

# AHANA Hotline

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## Letter from the Editors

Welcome back all! I hope everyone has gotten into the swing of second semester. We hope you all had wonderful and blessed holidays. As most of you may know—and the freshmen will soon find out—second semester gets extremely hectic what with all the events, parties, shows, summer job searching, and trying to get that G.P.A. up. But stay focused and before you know it, it'll be SPRING BREAK!

We'd like to give a warm welcome to our new Programs Coordinator and Academic Advisor Donna Lee as

well as welcome back all returning students and those that went abroad.

February is Black History Month and we must remember to honor those historical figures that have shaped our society today. Reflecting on our past gives us all a better understanding of our present. March also marks National Women's History Month so remember to thank all the influential women in your lives.

Many culture shows occur this semester so let us celebrate diversity on this campus. Latino Family Weekend

will also be happening soon and we hope all events unfold successfully.

As co-editors of the Hotline we would like to encourage everyone to continue to use the resources here at the Office of AHANA Programs. We hope the AHANA Hotline is a positive resource of important information and prevalent issues surrounding the AHANA community.

Much love,



**Amaany & Nora**

## Big-Ups!

### MLK Scholarship Recipient!

**Congratulations to Jacqueline Grant, A&S '08!**

### Showdown Winners!

**F.I.S.T.S. for dance performance and SASA's Masti for cultural performance.**

### All the successful Culture Shows!

# OASP's New Program Coordinator/Counselor

Amaany Clarke, CSOM '09

This month we would like to give a warm welcome to yet another addition to our OASP staff. Born in Korea and raised both there and in Buffalo, New York, as well as having lived everywhere from Virginia to San Francisco and now Boston, there is no doubt that Donna Lee will bring a wide array of experiences and a new perspective for students in the office. As our new Program Coordinator, Academic Advisor and Editor of the OASP Hotline, Donna has a lot on her plate. But right from the time she saw the ad for the position in the newspaper—and frantically told her husband about it she has been most enthusiastic and determined to learn as much as she can about the office, her position, the university as a whole, and most of all the students.

She will tell you that the first thing that impressed her about BC AHANA undergrads is how active and involved students are on campus, with such great leadership skill and service experience. She believes that BC makes it a point to recruit students that embody the spirit of “men and women for others”. She thinks this is apparent in the students that reach out to OASP and its services. She is passionate about the services and opportunities the office provides and agrees 100% that the AHANA house is a greatly needed resource at a school like Boston College.

As someone who lived a very sheltered life during much of college—not exploring different career, academic, volunteer, or mentoring opportunities and services—and spending most of her adolescence being the minority in a very homogeneous town in Buffalo, New York, her goal here at OASP is to reach out to more students on campus who may not come into the office as often as the students she sees on a weekly or monthly basis. “When making decisions for my future, I did not have the advantage of having mentors and counselors like the students here do. I was pretty much on my own. It’s a huge plus for students to be able to talk to counselors who will sit them down and ask them what they want in life, then help them with career decisions. Because I didn’t have that experience, I want it for others...I want to reach out to the students who would never step into an office like this, because I was one of those students.”

Donna has a Bachelors in Hospitality Management from VA Tech, a Masters in Counseling and Student Affairs from UCLA, and is also a leader in College Ministry. She is dedicated to helping her students develop academically, emotionally, and spiritually. She says there is no other place she’d rather be working right now. “Everyone’s really supportive and friendly, and I feel like I can build relationships with my colleagues.” We are really glad to have her with us here in the OASP office and hope that she will stay with us for a long time. Feel free to stop by the office to welcome her—especially if she is your new advisor.



# 48 Hours Experience: A senior's perspective

Nora Frias '07

How long is 2880 minutes? Is it about 172800 seconds? For me it was a blissful 48 hours. The last weekend of January I had the opportunity to be a senior leader for the freshman retreat here at BC. "48 Hours is a weekend experience that is open to all first-year and transfer students who are interested in finding ways to take advantage of BC's intellectual, social, and spiritual resources." I would join a team of nine other senior leaders, three sophomore point guards, Ethan Sullivan and Donna Vivar from the Office of First Year Experience and our very own Warren Chiang. Because our retreat came shortly after returning from winter break



we had little time to prepare. But, we were all anxious and excited to get the weekend started to make it a memorable one for the freshman and everyone involved. Over one hundred freshmen boarded the school buses on a cold, cold Friday from McElroy and headed out to Plymouth, Massachusetts.

I myself was not only anxious about the weekend but nervous knowing that I would have to share my stories and experiences with freshman that I had just met. I had to turn my unknown face into someone they could trust and depend on as well as hopefully someone they could learn from. I also attended this retreat as a freshman three years ago. I remember being very skeptical as to what one weekend could possibly do for me. I remember wondering how many friendships I could really make in two days. And I had fears about being one of the few AHANA students on my trip. I knew that I could potentially feel excluded and uncomfortable. However, I currently live with the roommate I had on 48 Hours. That weekend turned out to be a real turning point in my first year.

Now, I was on the other end. I had eleven great freshmen in my group who were all open to learning from one another, who were willing to reflect on their own lives and share all of themselves with our group for the weekend. The retreat consisted of talks from the senior leaders, small group discussions, lots of eating, and time to relax and truly enjoy everyone's company. The experience was what it was because of what every individual brought with honesty and respect. I was reaffirmed in my thought that you truly can learn a lot from others. People come from different pasts and for that one weekend we were all in the same present. 48 Hours is about story telling and sharing yourself with others in hopes of building connections and setting foundations that can perhaps extend beyond the activities of the weekend

As an AHANA senior leader I knew it was my responsibility to reach out to those AHANA freshmen that perhaps had some of the same fears and reservations that I did three years ago. While stepping out of my comfort zone and putting my self out there was very intimidating and daunting, I know that it only benefited those around me and helped my own personal growth as well. Even now as a senior when I am suppose to have all the answers I came away from that weekend learning so much from those around me. Any 48 hours retreat can only be enriched with the experiences of AHANA students being equally represented. I can only encourage all of you to consider participating in retreats like this whether you are a freshman still learning the ropes or a senior who still has lots of learning left to do.

# Turkey Creek Winter Break Volunteer

Harold Hinds '09

The fundamental purpose of a Jesuit education is to figure out the most effective ways to help others. The point of this is to help make the world a better place. We are led here at BC to believe that making conscious strides to help others, especially others in desperate need of help, can cause a ripple effect that can change lives, families, communities and even the world around us. This past winter break a group of about 40 Boston College students including me were blessed enough to have taken part in the absolute transformation of a community through the simple act of picking up trash and tires.

We arrived in Mississippi on the first Sunday of the New Year and spent the first day learning about the profound history of Turkey Creek, the area in which we served. Started by freed slaves, this small, all black community was a staple of Mississippi's Black population, a symbol of black pride and self sufficiency for well over 100 years. Possessing everything from grocery stores to gas suppliers owned and operated by members of the community, Turkey Creek was an African American community whose existence personified the strength and independence of Southern Black Americans.

In the past 20 or so years, governmental, societal and environmental changes and injustices have caused Turkey

Creek and the surrounding areas to lose much of their former glory. From my perspective Turkey Creek and the whole North Gulf Port area reflected a unique but frustrating blend of the beautiful history of Southern Blacks up from and through slavery. Among other things this was displayed by homes built by former slaves, residents who could trace their lineage back 200 years to distant shore, and old stories passed down through generations. Also of note were the common deficiencies found in all urban areas: gangs, failing schools and deplorable living conditions to name a few.

As we walked these Mississippi streets we saw everything from broken beer bottles and used condoms to rooftops and power lines. The combined force of American poverty and hurricane Katrina's absolute ravaging of the Gulf Coast left most of the Turkey Creek area like a war zone. Daunted by the sight and conditions of the communities we saw, we volunteers wondered what impact we could actually have on this community. We set out each day with the hope that we weren't just doing relief work, but that our actions would in some way matter. After our second day there the city of Gulfport hired workers to come and help pick up the trash bags we produced from cleaning. After our fourth day there, the county of North Gulfport hired boom truck operators to collect huge debris piles caused by Katrina, many of which hadn't

been moved since the initial post-storm efforts. When we inquired as to why the city and county had taken such a sudden, strong interest in helping with relief efforts, local officials told us that it was because of us.

Our presence in the area forced city and county heads to take part in the restoration of the Turkey Creek community. Through our effort, we were able to get well over 1,100 bags of trash collected and removed as well as about 3sq miles worth of land cleared, much of which hadn't been cleaned since Katrina. By our last day there, community members began coming out to help in our efforts. People would pull over to the side of the road to give us bottled water, offer to buy us food, lend a hand or just stop and say "thanks" and "God bless". Our simple and seemingly insignificant actions helped galvanize a community into working towards fervent and effectual change.



# Community Research Program Looking for New Class

Naveen Ganesh, Graduate TA for CRP



Thinking about graduate school? Interested in getting a taste of what graduate work might be like? Looking for a way to get involved with the local Latino community? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you might consider taking a look at the **Community Research Program**, a program run by the Office of

AHANA Student Programs.

CRP is preparing to recruit its second cohort of junior and senior undergraduates to participate in a one-of-a-kind experience. Participants partake in a multi-pronged program that includes a seminar on research methods, a speaker series featuring academics working within the Latino community, and the opportunity to do hands-on service through the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation (ABCDC). While participating in these activities, students will also be planning their own community-based research project that they will have the opportunity to present at the Summer Institute of Latino Public Policy (SILPP) in the summer of 2008.

CRP is a joint venture between the Office of AHANA Student Programs and the Lynch School of Education. Modeled after the Latino Leadership Opportunity Program at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, the purpose of CRP is to provide leadership, research and public policy training for undergraduate juniors and seniors who are interested in and committed to the Latino community. Furthermore, by doing community-based research within the Latino population, the program would be making an immediate and tangible impact on its target population. Administrators recognized that doing community-based research within the surrounding Latino population would complement Boston College's Jesuit mission and approved a pilot program for the 2006-2007 school year.

After spending the first semester learning about research method techniques and being introduced to Latino community issues by scholars in the Boston area, CRP students have conceived of a myriad of topics upon which to conduct community based research. Examples of student projects include studies on tenant-landlord abuse in the Allston-Brighton community, the exploitation of

professional baseball prospects in "baseball academies" in the Dominican Republic, predatory lending practices on first-time Latino home buyers and the dearth of Latino topics in high school history books. Undergraduate CRP students are making academic contributions to the Latino Studies on the same level as graduate students. This invaluable experience will give them a significant advantage if they choose to apply to graduate school at some point in their careers.

Rising juniors and seniors interested in participating in this unique and possibly career-informing opportunity should contact the Office of AHANA Student Programs for more information. The application process for 2007-2008 CRP scholars will commence in March 2007.

*(PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY IS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS, REGARDLESS OF RACE OR ETHNICITY)*

"CRP has allowed me the unique experience as a junior to engage in in-depth research of a community that is prized for its hard working people and pro-active leaders - some of which I've had the pleasure of meeting. It is GREAT to get started early, I recommend it especially because I can expand on my project next year."

~ Amaris Modesto '08

"The CRP has given me the opportunity to bridge research and service, as well as develop a thesis that will be extremely beneficial in my pursuit of owning a daycare center someday. CRP has provided a us with a wide range of perspectives on research methods that have helped me in developing my own method. I feel CPR offers a great enhancing opportunity for students at Boston College."

~ Jessica Lobo '07

"When I first learned about this program I was intimidated by the fact that I would have to conduct my own research project. However this program has made me discover that conducting research can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. I am currently working on a research project that I am passionate about. I would encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about issues affecting the Latino community and wants to gain hands on experience to apply."

~ Niurka DeJesus '07

# Upcoming Events

## **OASP WEBSITE NEWS! WWW.BC.EDU/OASP**

For a full update on Upcoming Events in our Community. Please check out the **NEW OASP AHANA CALENDAR!** Learn about events on campus and post your own events for clubs and organizations you are involved in.

Don't miss out on great opportunities! Deadlines are approaching!! Check out scholarship, job opportunities and internship postings on our website.

## **REWIND TO REMIND: "The 7th Annual KSA/CSA Culture Show"**

Friday, February 16

Doors Open 6:30, Starts 7:00pm @ Robsham Theater

Tickets go on sale Monday, February 12th only \$5!!

Proceeds go to "Liberty in North Korea" ([www.linkglobal.org](http://www.linkglobal.org)), and the "Asian American Resource Workshop" ([www.aarw.org](http://www.aarw.org))

## **OLAA's 3rd Annual Latino Family Weekend**

Friday February 16th- Opening Dinner @ 7pm in Yawkey Function Room

Saturday February 17th- Student Activism Panel @1pm

Sunday February 18th- Closing Brunch @11am in Walsh Function Room

## **OLAA presents OUR STORY: "8th Annual Culture show!"**

Saturday, February 17. Tickets on sale now \$5

Doors open 5:30pm, Start 6:00pm @ Robsham Theater

Special Performance by Fuego

## **SEASA's Bold Words Loud Tounge 2!**

Featuring: Taiyo- Rapper/Poet/Actor/Singer founder of feedback poets Collective has worked with Maya Angelou and Host for the 2006 NAMIC Vision Award-winning Cinema AZN show (AZN TV), Northeastern's Hip hop Dance group Kinematix, Renowned DJ's from NY, Special performances, Spoken Word and more!

Cabaret Room @7pm FREE!

# Other Opportunities

## **OASP Summer Tuition Remission**

Applications available online at [www.bc.edu/oasp](http://www.bc.edu/oasp). Deadline: March 29, 2007

## **Boston College Asian American Scholarship**

Full-time juniors with a GPA average of 3.3 who participate in activities, on campus or off, that serve others, and that help strengthen the Asian American community. Deadline: March 16, 2007. Application at [www.bc.edu/oasp](http://www.bc.edu/oasp)

## **Options Through Education Program**

**ATTENTION: AHANA Sophomores & Juniors** The Office of AHANA Student Programs will be hiring **PRECEPTORS** for the Summer of 2007.

Application available at [www.bc.edu/oasp](http://www.bc.edu/oasp).

Deadline: Monday, March 19, 2007 by 4:00 p.m.

## **Monster.com Boston Leadership Weekend at Boston College**

We are very proud to be sponsoring the first of our spring events, the Monster.com Boston Leadership Weekend at Boston College. The Monster Leadership Weekend is a unique extracurricular program designed for diverse college students in the greater New England area. Selected students will spend one all-expenses paid weekend at Boston College learning and practicing advanced principles of leadership.

For more information and to apply, please go to : <http://www.bostonmlw.com>

## **Career Connection**

**The Career Fair for Undergraduate and Graduate Students of Color**

The Partnerships College to Career Programs provides students with the support they need to connect with Boston based employers and to make a successful transition from a college student to a career professional while building relationships with successful professionals of color and developing leadership strategies Please visit [www.partnershipinc.org](http://www.partnershipinc.org)

February 22, 2007 4:00pm-7:00pm



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Through Diversity

## The Office of AHANA Student Programs

### Mission Statement

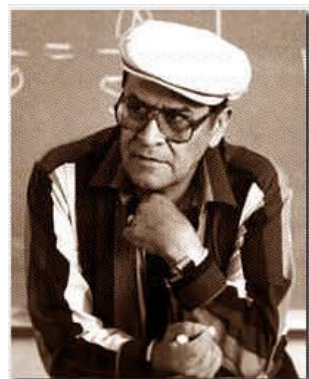
The mission of the Office of AHANA Student Programs is to model servant leadership to students of AHANA descent and to provide a broad array of services that nurture their academic, social, cultural and spiritual development. While the traditional target group of the office is students who enter Boston College through the office's six week summer Options Through Education Program, the office's vision is to reach out and embrace all AHANA students in an attempt to help them actualize their dreams, fulfill their potential and become servant-leaders. The Office of AHANA Student Programs provides quality programs and services aimed at responding to the continuum of needs of students.

### Programs and Services

- Comprehensive Academic Advisement Program
  - Performance Monitoring
- Options Through Education (OTE)—  
Transitional Summer Program
- Benjamin Elijah Mays Mentoring Program
- Jaime Escalante Tutorial Program
- Father Ellacuria AHANA Resource Center
- Community Research Program
- AHANA Hotline
- Sister Thea Bowman AHANA Scholars Program
- Gospel Caravan

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## Jaime Escalante Tutorial Program FREE ACADEMIC TUTORING!!!



**SPRING 2007**  
**01/30/07-05/03/07**

Day	Time	Subjects
Tuesday	5:00PM–7:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculus</li> <li>• EFL Reading/Conversation Seminar</li> </ul>
Wednesday	5:00PM–7:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculus</li> <li>• EFL Writing Seminar *</li> <li>• General Chemistry/Organic Chemistry</li> </ul>
Thursday	5:00PM–7:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculus</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• EFL (English-as-a-Foreign Language)</li> </ul>