

# Parent/Family Orientation Bethune College 2021



# Welcome to York University

Lassonde School of Engineering\*Faculty of Science\*Bethune College



# Welcome

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# What is Bethune College?



Students' out-of-classroom home

*<https://bethune.yorku.ca>*

# What are we here for today?

1. Elements of student success
2. How Bethune can support your child's transition to university
3. How you can support your child's transition
4. Answer your questions -  
Engineering, Science and  
Bethune College



# Transitions can be challenging

- New environment
- New people
- New rules
- Faster pace
- More independent learning
- New study strategies
- New sources of support



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# What makes a successful student?

## **1. Feeling Connected**

- to students, staff, professors
- sense of belonging
- identify with their program, college, university

## **2. Feeling Capable**

- role and expectations
- academic skills
- make a positive contribution

## **3. Being Resourceful**

- information, help
- self awareness

## **4. Sense of Purpose**

- goals
- interest, commitment, motivation

## **5. Sense of Culture**

- share university's values and ethics
- understand nature of academic integrity

# What makes a successful student?

Self Awareness

Help Seeking

Health and  
Wellbeing

Time  
management

Getting Involved

Study Groups



# How can Bethune College help?

- Academic Support & Services
- Social Connections
- Intramural Sports, Clubs
- Student Space and Facilities



# Math Background Preparation

- Free to all Science and Lasonde Students
- ALEKS mathematics preparation software
- Adaptive modules provide personalized support
- Access until Summer 2022
- **Capability/Resourcefulness**

Science: [bcmath@yorku.ca](mailto:bcmath@yorku.ca)

Lasonde: [bcaleks@yorku.ca](mailto:bcaleks@yorku.ca)



# Peer Mentoring

- Every 1<sup>st</sup> year incoming science student is paired with a senior student mentor
- **Objective:** to provide new students with a knowledgeable “friend” to answer general questions and direct them to resources. A helping hand for adapting to university life.
- **Connectedness/Capability/Resourcefulness/  
Purpose/Culture**

# Peer Tutoring



- Free tutoring in 1<sup>st</sup>-year BIOL, CHEM, EECS, MATH, PHYS
- Staffed by 50+ A student volunteers
- **Connectedness/Capability/Culture**

# PASS

- **Peer Assisted Study Sessions** led by strong students who have taken the course and are trained to facilitate
- First-year BIOL, CHEM, MATH, PHYS, EECS & others
- **Connectedness/Capability/Resourcefulness/Purpose/Culture**



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# Class Representatives

- Students taking the course
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year major/core courses
- Make announcements, organize study groups, liaise with course instructor
- Involved/leadership
- **Connectedness/capability/purpose/culture**



# Bethune Writing Centre (BC206)

Dr. Kathryn Allyn

Free to Bethune College students

- scientific and technical writing, lab reports, essays
- One-on-one and small group support
- **Connectedness/Capability/Resourcefulness**
- Online for fall



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# Individual Advising

## Professor Skelton and Professor Wilson



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# Wednesday Workshops

- Career Centre Workshops
- Learning Skills Workshops
- Professional School Seminars
  - E.g. How to get into Medical School
- Health and Wellness
- + others

# Bethune College Council

## Student Government

- College social life
- Peer support
- Sports
- Special events, trips, activities
- Leadership experience
- Contributing to student life



# Intramural Sports

- Competitive & recreational levels



# Clubs

York University has over 400 recognized clubs.  
Bethune College hosts these:

- Astronomy Club
- Atmospheric Science Club
- Biology Society (YUBS)
- Biophysics Club
- Can. Assoc. Regenerative Medicine
- Can. Immunology Research Assoc
- Can. Satellite Design Challenge
- Chemistry Society
- Club Infinity
- Fencing at York
- First Aid at York
- Geography and Env. Sci. Society
- Inst. Of Transp. Engineers @YorkU
- Kendo Club
- Lassonde Student Government
- Lexicon
- Let's Talk Science
- Lions Archery
- NATS-AID
- Neurology Research Association
- Not Just Tourists
- Physics Society
- Pre-Dental Association
- Pre-Med Society
- Project Start! Science Canada
- Robotics Society
- Science Student Caucus
- Student Ombuds Service (SOS)
- Wildlife Society
- York University Anime and Magna Association (YAMA)

# How can you support your child this year?

Empathy

Support  
Exploration

Encourage  
self-care

Expect a few  
low grades

Encourage  
help-seeking

# QUESTIONS?

