal weaknesses and seek help to manage them.
- Write out SMART goals and find someone to hold you accountable for achieving them. [The STAR ILP does this each semester!]
- Find and keep a group of academically focused individuals to study with.
- Take initiative and never assume something is someone else's job.
- Always be eager to learn. Never be afraid to ask questions.
- Be open to guidance -- and criticism -- from the appropriate people.
- Most importantly, always remember why you are in college and what you plan to do afterwards.

Remember that the SSS Program is here to help you achieve your goals!

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



CSLE Again Honors SSS-STAR Student for 2016-2017 Portraits of Excellence

Elizabeth Manoes ('18) was chosen last semester for CSLE's May Portraits of Excellence. Portraits of Excellence showcase the stories students have written during their time at Bloomfield College. The Portraits accent students' stories of achievements, including academic, leadership, employment and internships, community service and volunteerism. Recognition is awarded on the basis of distinguished service/volunteerism, major involvement in leadership, distinguished intellectual activity; or direct participation in activities reflective of the College's Mission.

See Elizabeth's discussion of her summer internship on Page 2.



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Tuesday: 8:30 am—6:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:30 am—6:00 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am—6:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am—6:00 pm

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