Want to go to college in Manhattan but don’t want the hassles of arranging for your own housing? Good news: Baruch College is offering safe, affordable student housing in partnership with Educational Housing Services. One hundred Baruchians have already taken advantage. Whether you hail from Great Neck or Great Britain, you can enjoy high-quality, independent, New York City residences without the worry of a lease or deposits for utilities; buying or moving furniture; gas, electric, or phone bills; or cable or WiFi access. For room descriptions and details about security and amenities, go to www.studenthousing.org.

Legally Bound

So you want to be a lawyer? The Max Berger Pre-Law Program at Baruch College assists students in continuing to build a solid foundation for law school. Throughout the year, the Pre-Law Program provides one-on-one help with law school selection and securing part-time employment and internships with law firms, nonprofit companies, and local government organizations. The program also sponsors career panels, law school tours, and other events that help students explore the legal field. In 2008-2009, program graduates were admitted to some of the most prestigious law schools in the country, including University School of Law, Michigan State University School of Law, and others.

The winners of the prestigious 2009 Colin Powell Fellowships for International Diplomacy are seniors Olga Ryabaya (Edward R. Murrow HS) and Holdyn Brand (St. Anne’s-Belfield School, Charlottesville, VA). This fellowship offers students the opportunity to serve a high-level internship in the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Junior Danielle Jakubowski (Hutchinson Central Tech) competed with students from 170 colleges and universities to become a 2009 Gilder Lehrman History Scholar. Danielle met with eminent historians and was allowed behind-the-scenes access to historical archives and museums.

Baruch College’s chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants won the KPMG National Student Case Competition, besting teams from nine colleges and universities nationwide. Each team member won $500 prize. Charlene Fessal (St. Lucia), Barbara Galin (Murry Bergtraum HS), Nyla Samuel (St. Lucia), and Janelle Shillingford (Dominica).

Eighteen students majoring in public affairs completed an eight-week internship at City Hall. The internship, which gave them exposure to legal issues, policy analysis, and public relations, was part of a course offered through Baruch College’s School of Public Affairs and taught by former City Councilman Stephen DiBrienza.

Facebook, Twitter, and other social networking sites have changed the way we all interact. But nothing replaces the face-to-face of campus clubs and parties.

Baruch College has over 170 clubs and organizations representing co-curricular, social, and cultural interests. The Accounting Society, Actuarial Science Society, AIESEC—International Association of Students in Economics and Management, American Asian Society, American Marketing Association, Archery Club—and that’s just some of the clubs beginning with the letter “A”! Every year, students create new clubs and organizations. Student clubs enter national competitions and attend many national conferences.

The student activities calendar is filled throughout the year with parties, cultural celebrations, and career events sponsored by many of the academic and professional organizations.

The Office of Student Life sponsors and coordinates a number of large-scale programs, such as the Fall Club Fair and Spring Fling Street Fair on East 25th Street. You’ll also find organized student leadership training programs, charitable fundraising activities, and discount ticket programs to movies, comedy clubs, and the theatre.

Make friendships that last a lifetime, develop invaluable professional contacts, get out into the community and make a difference! Study together, work together, party together. Opportunities await.
Baruch’s athletic teams—known as the Bearcats—won four CUNY Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) championships (men’s basketball, tennis, and baseball, women’s swimming and tennis) to help round off a successful 2008–2009 athletics year.

The baseball team won their first CUNYAC championship since 2001. Jorge Rosado (Martin Luther King HS) was named the CUNYAC Most Valuable Player, while David Chestnut (Nazareth HS) (left) and Joseph Valentin (DeWitt Clinton HS) earned all-league honors for the second straight year.

The women’s basketball team recorded their fifth straight season of winning 21 games or more behind the efforts of all-league stars Monique Salmon (Harry S. Truman HS), Karlie Whipple (Lund HS, Nevada) (right), and Kalea Davis (Lehman HS). The team also advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second time in team history.

The men’s volleyball team won their third CUNYAC championship in four years. Danial Levent (American Studies HS) was named the CUNYAC Tournament MVP for the third time. The team also finished the season ranked #11 nationally in the final Division III poll conducted by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Off the field, the Bearcats proved once again their success in the classroom with 56 student-athletes named CUNYAC Scholar-Athletes, a designation conferred on players who maintain a GPA of 3.2 or higher.

For more information on athletics, or to get the attention of one of our coaches, please log on to BaruchAthletics.com.

**Spending the Winter in Paris**

Sophomore Tim Ahmed (East Meadow HS) sat behind a computer for days before putting the finishing touches on his NBA jersey design. Ahmed was one of 12,000 contestants nationwide to participate in the EA Sports Jersey Creator Contest, which challenged designers and basketball fans alike to create jerseys to be worn by rookie and sophomore players during the NBA All Star Rookie Challenge Game last winter. As the winner, Ahmed was flown to attend All-Star Weekend festivities.

Contest winner Tim Ahmed with Kevin Durant of the Oklahoma City Thunder (wearing Tim’s white jersey designed for sophomore players) and Brook Lopez of the New Jersey Nets (wearing Tim’s purple jersey for rookies).

**Baruch is a great college, and the most prestigious rankings show it.**

The 2010 edition of America’s Best Colleges rates Baruch College as one of the best colleges nationwide, giving it a “gold badge.” The report, published by U.S. News & World Report, shows Baruch taking honors in several categories, including “the most selective college in the region.”

The 2010 edition of the Princeton Review/USA Today survey once again includes Baruch among the top 10 percent of colleges in the country. Current students remarked on how easy it is for ambitious students to access “unparalleled internships, career, and networking opportunities in major global companies.”

Forbes, the prominent business magazine, named Baruch among the “best” in the U.S., ranking it above NYU and Fordham in the overall category of “America’s Best Colleges.” Baruch also had high rankings in “Best College Buys” and “Best Public Colleges.”

In a combined study, the Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine placed Baruch at #9 in the nation for its undergraduate entrepreneurship program.

**Topping the World**

Study Abroad Program

Sitting at a café in Paris enjoying freshly baked croissants and hot chocolate will not only boost your endorphins but also your resume and job prospects. Many U.S. employers expect jobseekers to have training in multiple languages and cultures. That expectation puts graduates with study abroad experience ahead of the employment curve. Baruch’s savvy students know this.

Our Study Abroad Program, which is located in the Weissman Center for International Business, has seen tremendous growth—participation up about 30 percent since 2004. Today 300 Baruchians a year travel to universities in 30 countries, including Argentina, Australia, China, England, France, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Spain, and Vietnam, for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

**Out of the Lab, Under the Sea**

What did you do on your summer vacation? Baruch Professor of Biology and Environmental Science DAVID GRUBER went to great lengths (make that depths) to explore the famed reefs of the Red Sea and the Caribbean. Gruber used advanced methods to dive as far as 300 feet in what had been unknown parts of the ocean, making way for cutting-edge research. Nature magazine highlighted new findings by Gruber and colleagues about fluorescent proteins. Next for Gruber, it’s back to the Caribbean, this time with a group of Baruch students for the course Tropical Reef Ecology.