Baruch isn’t only about academics. Yes, Baruch is a commuter college. But that doesn’t prevent our student body from participating in over 125 clubs and organizations representing cocurricular, social, and cultural interests. The Paintball Club, the Pakistani Students Association, the Phi Beta Sigma Society, Phi Eta Sigma, the Philosophy Club, the Photography Club, the Political Science Club, the Pool and Skating Society, the Pre-Law Society, Pride (Puerto Ricans for Involvement, Development, and Enlightenment), the Psychology Society, Public Arts Crime & Punishment—and that’s just a list of the clubs and organizations beginning with the letter “P”! And students create new clubs and organizations every year. Student clubs compete in 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 in October and Spring Fling Street Fair on East 25th Street in May. 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. There are entertainment, recreational, and enrichment outlets aplenty.

A SAMPLE OF THE OVER 125 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Accounting Society
- African Students Association
- Animation Society
- Archery Club
- Asian Student Association
- Bio-Med Society
- Finance and Economics Club
- Golden Key National Honour Society
- Hillel Club
- Hip Hop 201
- Hispanic Society
- Law Society
- Music and Performing Arts Guild
- Muslim Student Association
- The Ticker (student newspaper)
- WBMB Baruch College Radio
MAKING A THLETICS HISTORY

In 2004 the Baruch College Bearcats put together one of their best years, with three sports reaching the CUNY Athletic Conference finals and one team playing in the NCAA Tournament.

Men’s tennis went the entire season undefeated, a perfect 8-0 record. Behind the efforts of Alex Sokol (Susan Wagner HS), Boris Krant (Bronx Science HS), and Witton Ng (Midwood HS), the team won the regular season and the CUNY Conference Tournament Championship.

Women’s volleyball reached the CUNY Tournament final for the first time since 1995 and won 13 total matches. Freshman Erika Collado (Newton HS) was named the CUNY Libero of the Year.

Men’s soccer, winners of only three games during the previous season, shocked the establishment with an 11-4-1 record and automatic berth to the prestigious NCAA Division III men’s soccer tournament. Defenders Thomas Murdoch (St. Francis Prep) and Vincent Favara (Archbishop Molloy HS), along with offensive stars Elyse Pierre (South Shore HS) and Rafael Diaz (Suffolk CC), played a big part in the “Worst to First” success.

Find out more about Baruch sports at www.baruch.cuny.edu/athletics. Participation is open to all incoming students. The cheers could be for you.

MAKING IT IN MARKETING

Fourteen Baruch students were honored last September by the Direct Marketing Club of New York at a special ceremony held at the Yale Club. The students were presented with Direct Marketing Educational Foundation (DMEF) Echo trophies and semifinalist awards. This year’s annual nationwide Collegiate Echo competition centered on marketing the Advanta credit card to female small-business owners.

RX: SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Miriam Englander, who graduated summa cum laude in organic chemistry in June 2004, is Baruch’s first-ever Jonas E. Salk Scholarship winner. Her Salk Scholarship, which is a CUNY-wide award, testifies to the incredible strength of Baruch’s Department of Natural Sciences, which has launched dozens of successful careers in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and chiropractic, among other science-related disciplines. As an undergraduate, Englander conducted research under the guidance of Chemistry Professor Keith Ramig. Her honors thesis investigated the synthesis of new anesthetics of possibly lower toxicity. She is currently enrolled in Stanford University’s School of Medicine.

BROADENING HORIZONS

Ever increasing numbers of Baruch College undergraduates are studying abroad. Last year nearly 200 Baruch students earned credit at dozens of universities overseas, from Oxford to Calcutta, Shanghai to Salamanca, Australia to Israel, in programs ranging from one-month intersessions to entire academic years. “What I took away from my experience was an overwhelming sense of achievement and discovery,” says senior Emanuella Davilmar, a John Dewey High School graduate. Emanuella spent a semester at Jean Moulin University in Lyon, France. “It was my first time living on my own and being free to go places, meet people, and discover things. But I didn’t realize,” she says, “how big an advantage studying abroad would be in finding a job.” Many students were able to secure internships with foreign banks, businesses, and cultural institutions. The Study Abroad Office staff helps Baruch students choose the right country and program to fit their needs.
HAIL TO THE CHIEF

Dr. Kathleen Waldron, Fulbright scholar, Citibank executive, Latin American history scholar, and former LIU dean was appointed president of Baruch College last summer. CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein welcomed her enthusiastically: “She will bring an impressive blend of senior-level corporate experience, a deep commitment to academic life and scholarship, and new vitality.” President Waldron has big plans for Baruch. “Baruch has made enormous progress over the past 15 years to become one of the most selective public colleges in the region,” she says. “I want to build upon those achievements and continue to raise the College’s reputation and profile.” Dr. Waldron has already had some help with her plans. This September six alumni donors marked her arrival with gifts to the College totaling $53.5 million, gifts that will help fund many student-focused initiatives in the future.

MAJOR DECISION

Many first-year students unnecessarily pressure themselves about choosing a major. The College offers many resources to help students make this decision. The newest tool in the process of career selection is Tuesday Career Hour (sponsored by Executives on Campus). Students attend discussions with a panel of executives from top companies and organizations. Students learn about industries, jobs, careers, and job outlook, with topics ranging from general career concerns to industry-specific events. To learn more about the schedule of events, visit online at www.baruch.cuny.edu/eoc/.

PASSING THE TORCH

Above all things, Baruch College prides itself on its wonderfully diverse student body. The hallways are filled with students with remarkable stories. And none is more remarkable than that of the Garibaldis of Baruch College. For the past 10 years, there has been at least one direct descendent of Giuseppe Garibaldi, the 19th-century liberator of Italy, attending the College.

The Baruch part of the family’s saga began when father Juan, an Argentine diplomat, was posted to New York as deputy consul general. (The family had already lived in such varied and far-off places as Rome, Hong Kong, Sydney, Houston, and Papua, New Guinea.) Daughter Ivanna (class of ’98) was first to enroll. Sister Sara (class of ’02), brother Juan (’01), and sister Bettina (’04) have all earned BBA degrees. Brother David expects to earn an MBA this year.

Among the Baruch Garibaldis have been presidents of the undergraduate student government and honor societies; a winner of the CUNY Student Leadership Award; and an editor of Lexicon, the student yearbook. Their cosmopolitan pizzazz has enriched our already famously diverse campus.
Do you secretly long for the lights and excitement of live theater? Long no more. Baruch has a lively season of student productions. Coordinated through the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, the 2004–2005 theater season kicked off with *Aloha, Say the Pretty Girls*, written by Naomi Iizuka and directed by Professor Debbie Saivetz. The spring show is the musical *Pippin*, directed by Professor Brian Rhinehart. Each production offers opportunities to about 35 students on stage and backstage.

Students seeking an honors program experience can do no better than Baruch’s. In 2004–2005, applicants presented strong portfolios: those offered admission had a mean combined SAT score of 1308 and mean high school GPA of 92.5. Anyone with a 90+ GPA and 1200+ combined SAT score is encouraged to apply.

Baruch’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program was selected the best community service program last year by the Golden Key International Honour Society, which has 350 chapters worldwide. The VITA program trains and certifies students to provide free federal and state income tax preparation assistance. Baruch students staff eight sites throughout the city from March 1 through April 15. Baruch’s Golden Key chapter also received the prestigious annual Key Chapter Award, for the 11th time.

History Professor Carol Berkin was one of the featured commentators in two new films: the first, a History Channel documentary on Hamilton and Burr, with Academy Award–winning actor Richard Dreyfus as host, and the second, a PBS documentary on Abigail and John Adams.

Charles A. Riley II, associate professor of English/journalism, is celebrating the publication of *The Jazz Age in France*. His book covers the literary, artistic, and musical personalities of the Twenties.

Jay Weiser, associate professor of law, was lead counsel for the amicus brief filed by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York County Lawyers’ Association, the New York State Women’s Bar Association, and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in *Langan v. St. Vincent’s Hospital*. The case deals with New York recognition of a Vermont civil union when a survivor sues for a wrongful death.

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