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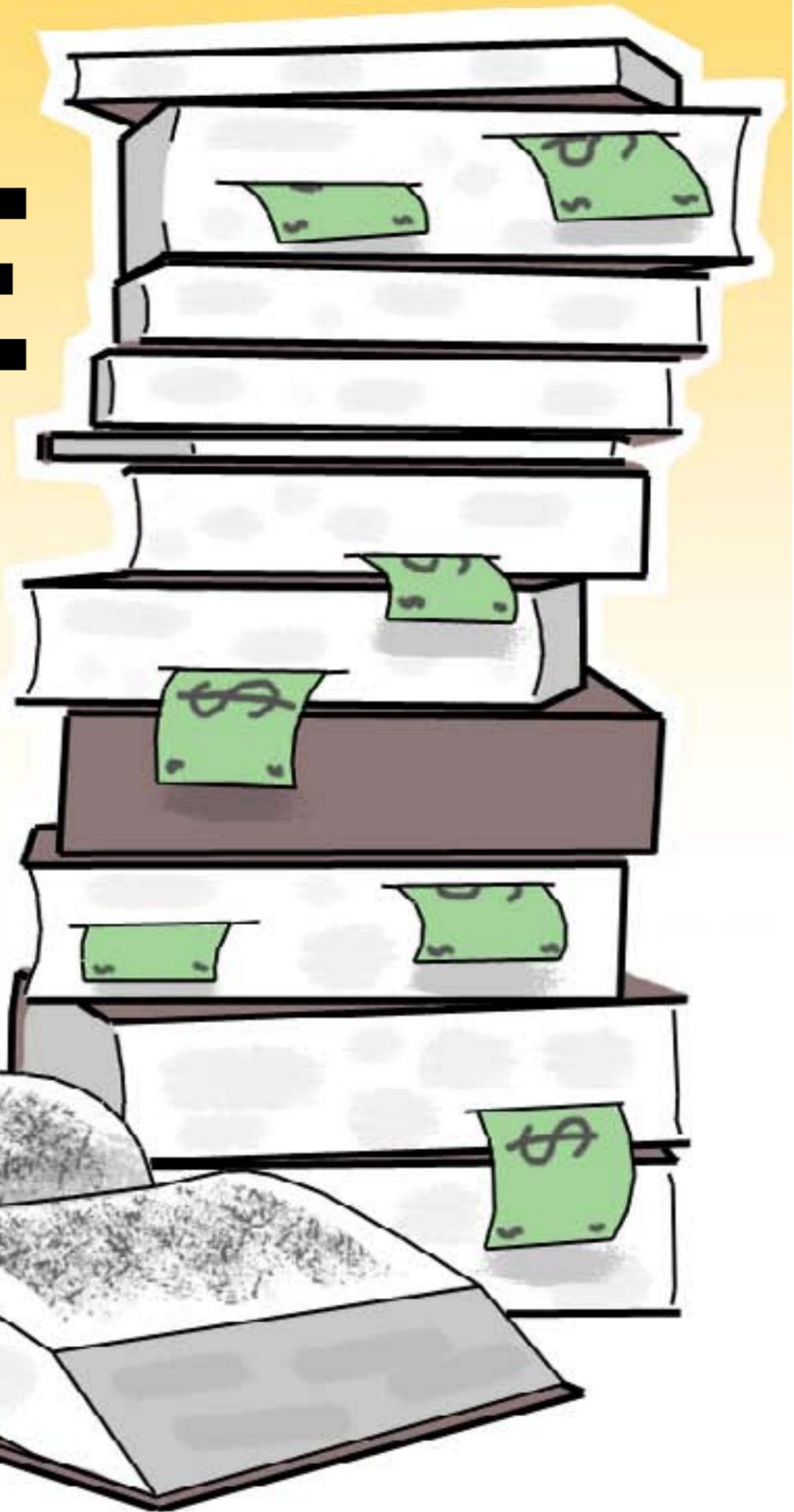
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250 DACA Renewal Fees to be Covered by Non-Profit

After President Donald J. Trump announced plans to rescind the DACA program on September 5th, Dreamers across the U.S. feared what this meant for their future. As of now, the expiration dates for their work authorization is March 5, 2018. The renewal deadline is Oct. 5. According to the New York Post, the New Economy Project partnered with CUNY Citizenship Now! will pay the fees on the spot at DACA renewal events. Non-CUNY students who attend this event and qualify will also have their fee waived.

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Brooklyn College Listed as Non-Compliant With Sexual Assault Prevention Law

By Kenji Yamada
Managing Digital Editor

Brooklyn College currently stands as one of only 29 institutions of higher education in "non-compliance" with New York State's Enough is Enough sexual assault prevention law, according to a survey released last Tuesday by the New York State Office of Campus Safety.

The Office of Campus Safety's stated purpose is to "enhance the safety of college campuses by providing guidance to students and college officials on reporting, investigating and addressing sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and/or stalking and best practices to prevent them in order to enhance campus security and the well-being of the campus population."

According to the statewide compliance review's preliminary report, Brooklyn College's shortcomings include insufficient information provided to students regarding sexual assault policy and the total lack of a policy in place to determine ongoing threats.

Within the CUNY system, this distinction is shared by Lehman College, Queensborough Community College, and The Graduate Center.

All twenty-nine non-compliant schools must submit a plan to achieve compliance within the next thirty days and submit documentation proving full compliance within sixty days.

"Creating a safe and secure environment is a top priority at all CUNY campuses. We support the Governor's Enough is Enough initiative and are committed to achieving compliance throughout the university," CUNY spokesperson Frank Sobrino told The New York Post.

Aside from the twenty-nine non-compliant institutions, New York State colleges have generally met the Enough is Enough law's criteria well, with nearly 90 percent of all institutions in either significant or full compliance. The aforementioned preliminary report notes this figure as "encouraging, but not satisfactory," and says that New York State will continue to pursue 100 percent compliance with Enough is Enough.

Brooklyn College Tackles Pollutants with Innovative Green Infrastructure Project

By Lisa Flaugh
Staff Writer

This fall Brooklyn College is leading a Hybrid Green Infrastructure project to remove pollutants, alleviate drainage issues, and allow for water storage and reuse.

The project, led by Professor and Chair of Earth and Environmental Sciences Jennifer Cherrier, acts as a "sponge" to absorb rain and break up patches of concrete in cities. The Hybrid Green Infrastructure project is slated to be installed on the west side of Ingersoll, between Ingersoll and the security house off of Bedford Avenue.

According to Cherrier, the project, which has "a lot of moving parts" is federally funded and will prevent New York City's overflowing untreated wastewater from draining directly into rivers, bays, and oceans. "So, you punch a hole in the cement and you put in a natural system and so now the water can be intercepted through that, so it slows down the flow of the water for at least 24 hours, so that the waste treatment plants have a chance to recover," said Cherrier, a researcher of at least 26 years.

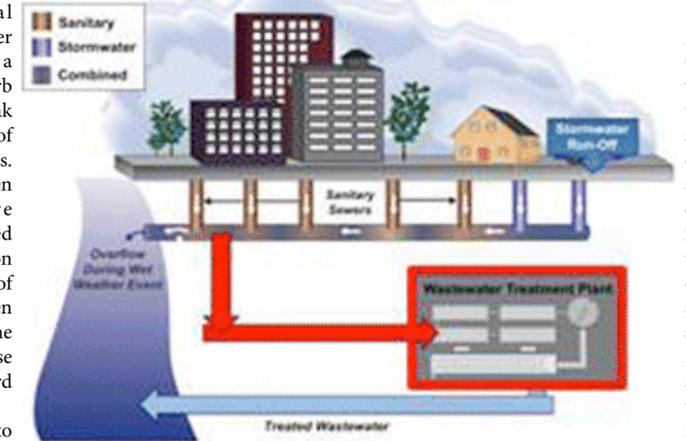
Cherrier continued, "That's what it's all about, green infrastructure,

where you take that cement away and you put sand and soil in there and you say, 'Okay, the water can be intercepted,' and you size them to take a certain amount of water."

Currently, one of Cherrier's projects known as the eco-WEIR, an ecosystem-based, hybrid

According to a statement from the Prospect Park Alliance, a community parks organization, "the filtration system and its results will be monitored over the course of multiple seasons to determine if the pilot study is a success. If successful, the Prospect Park ecoWEIR project will be replicable in parks nationwide."

On a rainy day in New York City, as rain water rushes through the streets and into a combined sewer system that also collects sewage from buildings, there is a danger of the sewage systems filling and overflowing. Part of the solution has been to create "green infrastructure" that would break



Green infrastructure collects and redirects rainwater. / Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences

stormwater management system, has been installed in Prospect Park in Brooklyn to assist in clearing up the pond water from algal blooms. This is a part of the plan to combat combined sewage overflow.

"It's a way, if you're in a drought-ridden area, to reuse water on site, so this is called a site stormwater treatment," Cherrier said. it's very important right now and cities are looking at this as a way to manage water," she said.

Women's Center Creates Muslim Women's Leadership Development Project

By Tatyana Bellamy-Walker
Managing News Editor

This fall, the Brooklyn College Women's Center launched the Muslim Women's Leadership Development Project to foster mentorship and career building in the Islamic community.

In a project funded by the Association of American University Women, a grassroots advocacy organization for women and girls, dozens of Muslim women students will connect with on- and off-campus Muslim women for mentorship and professional support.

Sau-fong Au, the director of the Women's Center, and Najuna Adam, the project coordinator of the Muslim Women's Leadership

Development Project, will invite mentors of diverse career paths to lead workshops, lectures, and close-knit conversations focused toward academic planning, community building, and leadership development.

"A lot of Muslim women do not have a role model," said Adam, a graduate student in intercultural communication. "We all have the same anxiety, we are all nervous at first about how we will be treated and how we will be perceived."

The project kicked-off with on-campus mentor, Yasmin Ali, who identifies as Muslim and heads the Brooklyn College Bursar Office.

At least 20 percent of Brooklyn College students identify as Muslim, according to a survey by the Women's

Center. In a roundtable discussion, students revealed the challenges and stigmas of growing up without mentors that reflect their religious and cultural identities.

"I realized that even though we come from different backgrounds we face similar issues as Muslim women," said Maryam Sibil, a junior and Childhood Education/Psychology major. "We have pressures not only from society, but also our parents."

Students hope the project can build more awareness of the campus's Muslim community.

"There is more to me than a piece of cloth on my head or a piece of cloth on my face," said Iqra Nazlin, a junior, who looks forward to growing her professional networks inside and outside of the classroom.

CUNY to Combat Skyrocketing Textbook Prices with Open Educational Resources Grant

By Tatyana Bellamy-Walker
Managing News Editor

As textbook prices reach an all-time high, Brooklyn College will slash the costs of textbooks with a \$244,125 CUNY grant for Open Educational Resources (OER), a free online book portal.

The OERs are educational materials that are in the public domain or use an open license, allowing anyone to legally copy, share or adapt the materials. Students can access their course OERs through their campus library.

According to City Council documents, at least 27 courses at Brooklyn College will use OER in 2018 for 3,375 students. In a press release by CUNY, OER will impact at least 350 high-enrollment courses that have 40,000 students, totaling to about 1,750 classes in community and senior colleges across 24 institutions.

Chancellor James B. Milliken expanded the OER “cost-free universe” of digital books as well as course materials after Gov. Andrew Cuomo allocated \$8 million to CUNY and SUNY schools to convert commonly used textbooks to OER. Textbooks costs have increased about 88 percent since 2006, according to a 2016 report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“Skyrocketing book costs often lead students to drop a course, or to try to make do without required texts,” said Milliken in a press release. “Open Educational



Inez Barron, Chair of the NYC Committee on Higher Education, slams Cuomo's Excelsior scholarship for not addressing textbook prices. / William Alatraste

CUNY OER Initiative College Awards

College	Courses	Sections	Seats	Award
BCC	10	50	1400	\$69,000
BMCC	43	210	6450	\$371,750
Guttman	7	42	1081	\$73,215
HCC	14	54	2095	\$136,425
KCC	25	133	3763	\$245,945
LGCC	5	25	625	\$49,485
QCC	5	50	1500	\$93,500
Community Colleges	109	564	16914	\$1,039,710
Brooklyn	27	135	3375	\$244,125
Baruch	21	40	2585	\$162,275
CCNY	11	55	2000	\$121,000
City Tech	18	175	4375	\$262,125
CSI	13	53	1555	\$126,325
Hunter	10	50	1500	\$119,500
John Jay	13	65	1925	\$137,875
Lehman	12	30	2079	\$121,185
Medgar	10	50	1250	\$102,250
Queens	1	9	1200	\$29,500
SPS	15	40	1725	\$140,375
York	5	25	625	\$67,875
Senior Colleges	156	727	24194	\$1739,910

CUNY's OER initiative will distribute over two million dollars across CUNY campuses, \$244,125 of which will go to Brooklyn College. / Greg Gosselin's Testimony Before City Council

Resources will provide important financial relief for many of our students and their families while helping improve student performance, class completion, and accelerated graduation rates.”

In a testimony to the City's Committee on Higher Education on Thursday, Sept. 14, some of CUNY's top officials, including

“Skyrocketing book costs often lead students to drop a course, or to try to make do without required texts [...] Open Educational Resources will provide important financial relief for many of our students.”

- CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken

Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Vita C. Rabinowitz and Interim University Dean of the Libraries and Information Systems Greg Gosselin, offered an update on

CUNY's plan to offset textbook prices.

Rabinowitz said that in 2013, CUNY allocated \$3 million toward keeping books in the library reserve.

“Many libraries quickly realized that buying expensive textbooks for course reserves with a four-hour loan period was not an

adequate long-term solution,” Rabinowitz said. “For many students, this is not practical.”

Rabinowitz added, “Peer review studies report that the use of OER fosters student success: Students enjoy saving the money, but they also like the mix of materials.”

Inez Barron, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, said that the Excelsior Scholarship did not offset high textbook costs.

“This is one of the main reasons why I criticized Andrew Cuomo's Excelsior Scholarship, which failed to take into account additional expenses such as textbooks that make it difficult for students to graduate from college.”

Despite a large push for the initiative, CUNY professors are required to develop new course plans that correspond to the OER materials, often leading to a lengthy workload, said CUNY officials. According to documents from the NYC Committee on Higher Education, CUNY will offer faculty a \$2,000 stipend for course development.

Jona Kerluku, a representative of the CUNY University Student Senate (USS) said OER textbooks are affordable, but some are less inclusive of coursework.

“Some students feel it doesn't include all the information previous textbooks have used,” said Kerluku of Lehman College in a testimony to the city's committee on Higher Education.

Fatime Uruci, a CUNY USS delegate said she watched a student, who she referred to as “Sarah” drop a math course because she could not afford the \$140 access code.

“She was a part-time student who was living paycheck to paycheck,” Uruci said. “The access code actually cost more than the textbook itself.”

Uruci added, “My copy of that \$140 textbook, it sits buried in my closet collecting dust. The access code had never been used. If only Sarah knew.”

BC Students Can't Find The Lost and Found

By Dylan Campbell
Editor-in-Chief

ID cards, one glove, licenses, jewelry, and credit cards sit inside a safe in the basement of Ingersoll Hall waiting to be claimed.

The lost and found located in the security office in 0202 Ingersoll is consistently stocked with odds and ends found on campus by students, but lack of knowledge about the service has kept most of the lost materials from finding their way home. Meanwhile, other items have been returned in a new fashion: through the Brooklyn College Facebook group.

“Phew, that's a hard question,” said Donald Wenz, director of campus security, when asked how many items are in the lost and found. “Out of the property that is found on campus, less than 50 percent of it is ever returned to the owner because they don't come looking for it.”

Though the lost and found is filled with everything from cell phones to school IDs, every item is treated in the same manner. Whenever an item is brought to an officer on campus or to the security office, a report is filed. The post commander takes the



This book lists hundreds upon hundreds of items brought to the lost and found, many of which go unclaimed. / Dylan Campbell

report, gives the property a voucher, documents the details in a large and well-worn book, and places the item in a safe where it will be stored.

Though the item is held in the safe for a long period of time, it can't stay forever. Any time between six months and a year, the items are donated or relocated. Clothing, cell phones, glasses, and other items are donated to

places like the American Legion and AFW, said Wenz. Driver's licenses are returned to the DMV and college IDs are turned over to West Quad.

Wenz said many people don't pick up their items because they don't know the lost and found exists. In a Kingsman poll on Facebook, out of the 11 students who answered, only one knew about the lost and found.

In recent weeks students have been posting lost items on the Brooklyn College: In the Know 2 Facebook page or, with lost IDs, connecting with the student directly.

Several administrators for the student info page said that posting the found item on the Facebook page was easier for students and an outlet for those who didn't know the lost and found existed.

“They probably don't know about it - especially the first years and new transfer students,” said Noam Swisa, Facebook page admin. “A student might not know to bring a found item to the lost and found, but might see the page, so it's good to post regardless...”

Nissim Said, another admin, agreed, “It's easier to post on fb than Google if such a thing exists and then go to the location.”

Volkan Soner Aydogan, a student at Brooklyn College, had his wallet returned to him through Facebook.

Aydogan had returned a wallet to another person on Facebook just months earlier; so when his was returned in tact, he was ecstatic. “It's like KARMA!,” he said.

Wenz said students can contact the office to ask about lost items or stop by to drop off a found item.



Lost items are stored in this safe for six to twelve months before being donated. / Dylan Campbell

LGBTQ Resource Center Announces Full-Length Production of But Wait... There's More!

By Quiara Vasquez
Layout Editor

The LGBTQ Resource Center has announced auditions for *But Wait... There's More*, a play about intersectional identity written and performed entirely by Brooklyn College students. The play will be written collaboratively over the course of several writing workshops this fall and performed in March of the spring semester.

This is Brooklyn College's third production of *But Wait... There's More!*, which originated in part as a response to the Women's Center's annual V-Day production of *The Vagina Monologues* by Eve Ensler.

"Some of the cast could not relate to any of the monologues, and those of us who are queer, trans, and/or nonbinary had issues with some of the language Ensler used," said student Sami Binder, who directed the Women's Center's 2016 production of *The Vagina Monologues*. "While I recognized the importance *The Vagina Monologues* had when it was originally produced, and how it is still relevant and important to some people now, I also recognized the need to create something new and more relevant to the cast and audience at Brooklyn College."

The first production of *But Wait... There's More!* was performed immediately after *The Vagina Monologues* in 2016.

"The feedback from the audience was great," recalled Binder. "Many

students told me the stories in *But Wait... There's More!* resonated with them more than the stories in *The Vagina Monologues*."

Encouraged by the positive reaction, they staged the production again in 2017, after the V-Day Committee's most recent production of *The Vagina Monologues*, directed by Joanie Martinez. The intensely positive reaction to the material made Binder to realize their ambitions and produce *But Wait... There's More!* as a standalone production.

Much like *The Vagina Monologues*, *But Wait... There's More!* will consist of a series of monologues; but while the shows are similar in structure, they differ radically in content. *But Wait... There's More!* is built around issues that *The Vagina Monologues* has been criticized for mishandling, such as race, transgender issues, and class.

"It wasn't meant to add to *The Vagina Monologues*," Binder said, "though I can see why you might think that." They stress that *But Wait... There's More!* was always envisioned as a standalone show. "It was meant to create something new and clearly different from *The Vagina Monologues*, and because I was already working with the cast for *The Vagina Monologues* and we already had a built-in audience, it made the most sense to perform it there."

The show's content, cast, and even its title are still up for discussion.

"It's still very much a fledgling

Sponsored by the LGBTQ Resource Center

OPEN CALL

BUT WAIT...THERE'S MORE! AUDITIONS!

But Wait...There's More! is a student-written and performed show about intersectional identities to be created entirely by BC students!

Throughout the Fall 2017 semester, the cast will attend writing workshops to create individual and group pieces, which will be performed March 1st & 2nd in Spring 2018.

ABOUT

EVERYONE is welcome to audition! No previous writing or acting experience is required! We are looking to have a diverse cast that is enthusiastic about creating art relating to their personal experiences and/or identities.

HOW TO AUDITION

SIGN UP for an audition slot in room 219 Student Center. Auditions will be held October 4th, 5th, 11th, & 12th.

PREPARE a piece of your own writing (monologue, poem, song, etc.) that is in some way based on your personal experience or identity. This does NOT have to be the piece you plan on performing in the show. Audition pieces are not required to be memorized but you should be comfortable with it.

EMAIL Sami.Binder@brooklyn.cuny.edu with any questions or if you need assistance with anything!

A flier advertising auditions for the latest production of *But Wait... There's More!* Auditions will be held in SUBO on October 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th. / Sami Binder

project," says the show's stage manager, Jesse Day-Aguero. They also performed a monologue in the inaugural production of *But Wait... There's More!* that explicitly challenged *The Vagina Monologues*'s equation of womanhood with having a vagina. "The content changes from year to year because we always have a different set of

monologues, but so far, our goal has remained the same."

Auditions for the show will take place in early October in room 219 Student Center. Interested parties are encouraged to sign up for audition. For more information, e-mail Sami Binder at Sami.Binder@brooklyn.cuny.edu.



The cast of last semester's production of *But Wait... There's More!* takes a bow. / Sami Binder

Fall Fashion on Campus

by Elizabeth Cotto
Staff Writer



Ramona S.
Photo by Aricka Davis

Q: How would you describe your style?

A: No Heels! Comfy and stylish.

Q: What are your favorite pieces for back-to-school looks?

A: Casual clothes with interesting accessories to stand out!



Jada Johnson
Photo by Aricka Davis

Ramona S. says: "Boyfriend jeans go with everything. And Vans, they're comfy!"

Q: Who's your Fashion Inspiration?

A: "Rihanna!"

Q: What are your favorite pieces for back-to-school looks?

A: "Jeans and sneakers!"



J. Kerimalieva
Photo by Aricka Davis

Jada Johnson says: "Better off late to class than unfashionable!"

Q: What are your favorite places to shop?

A: "Forever 21! Great for fashion-forward and plus-size pieces."

Q: What are your favorite pieces for back-to-school looks?

A: Converse sneakers, sweats, or overalls!

BROOKLYN COLLEGE SPORTS

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Rolling Out the Gates

By Israel Salas-Rodriguez
Sports Editor

Women's Soccer:

The women's soccer team has begun its season on the right track, winning two out of its three games last week. They took Monday's victory against the visiting Cairn University with a 2-1, victory courtesy of a game winning goal by Sangam Gurung (#9) in the 86th minute. Wednesday's game against Medgar Evers College looked like a Bulldogs scrimmage, winning in convincing fashion with a 7-0 scoreboard.

The onslaught began in the 21st minute when junior midfielder Keri Kenna (#6) commenced things with the first goal of the contest. Before the first half ended senior forward Cansu Usta (#13) would score Brooklyn's next three goals, completing Brooklyn's first hat trick of the season before the halftime break. Usta would continue to light up the field as she scored her fourth goal of the night in the 69th minute. Kenna got in on the action as well scoring two more goals to complete her own hat trick.

Throughout the week CUNY would announce Brooklyn's Lissette Tlatelpa as its Player of the Week, for her outstanding play for the September week of the 11-17th. Junior forward Tlatelpa (#11) recorded 11 points on five goals and assisted on one goal in Brooklyn's rout over York College.

The women's soccer team's three game-winning streak came to an end on Saturday in a 0-7, defeat by the visiting Fairleigh Dickinson University. Brooklyn's fire was put out by the Devils in the first half, which consisted of six goals. The Bulldogs never got their mojo going attempting only one shot in the afternoon. The Devils put the final nail in Brooklyn's winning streak in the 72nd minute, when they scored their seventh goal of the contest.

Men's Soccer:

Two games split down the middle last week for the men's soccer team losing on the road against William Paterson University on

Wednesday, but coming away with a victory against York College in a CUNYAC contest. It took overtime to determine a winner in Saturday's matchup against Brooklyn and York, but at the end of the day the Bulldogs pulled away scoring the game winner in

the extra period.

A tight contest throughout the whole game York stroke first netting in a goal in the 32nd minute. The Bulldogs played catch up from there on, going into the half facing a 1-0 deficit; although, that all changed in the 66th minute when Teon Chaumette (#11) tied things up. With the score knotted up at one goal apiece both teams came out aggressive in the overtime period. Senior midfielder Jean-Luc Saint Fleur (#10) would dish out a beautiful assist to midfielder Jody Ortiz (#8) who would strike the game winning goal for Brooklyn in the 97th minute.

Bulldogs head coach, Joe Andre, spoke after the victory, "It was a tough match, but our conditioning helped us get better as the match wore on."

Brooklyn improves to 1-1 in CUNYAC competition as they'll look for their second victory in against a CUNY opponent when they face off against John Jay on Wednesday, kickoff is set for 4 p.m. at Randall's Island.



Photo Credit: Israel Salas-Rodriguez

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AT JOHN JAY COLLEGE
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