Having joined BMCC in September 2020, I am humbled by the hard work of a team of individuals—faculty, staff and the BMCC Cabinet—who have brought to fruition, many important milestones in the past fiscal year. I would also like to recognize the vision and direction provided by my predecessor, BMCC Interim President Karrin E. Wilks. The impact of her leadership is reflected in BMCC’s outstanding national rankings for moving students up the socioeconomic ladder, demonstrating commitment to first-generation student success, producing top Fulbright Scholars, and more.

As a result of these achievements, BMCC was named one of the ten national finalists for the $1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence—the country’s highest distinction for a community college.

These critical accomplishments have also been driven by the support of BMCC’s forward-thinking donors. Their generosity has been critical in helping BMCC propel its graduates into further degrees. Our funders have also created workforce development opportunities for BMCC students eager to enter high-demand careers with family-sustaining wages.

Our donors have stood by BMCC, even as the COVID-19 pandemic delivered unprecedented challenges. We celebrate new and continuing partners like the Robin Hood Foundation, the Heckscher Foundation, the Petrie Foundation and Trinity Church Wall Street. With their support, BMCC has been able to help students in need, stay on track with their studies. At the college’s first Virtual Fundraiser, our funders greatly strengthened the BMCC COVID-19 Student Emergency and Student Scholarship Funds.

At the same time, BMCC faculty and staff have endeavored to provide a well-rounded education wrapped in vital student services and academic support—even from a distance.

As you read through this annual report, you’ll see a wealth of reasons why BMCC is a national leader of higher education. I am very proud of what the college has achieved thus far, and deeply honored to be part of BMCC’s continued excellence.

Thank you for your support of BMCC and our mission to advance equity and provide a world-class education for students as they complete their degrees, achieve their career goals and shape the future of New York City and beyond.

Sincerely,

Anthony E. Munroe
President, BMCC

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Annual Report of the BMCC Foundation. This has been a challenging year. Our students navigated an abrupt switch to distance learning in the midst of a coronavirus pandemic and public health crisis that hit their communities with disproportionate force. At the same time, they spoke out against police violence and systemic racism, seeking justice in peaceful demonstrations of historic proportion.

Your friendship with BMCC helps enable these amazing students to thrive. We are deeply grateful for the continuing support of our donors. Our virtual fundraiser in June raised $636,367—donations are still being accepted—in an outpouring of gifts that continued over the summer, and your contributions throughout the year have made a huge difference. On behalf of myself and my fellow Board members, thank you for all you do for BMCC.

I also want to thank BMCC Interim President Karrin E. Wilks who led the college for two years, raising student outcomes and positioning BMCC for the prestigious Aspen Prize nomination. Likewise, it is my great honor to welcome President Anthony E. Munroe, who brings decades of experience in higher education to lead BMCC into a bright future.

With nearly 23,000 students, BMCC is the largest undergraduate college in New York City. Through the college’s industry partnerships, cutting-edge degrees, internships and other opportunities, BMCC prepares students for 21st-century careers relevant to today’s fast-evolving economy.

Most BMCC students are first to attend college in families with an annual household income of $20,000 or less. They exemplify resilience. They balance jobs and classes, and aim high.

Scholarships have the power to transform their lives. Our research shows that students who receive scholarships are four times more likely to graduate on time, than those who do not. Your generous support of the BMCC Foundation is an investment in the upward economic mobility of a generation of students that will change our city, and our country, for the better. Thank you for making a tangible difference in their lives.

Warm regards,

Anthony Portannese
Chair, BMCC Foundation Board
BMCC Students and Faculty Give Back During COVID-19 Pandemic

At the height of the pandemic, Liberal Arts major Fenellah Kargbo, a private first class in the New York Army National Guard, was activated as part of New York’s response to COVID-19. Kargbo was stationed at an Albany warehouse serving as a regional distribution center for critical medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE), and while working there, she kept up with her BMCC classes online—as did Liberal Arts major Monique Henry, who balanced remote classwork with full-time shifts at Trader Joe’s on the lower east side of Manhattan. Meanwhile, their professors and faculty across campus met the challenge of teaching online. Some of the ambulances New Yorkers heard taking COVID patients to the hospital 24/7 were staffed by BMCC paramedic/EMT faculty who stepped up to take extra shifts—even as they kept up with their teaching load on Zoom.

BMCC Prepares for 2020 U.S. Census

BMCC students filled BMCC’s Richard Harris Terrace on October 22, 2019 to meet with U.S. Census representatives and learn how to apply for a position with the Census Bureau. In a campus-wide census awareness message, Interim President Karrin E. Wilks emphasized that responding to the U.S. Census “is our opportunity to address a wide variety of important public needs — from disaster planning, to education, transportation and public health. The census determines how many congressional representatives we have and how the federal government allocates more than $675 billion a year.”

BMCC Respiratory Therapy Students Graduate Early to Help COVID-19 Patients

Eighteen students from BMCC’s Respiratory Therapy program accelerated their academic schedules to graduate early and enter the workforce at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in New York City. In April 2020, close to 800 people lost their lives in a single day to COVID-19. By August 2020, the total number of deaths in New York City had reached more than 23,000.

Health Services Director Penelope Jordan Works the ER in Height of Pandemic

Health Services Director Penelope Jordan has worked as an ER nurse on weekends since she assumed her role at BMCC 15 years ago—and those weekend shifts in a Level 1 Trauma Center intensified during the COVID outbreak. “In one room we had 20 beds on one side and 40 beds on the other, all of those patients on respirators,” says Jordan. “We were losing sometimes three, four or five people a day.” On other fronts, Jordan ensures that students enter BMCC having met their immunization requirements, and she serves on CUNY committees to develop response guidelines for events such as the SARS, MERS, swine flu and H1N1 outbreaks, as well as to chicken pox, measles and TB flare ups on campus.

BMCC’s one-year retention rate increased to 59.7% for full-time students.
BMCC Alumnus Conducts Research to Address COVID-19

BMCC alumnus Brian Olson (2005, Science), a professor in the Department of Biology and Chemistry at County College of Morris, recently published his research findings on Coronavirus targets in the peer-reviewed Journal of Computer-Aided Molecular Design. The findings could assist with the development of drugs to combat the virus. Olson, who is working on a doctorate degree in Biochemistry at the CUNY Graduate Center, worked with Dr. Tom Kurtzman of Lehman College, CUNY to assemble a team of researchers. In his paper, “An Online Repository of Solvation Thermodynamic and Structural Maps of SARS-CoV-2 Targets,” Olson and his research team provide maps of water molecules—also known as solvation maps—of the virus’s proteins. “Our research creates 3-D maps of water molecules inside protein binding sites to identify important spots where drugs might bind to block the actions of proteins,” Olson said. “This information can be used to design drugs to stop SARS-CoV-2 or reduce the damage caused by COVID-19.”

Nursing Program Alumna Oversees Coronavirus Testing Facility

Brenda Lagares (Nursing, ’19) served as BMCC Student Nurses’ Association President and participated in lab work with Science Professor Jose Fernandez Romero at Rockefeller University, analyzing antiviral treatments for HIV. “BMCC afforded me the opportunity, resources and support to pursue my interest in science, specifically virology, while completing a degree in nursing,” said Lagares. “If you’re willing to put in the work and be a team player, great results can happen.” That can-do attitude was put to the test at the height of coronavirus pandemic in Spring 2020. Lagares spent 16-hour days as lead quality nurse in a Rockland County, New York COVID-19 testing facility coordinated by the New York State Department of Health and staffed by the New York National Guard.

2013 Nursing Graduate Wins Daisy Award, On the Frontlines During Pandemic

Dustin “Dee” Tomeo (Nursing, ’13) won the prestigious Daisy Award for his service in the emergency department at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

BMCC Alumni and Students Brighten Tribeca Restaurant With Murals

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Liberal Arts major Myles Facey and Art Foundations major MJ Cima—as well as alumni Joao Alexandre (Studio Arts, ’19) now at SUNY Purchase, and Moneé Lauderdale (Studio Arts, ’19) now at The City College of New York, CUNY—were enlisted to paint colorful murals in the fast-casual restaurant Healthy Joe’s, near the BMCC campus. Art Professor Jessica Ramirez supervised the emerging artists. “Opportunities like this expose students to creative opportunities outside the classroom, including the process of planning, budget considerations, deadlines and final execution,” Ramirez said.

Alumni Association Hosts Events Year Round

BMCC alumni gather virtually in events including the Mid-Morning Coffee Breaks with college leaders who engage alumni in conversations on higher education and their role in supporting current students. Alumni also join celebratory gatherings such as their virtual toast to the Class of 2020, and they meet current students and share their experience beyond BMCC in alumni panels highlighting the fields of social work, insurance and more.
Over $636K Collected in BMCC Virtual Fundraiser, Donations Still Being Accepted

A virtual fundraiser at BMCC to support the college’s COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund and BMCC Student Scholarship Fund was live streamed June 11 and has raised $636,367 as of this printing. Generous donors who came forward to support BMCC’s mission of equity and a quality education for all students include DTCC, BNY Mellon, Jack Resnick & Sons, The Herbert and Audrey Rosenfield Fund, Broadridge, Course Hero, Elizabeth Margaritis Butson, Loretta Lee, John Dunleavy, CBRE (Bruce Surry), Protiviti (Ron Lefferts), John Sutter, Laughing Man Coffee (David Steingard); Bill Fisse; Tim Tynan; Robert J. Mueller; G. Carl Adkins and Dianne Balfour; and CBOE Global Markets (Laura V. Morrison).

Robin Hood Supports Emergency Funds

At least 70 percent of BMCC students are from families earning $30,000 or less, and those students were hit hard by economic fallout from the pandemic. They have lost employment and childcare options, as well as experiencing food insecurity. A $150,000 grant from New York City’s largest poverty-fighting organization, Robin Hood, will fund the college’s COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund and provide financial assistance to ensure that students struggling to cover the cost of rent, utilities and other essential needs can continue with their studies and stay on track to raise the economic mobility of themselves and their families.

Donation by Heckscher Foundation for Children Bolsters Peer Mentoring Program

In Fall 2019, the Heckscher Foundation for Children awarded the BMCC IMPACT Peer Mentoring program a one-year, catalytic grant of $220,000, and BMCC agreed to match that amount for a second year. This initial grant has doubled the size of BMCC’s IMPACT Peer Mentoring program. “Peer mentoring is a best practice for helping students persist and succeed at college,” says Denise DelaPorta, Student Life Specialist for Peer Mentoring and Success, in the BMCC Office of Student Affairs. “Empowered and confident students are going to inspire and motivate each other to achieve more at BMCC. This contributes to college retention, one successful student at a time.”

Guardian Life Insurance Donates $193,000 to Build Student Financial Literacy

A loyal friend of BMCC, Guardian Life Insurance donated to the college’s Money Management For Life and College Now programs, as well as providing college-finance information sessions for students and their parents at BMCC’s partner in an accelerated associate degree program, the Manhattan Early College School for Advertising (MECA).

Petrie Foundation Gives $335,000 for Emergency Support

To ensure that BMCC students have access to emergency support, the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation has renewed its $300,000 Petrie Student Emergency Fund Grant for the next three years. The Foundation also donated $35,000 to the BMCC food pantry. The emergency grants help students address barriers that threaten their ability to stay in college. They can be applied toward rent arrears to avoid eviction; travel and costs associated with a family funeral; medical expenses and childcare.

The Petrie donation also supports Dreamers, young undocumented immigrants who grew up in the United States and need assistance to renew their permit to stay in the country. “Now I can focus on my studies and it alleviates my stress of becoming homeless,” said one emergency grant recipient. “This also gives me motivation because I now know that in times of hardship, I am not alone.”

64.6% of BMCC graduates go on to earn a bachelor’s degree.

86% BMCC’s Urban Male Leadership Academy (UMLA) reports an 86% fall-to-fall retention rate.
Eugene M. Lang Foundation Gives $70K to Assist Students in a Number of Ways

This fiscal year, the Eugene M. Lang Foundation supported the COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund with a $20,000 gift, and donated $20,000 to the Student Immigrant Emergency Fund, assisting students with the cost of government processing for their citizenship applications. The Foundation also gave $30,000 to Project Impact, a program supporting the academic success of BMCC students impacted by the justice system through incarceration of themselves or a family member. “This vital support from the Eugene M. Lang Foundation enables some of our most talented and determined students to stay on track with their degrees, enter the career of their choice and go on to enrich the civic and economic life of their communities,” said Brian Haller, BMCC Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations.

Trinity Church Wall Street Provides $105,000 to BMCC

BMCC was awarded $100,000 by Trinity Church Wall Street in support of BMCC Project Impact, a program designed to support justice-involved students with educational programs and other services. Through this gift, BMCC is among 56 recipients of nearly $7 million total in Trinity grants awarded to end systemic racism in New York City and offering alternative models for a new vision of how New Yorkers can reach their potential and thrive. Trinity Church Wall Street also gave $5,000 at the BMCC Virtual Fundraiser in June, with proceeds supporting the BMCC Student Emergency Fund and BMCC Foundation Scholarships.

Southpole Foundation Directs $14,000 to Out in Two

A long-time friend of BMCC, the Southpole Foundation has contributed $14,000 to the college’s scholarship program Out in Two, which helps high-achieving students graduate within two years and transfer to a senior college. Out in Two scholars complete community service and hold exceptional Grade Point Averages. About 90 percent of the scholars go on to four-year colleges, an exceptionally high rate of transfer.

The Lincoln Fund Donates $30,000 for Nursing Program

The Lincoln Fund has provided support for the Nursing Program at BMCC for 19 years. These funds have gone toward tuition and other costs, enabling nursing students to work fewer hours in jobs off campus, and devote more time to their studies. This past academic year, $29,998 of The Lincoln Fund’s $30,000 grant was disbursed to 84 BMCC Nursing students in grants ranging from $509 to $100 each. These awards could not have been more timely, as many nursing students lost their off-campus jobs in the Spring 2020 semester, due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on New York City’s economy.

BMCC Students Benefit From Course Hero and Excelencia in Education Partnership

Through a $10,000 grant, Course Hero and Excelencia in Education have partnered to provide BMCC students in the Presidents for Latino Student Success program with access to the Course Hero/Excelencia Emergency Fund. In addition, Course Hero has partnered with the nonprofits Equity and Believe in Students, to launch an emergency aid initiative that gives financial assistance to college students — including those at BMCC — who are experiencing financial hardship in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and were left out of the CARES Act.

For the sixth year in a row, BMCC’s three-year graduation rate has increased, now at 24.9%.
BMCC Named One of 10 National Finalists for $1 Million Aspen Prize

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program selected BMCC as one of 10 finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation’s signature recognition of high achievement and performance among community colleges. The nomination validates BMCC’s successful strategic planning efforts and improved retention and graduation rates for Black and Latino students, as well as other achievements.

BMCC One of Nation’s Top Fulbright Scholar Producers

BMCC is one of two associate degree-granting institutions nationwide which have been named top Fulbright Scholar producers for 2018-2019. BMCC is also one of four CUNY colleges named a top producer of Fulbright scholars and students, according to the United States Department of State’s Fulbright Program.

BMCC Student One of 50 Nationwide to Receive Jack Kent Cooke Transfer Scholarship

Engineering Science major Jose “Fabrizzio” Cevallos, who moved to New York City from Peru at age 14, was among nearly 1,500 students from 311 community colleges nationwide to apply for the 2020 scholarship — and one of 50 students to have won the full scholarship to a bachelor’s degree program.

BMCC Ranks in Top Ten for Producing Associate Degrees for Minority Students

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education compiled U.S. Department of Education data and ranked BMCC in the top ten out of 100 colleges nationwide for producing associate degrees for minority students.

BMCC Ranks #1 Nationwide in Diversity Among Managerial Ranks

BMCC ranks first in the nation among two-year public colleges in terms of racial and ethnic diversity in its managerial ranks, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. The publication analyzed U.S. Department of Education data from 167 two-year institutions around the country.

Total Hispanic Enrollment at BMCC Earns High Ranking

BMCC earned a #19 ranking among 100 two-year, Hispanic-Serving Institutions across the United States, according to survey results posted by the Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine.

BMCC NSLS Chapter One of Six Recognized Nationwide as Distinguished

The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) chapter at BMCC was recognized as one of just six NSLS chapters nationwide to earn the Distinguished Chapter Award in 2020.

BMCC Showcases Class of 2020 With Virtual Celebration

The COVID-19 pandemic did not prevent BMCC from virtually celebrating the success of its 2020 graduates. Just under 5,000 BMCC graduates who completed their studies in the Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Winter 2020 and Spring 2020 semesters were conferred Associate of Art, Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science degrees from over 50 academic programs. Virtual speakers included CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, New York Senator Chuck Schumer and New York Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul.

BMCC One of Five Colleges Nationwide Recognized for Entrepreneurship Program

BMCC was just one of five community colleges across the country recognized in 2019 as a College of Excellence by the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE).

BMCC Wins National Recognition for Innovation

In recognition of its Faculty Leadership Fellows Program, BMCC is one of 58 colleges nationwide—the only college in New York City and one of two in New York state—to receive the 2019 Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College, a non-profit organization that supports transformational innovation within and across colleges and international borders.

BMCC Receives National Honor for Commitment to First Generation Students

The Center for First-generation Student Success—an initiative of Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, NASPA and The Suder Foundation—has designated BMCC as a First-gen Forward Advisory Institution. BMCC was one of just 11 institutions across the nation to receive this designation.

BMCC Ranks Third Nationwide in Helping Students Move Up the Socioeconomic Ladder

A report from the Brookings Institution ranks BMCC third highest among all two-year colleges nationwide in lifting low-income students into the middle class. Within CUNY, BMCC ranks highest among the six community colleges named in the top 10 for two-year colleges.
BMCC Joins IEBC Caring Campus Initiative

On February 7, a kickoff meeting to mark BMCC’s participation in the Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC), Caring Campus initiative took place in the Fiterman Hall Conference Center. The initiative has continued into the Fall 2020 semester with a focus on best practices in the virtual delivery of services.

Feed the Frontlines NYC Partners with BMCC to Bring Restaurant Entrees to Students Experiencing Food Insecurity

A pilot program created through a partnership between BMCC and Feed the Frontlines NYC provides restaurant-quality meals to students facing food insecurity. Founded in March 2020 by restaurateur Luca Di Pietro and his family, Feed the Frontlines NYC supports healthcare workers in COVID-overwhelmed hospitals, keeps staff employed at as many local restaurants as possible and helps feed BMCC students who are hard hit by the pandemic. “As the crisis in the hospitals thankfully subsided, we turned our attention to the growing number of New Yorkers facing food insecurity,” said Isabella Di Pietro, Luca’s daughter.

Town Hall Provides Forum for Expressing Grief, Outrage Over Racial Injustice

BMCC Interim President Karrin Wilks hosted a virtual town hall on June 5, providing a space for college community members to express their collective grief, outrage and suggestions for positive change. “From false charges in Central Park to a police officer charged with murder in Minneapolis, from neighbors shooting a jogger in Georgia to an EMT killed by police in her own home, we are reminded that we must do everything we can to peacefully eliminate the horrific and unrelenting structural racism that surrounds us,” said Wilks. Faculty and staff from across the college shared their personal experiences living in a racist society, and participants discussed how educators can be effective engines for social justice.

Expanding BMCC’s Strategic Plan to Reflect Priorities Resulting from the Pandemic

In a May 2020 virtual state-of-the-college address, BMCC Interim President Karrin E. Wilks highlighted the college’s strategic planning process Designing for Success, and its goals “to dramatically improve graduation rates, and increase successful transfer and baccalaureate attainment; to improve student learning through culturally responsive and sustaining pedagogy and support; to improve career development leading to meaningful work with family-sustaining wages, and to achieve equity in these outcomes.”

A new goal, she said, incorporates innovative work at BMCC that is related to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. “Given the unexpected and devastating effects of COVID-19, we will add a strategic goal about BMCC’s role in supporting the return of New York City’s economy and an equitably thriving New York,” said Wilks. Close to 500 BMCC community members attended the virtual address, and more than 1,000 faculty, staff and students have participated in Designing for Success through working groups, college-wide forums, and focus groups.

BMCC Business Management/General Management Degree Program Available Online

Students at BMCC can now earn a fully online Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Business Management/General Management. “Students that will benefit the most from this program include workers with staggered schedules, stay-at-home-parents, veterans and individuals who may not have considered BMCC due to accessibility,” said Business Management Professor Francisca C. Campos, program coordinator of the General Management program.

The Manhattan Early College of Advertising (MECA), BMCC’s high school partner, had a 96% graduation rate in June 2019, above the citywide average.
Ways to Give

Thank you for your support!

There are many impactful ways you can make a difference in the lives of our students. These include Direct Gifts of cash, checks or Donor Advised Funds (DAFs). Your generous support can also be expressed as marketable securities, electronic stock transfers via DTC or mutual fund transfer. Other ways to give include corporate and foundation funding, matching gifts, gifts of real estate, life insurance, bequests and life income gifts.

Your generous donations—in whatever form they take—go a long way in funding scholarships, research and programs that allow us to continue delivering quality education to our students.

To learn more, please visit the BMCC Foundation website at: www.bmcc.cuny.edu/ways-to-give

Or, call the Office for Institutional Advancement at (212) 220-8020.

Creating a Lasting Legacy

The transformation of young lives is fueled by donors and their generosity. One creative way of giving back to BMCC and our students, while ensuring your legacy, is to make a gift using a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA).

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“My Charitable Gift Annuity provides lifetime income for me and the satisfaction of knowing that this allows me to support BMCC students in the future.”

—Gay Brookes, Retired BMCC Professor

BMCC’s ASAP program is the largest in CUNY, serving nearly 6,000 students, about 25% of all BMCC students. BMCC ASAP continues to have graduation rates approximately twice as high as a comparable cohort.
Anonymous, Visionary Donor
Donates $250,000

Visionary leaders who believe in the BMCC mission and leave the College in their wills, trusts or as beneficiary designation, are building a foundation for many future generations of BMCC students. Recently, BMCC received a $250,000 planned gift from one such visionary. This tremendous gift will fund the College’s academic scholarship programs. “We are extremely grateful for the donor’s faith in our mission and our determination to advance equity and the intellectual and personal growth of students,” said Vice President of Institutional Advancement Lorna Malcolm. For a confidential discussion about establishing your own legacy at BMCC, please contact Phillip Keefe, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving, at (212) 346-8650 or pkeefe@bmcc.cuny.edu.

In Memoriam: Professor Michael Kent
Geniusz Scholarship Fund

Dr. Sebastian A. Kent, brother of the late BMCC Professor of Mathematics Michael Kent, has established the $100,000 Geniusz Scholarship Fund which will support students for 10 academic years by awarding a maximum of $10,000 each year, starting Fall 2020. “As an educational leader, Michael recognized the need to support students during transitional phases of their life. The Michael Kent Geniusz Scholarship Fund will not only honor the commitment of Michael to his students, it will continue the legacy of our great-great grandfather, Mieczyslaw Genniusz, in a special and meaningful way,” said Sebastian Kent.

#CUNYTuesday Offers Donors Another Option to Show Support for BMCC

#CUNYTuesday will be held Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at BMCC and welcomes donations from employees, faculty, students, alumni and friends. It’s an opportunity to support BMCC programs that are critical to helping students succeed.

In 2019, the #CUNYTuesday Campaign at BMCC supported memorial funds in honor of former Vice President for Administration, Planning and Finance Granville Scott Anderson, and former Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Sadie Bragg. CUNY recently approved the naming of a 14th-floor terrace in BMCC’s Miles and Shirley Fiterman Hall, in Anderson’s honor. With its sweeping views of lower Manhattan, the terrace is the site of conferences, meetings and celebrations.

CUNY also approved the naming of a state-of-the-art mathematics lab at BMCC’s 199 Chambers Street campus, in Bragg’s name. A champion of mathematics education, Bragg advocated for a quality education to all students.

In 2020, #CUNYTuesday at BMCC will raise funds in support of programs to fight food insecurity.

The coronavirus pandemic has intensified food insecurity in New York City and communities of BMCC students have been the hardest hit. Thousands of students have found support at the BMCC Panther Pantry, managed by the BMCC Advocacy and Resources Center (BARC). Eligible students take home a three-day supply of nutritionally balanced, nonperishable food for up to three family members.

BMCC’s fight against food insecurity recently expanded through a partnership with Feed the Frontlines NYC, a pilot program that provides fresh, restaurant-quality meals to students facing food insecurity. Founded on March 21, 2020 by restaurateur Luca Di Pietro and his family, Feed the Frontlines NYC strives to support healthcare workers battling the coronavirus pandemic, as well as local restaurants.

The BMCC Nursing Program is among seven college nursing programs in New York State to earn a Best-Value ranking of #6 by Nursing Explorer.
“BMCC students have overcome many obstacles—including a pandemic—in pursuit of their education, career goals and dreams. The guidance BMCC provides is more critical now than ever. That’s why I’m a proud champion of BMCC and its students.”

—John Dunleavy, Global President, Eightbar/WPP Global Client Leader, IBM
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“As someone who began her educational career at BMCC and later joined its facul-
ty, I know first-hand, the uncompromising vision of its students. Everyone deserves a fighting chance to pursue their dreams. BMCC allows many to step in the ring.”
—Theresa Clark Messer, (Accounting, ‘82), BMCC Foundation Board member

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“AT BMCC, students from diverse backgrounds gain knowledge and skills to pursue their dreams. BMCC is one of the best investments one can make to advance a prosperous and equitable society. The hopes and fortitude of its students inspire me every day.”
—Glen Macdonald
Managing Director,
Senior Investment Advisor
Cornerstone Capital Group

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019

Assets

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<th>2020</th>
<th>2019</th>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$277,888</td>
<td>649,197</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
<td>7,551,611</td>
<td>7,707,576</td>
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<td>Contributions receivable, net</td>
<td>1,745,352</td>
<td>1,652,643</td>
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<td>Other receivables, net</td>
<td>4,855</td>
<td>6,170</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses</td>
<td>51,680</td>
<td>37,316</td>
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<td>Works of Art</td>
<td>96,660</td>
<td>111,720</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,728,045</strong></td>
<td><strong>10,165,022</strong></td>
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Liabilities and Net Assets

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<td>Liabilities</td>
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<td>Total liabilities</td>
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<td>Net assets</td>
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<tr>
<td>Without donor restrictions</td>
<td>4,911,915</td>
<td>5,706,110</td>
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<td>With donor restrictions</td>
<td>4,811,168</td>
<td>4,453,912</td>
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<td><strong>Total net assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,723,083</strong></td>
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## Statement of Activities

### June 30, 2020 and 2019

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<th>Revenue</th>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$1,372,202</td>
<td>1,893,056</td>
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<td>Gala revenue</td>
<td>452,189</td>
<td>911,856</td>
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<td>Less related direct costs</td>
<td>(324)</td>
<td>(246,769)</td>
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<td>In-kind contributions and donated support</td>
<td>1,767,659</td>
<td>1,496,865</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>238,000</td>
<td>415,263</td>
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<td>Other income (loss)</td>
<td>(3,740)</td>
<td>9,772</td>
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<td><strong>Total public support and revenue</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,825,986</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,480,043</strong></td>
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<th>Expenses</th>
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<td>Program services</td>
<td>3,617,197</td>
<td>3,323,095</td>
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<td>Adminisrative expenses</td>
<td>636,013</td>
<td>356,368</td>
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<td>Fundraising expenses</td>
<td>9,715</td>
<td>59,342</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,262,925</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,738,805</strong></td>
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<td>Increase/(Decrease) in net assets</td>
<td>(436,939)</td>
<td>741,238</td>
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<td>Net assets, beginning of year</td>
<td>10,160,022</td>
<td>9,418,784</td>
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<td>Net assets, end of year</td>
<td>$9,723,083</td>
<td>10,160,022</td>
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