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BROOKLYN HIGH SCHOOL FOR LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY SERVICES
A SECOND CHANCE TO GRADUATE

ABOUT BROOKLYN LEADERSHIP

The Brooklyn High School for Leadership and Community Services (BHSLCS) is a joint venture between the New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE) and Brooklyn Community Services. Located in the Clinton Hill section of Brooklyn, BHSLCS is a transfer high school for over-age, under-credited youth between the ages of 16-21. Each year, BHSLCS serves over 200 students who have either fallen behind in conventional high school settings, or have previously dropped out of high school. For students who seek to continue their education, BHSLCS is an opportunity to earn a New York Regents diploma and make a successful transition to college or enter into the workplace.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR GOALS

BHSLCS was founded to address the growing crisis of young people dropping out of high school and becoming disconnected from school and their communities. Many BHSLCS students have dealt with homelessness, mental health and substance abuse issues, and have had experiences with the criminal justice system. BHSLCS provides a supportive environment for students to overcome life obstacles and emotional challenges that may have prevented them from succeeding in other high schools. BHSLCS is a supportive environment where teachers are hands on and each student has an Advocate Counselor who is actively involved to help students reach their goals.
ACCESS TO THE BEST

BROOKLYN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM MODEL FEATURES:
- Experienced and dedicated teaching staff that provides general academic and standardized test support.
- Advocate Counselors who work with students to ensure good attendance, daily counseling, tutoring and referrals.
- Paid internship opportunities for students to obtain experience working at businesses and nonprofits.
- Guidance and hands on support to prepare college applications, essays and financial aid forms.
- Visits to colleges to help in their selection process.
- Job coaching, mock interview sessions, resume writing assistance, and employment opportunities.
- Tutors and volunteers that offer their experience and skills to assist with classes and testing.

MORE BROOKLYN LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS
Advocate Counselors facilitate daily Advisory Groups to strengthen students' academic and social well-being, giving students the space to communicate, grow and build community. Advisory classes include: goal setting, academics and community, life skills, and post-secondary support with college and vocational training. Students can access college advisory sessions, college exam preparation, financial aid information, and tours of local colleges. Staff organizes PSAT testing and CUNY Application Day for prospective graduates.

BCS SPEAKERS BUREAU
BCS offers a monthly Speakers Bureau series in which professionals from different walks of life come to the school to discuss their journey, career options and real life experiences with our students that have inspired students and helped to change their lives. In addition to our speakers sharing their career highlights, guest speakers often also share their compelling stories of overcoming hardships and adversity. It is empowering when students can hear first-hand from prominent leaders how challenges never stopped them from reaching their goals.

NYC’S LEARNING TO WORK PROGRAM
BHSLCS connects 75 students with internships through various partner organizations and local small businesses, as well as BCS’s program sites, such as Duffield Children’s Center and Bedford Stuyvesant Family Center. Students are able to work in paid internship positions while attending school. They also participate in monthly seminars to help support their growth, improve their skill set and build professionalism.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BROOKLYN HIGH SCHOOL FOR LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, CALL THE MAIN NUMBER: 718-638-3062.
OUR VISION

Brooklyn Community Services envisions ONE Brooklyn Community where all young people are academically and personally prepared to pursue their dreams; where all members of our community can access an excellent education, job opportunities, safe and affordable housing, and quality and affordable mental health and wellness programs.