Your Success is Our Success

We are committed to your academic and personal success. The Black Male Empowerment and Cooperative Program (BMEC) will assist you as you navigate your college experience. Connecting with students one student at a time describes The Black Male Empowerment and Cooperative Programs' mantra. BMEC is a program with strong emphasis on academic success and student engagement. The program provides students with opportunities for leadership, civic, career, personal growth and development as well as the tools for achieving success.
“Real-Talk” Sessions

The Real-Talk sessions are a time for you to come into a comfortable, secure and confidential environment to discuss real-life issues. The topics discussed can include relationships, employment, housing, health, police interactions, finances and academics, etc. Our goal is to empower you by highlighting options and possible solutions to address real-life situations and any impact on your academic achievement. It is also our goal to acknowledge and validate you as a whole person in the many roles that you have in life.

College and Civic Engagement

Our goal is to enhance your leadership opportunities at the college and in your community. As a BMEC participant and LaGuardia student, your leadership opportunities will provide experiences that will develop, refine and/or cultivate your conflict resolution, decision making, negotiation, problem solving and team building skills while enhancing your current and future career growth. These leadership experiences will also increase the strength of your candidacy for senior-college admission, scholarships, and employment opportunities.

Although targeted to Black Males, all programs and activities of the Black Male Initiative are open to all academically eligible students, faculty and staff, without regard to race, gender, national origin or other characteristics.
Early Alert

The BMEC program is also an integral part of the college’s commitment to maximizing your success through faculty feedback. As part of the Early Alert Program, we ask your professors to submit information regarding your performance in your course(s). If you are at-risk for failing a course, we will contact you and ask you to come in and meet with an advisor. The advisor will find strategies and/or solutions that will address and/or improve your course(s) performance.
Mentoring

The college is committed to your academic and career success. As part of the college’s commitment we offer mentors that will support your academic and personal development. It is important to understand that mentors are people who help us see things in ways that we have not seen before. Mentors can be peers, faculty or staff and will empower you to move beyond your comfort zone in an effort to inspire and motivate you to achieve all those things that are important to you. Together, you will build the bridge to your success and beyond.

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