The staff at the Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center (BAIC) is thrilled to welcome you to Boston College and our center. We want to support you through your journey at BC and invite you to stay connected with us with our monthly newsletter. Learn about what’s new in the office, programs, upcoming events and more!

BAIC EVENTS

In case you missed it, The HHM Opening and Thursday with Thursday was a huge success! Thank you to all those who came and supported! We couldn’t do it without you!
Bowman Advocates for Inclusive Culture is a NEW student leadership program sponsored by the BAIC. This program is a year-long commitment and seeks to develop students who have a passion for engaging their peers in dialogues around issues of diversity, inclusion, and social justice. Collectively, the group of leaders will serve as peer facilitators for the Mosaic program during Welcome Week, Dialogues on Race (DOR) throughout the year, and the Campus of Difference pilot program for first-year students.

Last spring, twenty-five advocates were selected after a competitive application process. Since then, they have completed a spring orientation, 30 hours of fall training, and have begun meeting weekly to prepare for this year’s programs. By the end of the year, Bowman Advocates will have facilitated at least 70 workshops and dialogues for the BC student community.

Tiffany Enos, a double eagle who joined the BAIC last November as Assistant Director created the leadership program with her own BC student experiences in mind balanced with the campus’s current needs.

"I remember how challenging it felt sometimes to be fully myself as first-generation student of color at BC. My peers were some of my best supports as I developed in my personal identities and eventually I came to realize the ways I could thrive here. I often wonder how my experience would have been without those peer role models in my life."

"As a BC alum it is a humbling experience to be able to give back to a community that helped shape who I am today. I am so proud of the Bowman Advocates for being a new generation of role models and educators in a community that will greatly benefit from their compassion, insight, and overall leadership," says Tiffany.

While many diversity and inclusion efforts across campus continue to guide the BC community, the Bowman Advocates are excited to become part of that community of student leaders. After all, it takes a village.
Meet Charles Grandson

B.A in History and African diaspora studies (AADS) at Boston College
Attended the Lynch School for degrees in Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.) and Educational Leadership (E.D.)
Part of one of the first classes of the Options Through Education (OTE) program through the Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center (BAIC)
Currently the Superintendent of the Malden Public Schools and the Chair of the Educational Leadership Program at Cambridge College.

Meet Tamica Henri

Has been a member of the BC community for 4 years
Worked in ITS under the leadership of Michael Bourque
Student in the Wood’s College of Advancing studies with a major in Communications and minor in Marketing
Completed the Affiliates Program with the mentorship of Jack Dunn
Currently, the Administrative Assistant for BAIC
SANet Advocate
COMING UP...

BOSTON COLLEGE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“Honing Our Heritage, Building Our Future”

September

September 16th – Bienvenidos! Opening Event
O’Neill Plaza from 5-7pm

September 21st – Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) Info Session
Higgins 225 @7pm – Sponsored with LABC

September 26th – Visit of the Mexican Consul General: Emilio Rabasa
Fulton Honors Library @5pm – Sponsored with LABC, Latin American Studies Program, & the BC Law School International Program

October

All Month – HHM Art Exhibit
First Floor O’Neill Gallery

October 6th – Reception For Art Gallery & Alumni Networking
First Floor O’Neill Gallery @6pm

Gasson 100 @6pm

October 14th – Closing Event ft: Pili Montilla
BC Alumna, TV Host & Producer
Murray Function Room @6pm
Sponsored with the Career Center

Questions?: penaflej@bc.edu
Last year under the supervision of Dr. Maturana Sendoya, doctoral student, Shenira Perez developed the curriculum for a First Year Success Seminar for OTE students. She received input from students who participated in OTE 2015, BAIC staff, and the OTE advisory board. In addition, she piloted the seminar with a small group of OTE students. The four sessions of the OTE Success Seminar were launched early this fall, and will provide OTE Summer graduates with supplemental information on both BAIC and BC resources, in addition to in-depth coverage of certain topics through interactive workshops, readings, videos, and group discussions. The First Year Success Seminar will also serve as the primary mode of communication between current OTE students and BAIC staff. Students will participate in workshops presented by organizations in the BC community focused on stress management, budgeting, time management, financial literacy, and effective studying techniques. Each section meets for 1 hour and 15 minutes once a week for 11 weeks. Build in the class are three individual meetings to discuss advising concerns. Students will receive academic credit for their participation.
The Benjamin Elijah Mays Mentoring Program seeks to assist undergraduate students (protégé) to navigate through college life and help them succeed in reaching their academic and personal goals, with the help and guidance of Boston College mentors (faculty, administrators, and staff).

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Spring Break just got better!

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arantxa.medina@bc.edu or catherine.lucero@bc.edu

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If you have any questions contact: Tiffany Enos at Enos@bc.edu