



College Academy at  
Broward College

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# Welcome

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Monday – Friday  
9:00am to 4:30pm

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October:**
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Registration opens for Juniors Spring & Summer
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: FAFSA Night @ 6:30pm – SENIORS
  - 13<sup>th</sup>: SAC Meeting @ 4pm
  - 16<sup>th</sup>: Early Release
  - 17<sup>th</sup>: PSAT – JUNIORS
  - 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>: College Week sponsored by BRACE Cadets/Student Services

### Do you Need Technology?



College Academy has laptops readily available. To register to pick up technology, please schedule your appointment time with Mr. Gonzalez @ [henry.gonzalez@browardschools.com](mailto:henry.gonzalez@browardschools.com)

### Teacher of the Year Mario Desrosiers!




As this year's College Academy Teacher of the Year, Mr. Desrosier will proudly represent his colleagues in the BCPS Caliber Awards, honoring excellence among his fellow educators. As an adjunct professor at Broward College and professor of Mathematics and Statistics, Mr. Desrosier is an exemplary representation of the outstanding teachers at CA. He has been a teacher at CA@BC for 5 years and a member of the teaching profession for nearly three decades. He has taught mathematics in his native Haiti, in Dade County, Florida and in Broward County since 2008. Mr. Desrosier believes that as educators, we have to prepare our students for a continually changing world. For him, teaching has always been about making a huge impact on the lives of young adults. He wakes up each day excited to work with his students-engaging them in the subject matter and helping them to become productive citizens and global thinkers.

### Congratulations to Employee of the Year Elizabeth Izzo!



Ms. Izzo is an integral part of the College Academy school culture. Her positive attitude is evident in her daily interactions with students, parents and staff. She often is first to volunteer to support her colleagues to complete projects and to just be that first voice our parents and community hear when they call the school. Ms. Izzo is the school's bookkeeper. Her responsibilities are essential to the effective operation of the school. She sees her greatest strengths as her regard for others and she takes pride in contributing to the safety and well-being of our students.

### Grab and Go Meals



As BCPS prepares to transition back to brick-and-mortar, our CA students may still visit their closest school to pick up daily meals. Per a recent USDA announcement, our district will continue to offer free meals to students, following the Federal Summer Program Model, until December 31, 2020.

### Friday CARES

**Connecting Assistance Remediation Enrichment & Support!**

We offer weekly activities to support and enrich the CA experience for all of our students. From SAT Prep, to virtual college visits and office hours for our professors, Friday is a great day at CA! View the schedule on our website. To submit your topic proposal for **Friday CARES** to Dr. Kane, Dean of Student Activities at: [cinda.kane@browardschools.com](mailto:cinda.kane@browardschools.com).

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

Anatole France, Poet  
1844-1924

For our juniors and seniors, fall is an important time of the year. Our juniors are settling into their full-time college schedule, planning their courses for the spring and forming serious thoughts about which colleges they apply for next fall. Our seniors are navigating their final year of school at College Academy and deep in the college application process. They are dreaming of what life will look like this time next year—whether they will be staying in state to complete their four-year degree or adventuring beyond sunny Florida to accomplish great things at some fabulous university across our nation or beyond. I encourage our students to dream big; do the research and to take the options seriously here in Florida and beyond. There is so much to discover if you just allow your mind to open up to the infinite possibilities that abound!

We have completed nearly two months of remote learning—our students and staff are excelling in an environment we could not have imagined this time last year. So much of everyone's success can be attributed to the fact that our school community is one filled with thinkers and planners—we don't rest on the here and now, we look to the future and believe in raising expectation. To further that example, the CA instructional staff is investing in learning more about the Robert "Bob" Elmore Honors College at Broward College. We anticipate increasing CA student participation in the Honors College quite rapidly over the next few years. There is always work to be done and there will always be ways to make our incredible school even more relevant and impactful for our talented scholars!

--Bardetta D. Haygood, principal

**BROWARD COLLEGE STUDENT LIFE**  
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## Hispanic Heritage Month

**History of Hispanic Heritage**  
Tuesday, September 15th @ 4:00 pm

**Live with Jose Sarduy**  
Tuesday, September 22nd @ 11:00 am

**FB Live: Latinas of BC**  
Friday, September 25th @ 11:00 am

**Live Cooking**  
Wednesday, September 30th @ 4:00 pm

**Live Dance Class**  
Wednesday, October 7th @ 4:00 pm

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**College Academy** is proud to announce that

two of our students were selected as

**Semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program:**

**Scholar Zakariyya Aziz & Scholar Emily Odza**

Zakariyya and Emily are among 16,000 semifinalists from schools throughout the United States. Over 1.5 million students entered this year's program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Our semi-finalists are among the highest-scoring entrants in our state and represent less than 1% of Florida's high school seniors. They will continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, to be awarded in the spring of 2021. We are truly proud of our students' accomplishments, their exceptional academic ability and evident readiness for rigorous college studies. NMS finalists will be offered an array of scholarship opportunities. Best wishes to Zakariyya and Emily as they transition to the next phase of competition!

A special congratulations to **Scholar Joaquin B. Martinez**, who was awarded a **Commendable Recognition** among the 2021 National Merit Scholarship entrants. Joaquin is a stellar student with a bright future--an excellent representation of the best of the best at College Academy!



## "College Planning 101: A Guide for CA Seniors"

Author Nathalie Thelemaque, a c/o 2016 CA@BC grad, created a guide for our seniors!

During her time at CA, Nathalie was involved in many activities and internships. She was one of a handful of students who represented the entire student body at the School Advisory Council meetings, where she conveyed student ideas and addressed essential CA issues.

She performed at the top of her class and received multiple awards for her exceptional effort. After having successfully navigated through CA, Nathalie attended and graduated from the **University of Florida**. She now finds herself continuing her academic path by obtaining her PhD — all at an exceptionally young age. She is attending the **University of Washington**.

Always concerned about helping those that are following in her footsteps, and knowing she would have benefitted from such a resource as a CA student, Nathalie took it upon herself to write a guide for students at CA to be successful in their next steps. The guide provides pointers for the college application process and provides an array of helpful information for our students. Nathalie wrote the guide with a "for students, by a student" format; she provided information as objectively as possible while introducing anecdotes from her own perspective.

Download your free copy here & begin the journey!

[College Planning 101](#)

# CA @ BC

## INTRODUCING OUR MATHEMATICS AND ESE DEPARTMENT



**Mr. Luis Ramos:**

A teacher for more than 20 years, Mr. Ramos is the CA@BC Mathematics Department Chair. He studied Applied Mathematics and Economics in College. He has a variety of interests, including opera, classical music, and other types of music from Jazz to Latin to Reggae. Professor Ramos enjoys playing Chess and going to the movies. He co-sponsors the Math Club with Professor Du and the Philosophy Club @ BC this year.

**Mr. Rudy Wang:** An educator for 26 years, Professor Wang has been an instructor with CA and an adjunct instructor at BC for 11 years. He is a National Board Certified Teacher. His prior career was an Engineer for Voith Hydro Turbine. He has not one but two Master's degrees; one in Pure Mathematics from the University of West Florida and the other in Mechanical Engineering from Auburn University—Go Tigers! The courses he teaches this school year include College Algebra and Pre-Calculus. Feel free to take advantage of our Friday CARES Enrichment where he tutors Calculus from 1:00-2:00 PM.



**Ms. Juan Du:** As a teacher of mathematics for 13 years, Professor Du is a true math enthusiast and a passionate educator. She holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Engineering and a Master's degree in Mathematics. She worked as an engineer for 16 years, before transitioning to the field of education. In her spare time, Professor Du enjoys hiking, walking, gardening, reading and watching educational videos from all over the world. She believes that each human being is unique and has great potential to become what he or she wants to be.

She encourages her students to dream big. She also believes that a knowledgeable and caring instructor makes strong positive impact on students' lives.



**Mr. Mario Desrosiers:**

Also known as Professor Dee, Mr. Desrosiers is our 2021 Teacher of the Year! He believes that all students can learn, and his engaging personality makes his courses a top repeat selection for many of our CA students.



**Dr. Marie Borrazzo:**



An educator for over 25 years, Dr. Borrazzo is an instructor with CA as well as an adjunct professor with Broward College. Her favorite quote by Gandhi is, "The greatness of a nation...is judged by how it treats its animals." She is an animal lover to the fullest. A few of her hobbies include being a road cyclist and pianist. Please feel free to look at her portfolio at:

<https://support1860.wixsite.com/professor>

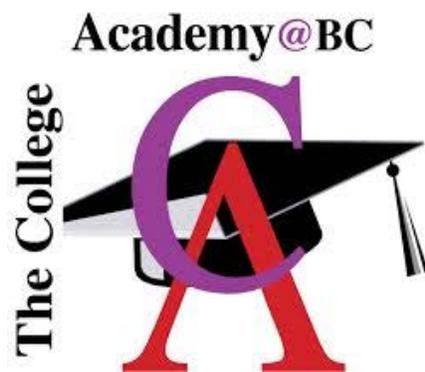
**Aim for the stars and you will never fall short!**

**Lynde Voet, ESE Specialist  
Admissions Coordinator**

Ms. Voet is a native Floridian, born and raised in Ft. Lauderdale. She attended Stranahan High school and graduated from the University of West Florida with a degree in Special Education.

Ms. Voet has been part of the CA family for 15 years. She was part of the team that opened CA on the North campus. She returned to Central campus last year. During her time at CA@BC, As a member of the Student Services department, Ms. Voet's many responsibilities include Admissions Coordination, Graduation Coordination, ESE Specialist and she is the 504 Liaison.





The College Academy @ BC PTSA would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our 2019-2020 outgoing Executive Board Members for their tireless commitment to the organization. For those who will be moving on, we wish them much success in their continued endeavors; they will be sorely missed!

**Maribel Feliciano** – President (2019-2020); Vice-President (2018-2019).

**Risa Bell** – Vice President (2019-2020).

**Miriam Selevan** – Recording Secretary (2018-2020).

**Leslie Caracuel** – Treasurer (2019-2020); President (2018-2019); Vice-President (2017-2018).

**Sally Selevan** - Corresponding Secretary (2019-2020; Central Campus - Graduated).

**Allyssa Taffe** – Corresponding Secretary (2019-2020; Central Campus - Graduated).

**Samantha Husar** – Corresponding Secretary (2019-2020 – North Campus).

The College Academy @ BC PTSA held its first 'Virtual' Executive Board Member Elections for 2020-2021, and presents its 2020-2021 Executive Board Members:

**Risa Bell** – President

**Liliana Guerra** – Vice President

**Rosaria D'Aquino** – Recording Secretary

**Deborah Taffe** – Treasurer

**Joshua Bell** – Corresponding Secretary (Senior – Central Campus)

**Manuella Guerra** – Corresponding Secretary (Senior – Central Campus)

**Zayna Latife** - Corresponding Secretary (Senior – Central Campus)

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We are excited to welcome our new Executive Board and look forward to an exciting and productive year of virtual activities and projects – even in this new communication engagement, due to COVID-19. Again, WELCOME to the College Academy @ BC PTSA! We are also looking for two (2) North Campus Juniors and/or Seniors who are willing to serve on the Executive Board as Corresponding Secretary, who will be responsible for supporting notifications to the North Campus family. All students will receive Volunteer Hours and a Letter of Recommendation from the PTSA for submissions to College Admission Applications and Scholarships. Those interested should contact us, via email, and include their full name, parent/guardian name, classification (Junior or Senior, campus, and phone contact information. Remember, you must submit a \$5.00 paid membership at the time of submitting consideration for the position. Please forward all questions to the PTSA email.

The College Academy @ BC PTSA encourage all parents and students to become active members; the cost for membership is \$20.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Remember, your dollars support all activities and projects presented by the PTSA; we cannot do it without your help. So, come join us as we continue to thrive, collaborate, support, and empower our future leaders; we look forward to seeing you soon!

The following are the PTSA Member General Meeting dates, which will be held 'Virtual', until further notice:

**October 13, 2020; 5:00 p.m., February 9, 2021; 5:00 p.m., April 13, 2021; 5:00 p.m.**

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