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Women's Center New Director Iva Brito Creates Safe, Supportive Environment

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Iva Brito, director of women's center at Bristol.

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Iva Brito is the new director for the women's center, a center for the female students of Bristol Community College. According to Brito "the mission of the center is to provide a safe and supportive space of empowerment and efficacy and education."

By providing this, it is allowing the students to connect through the outside world and the classroom. The women's center will be offering student programs, workshops and lectures by raising issues in women in gender issues. For example, the center has the monthly "Stories that Inspire" series. The second

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BCC CHANGES TO BRISTOL

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Bristol Community College has a buzz going on. What is it? The college is rebranding itself. Say goodbye to BCC, say hello to Bristol.

Vice President of College Communications Joyce Brennan stated the direction of Bristol's new brand came from President Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D. Brennan also stated with the rebranding that the college is doing a marketing campaign called "Your dreams are within your reach."

President Douglas wanted to elevate the community college in our region, but in general also. Brennan stated, "Douglas wanted to change the perception overall for community colleges."

According to Brennan in a Bristol press release, the new logo announces that "there is a transformation taking place. The design clarifies who we are and signifies the collegiate experience that Bristol students receive. We know that some people will always refer to us as BCC. What is important to us is that everyone, no matter where they live, understands who we are and what we have to offer. Our online programs have been rapidly growing, and we serve 20 towns throughout southeastern Massachusetts. Our brand must be clear, modern and represent the top-quality education every Bristol graduate receives. We are 'one college' with locations in Attleboro, Fall River, New Bedford, Taunton and online. It does not matter where you choose to go, you will receive the same, quality education."

First and foremost, we are a community college here to serve the educational needs and further the economic development of Bristol county.

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Brian Casey, managing editor.

New students, welcome to the start of your education; returning students, welcome to another semester! If you are a transfer student or going out into the bad world of employment after Bristol, you have made a great choice coming to Bristol Community College.

This semester, a lot has happened around campus. A huge change on campus is our new logo (Goodbye BCC. Hello Bristol. May BCC rest in peace.) Also, we have a name for our mascot. When you see a big hawk walking around

Bristol, make sure you say "hi," or even give a hi-five.

For this student newspaper, The HAWK, our biggest, most important change is we now have an office on the Fall River campus! You can find us at G building, room G116. We are always looking for writers, photographers and graphic designers. Get involved. We have a lot of fun, and do important work.

Also, I would like to thank all the help we received at our old location at Davol St., especially Mike Ozug from IT. If we had a technical issue, he was right there to solve it. If he couldn't fix it, he would research it and find us an answer. Also, I would like to thank the security guard Mike for all the help you gave to us. We hope you stop by our new office and say hello.

With great appreciation, Brian Casey








Brian Casey and staff writer, Andrew Carey.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR*

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On Thursday, October 11, 2018, Fall River has entered the national spotlight. Not for anything good. Our city has become a national disgrace because on October 11, our Mayor Jasiel F. Correia II was charged with 13 federal counts of defrauding investors and for filing false tax returns. The story has also received more national attention because the mayor has added fuel to the fire and has made a mockery of the situation, and the city by coming out of court after being arraigned laughing, stating that this is “not my best Thursday” after speaking to reporters.

He was arrogantly refusing to resign after multiple state politicians have called for his resignation and stating that the investigation and the charges stem from his “political enemies,” undermining our federal authorities, challenging the city of Fall River to recall him holding an infomercial in city hall regarding to his failed and corrupt SnoOwl, even though the mayor stated that the investigation is a private matter.

There was a massive protest rally calling for the mayor’s resignation, held that following Tuesday before a special meeting of the Fall River City Council that was brought up to discuss the mayor’s criminal matter and to potentially remove him. Two out of the nine councilors objected to the vote which automatically tabled any vote to condemn or remove the mayor via section 3-8 of the Fall River City Charter to a future date.

The circus surrounding the mayor has reached national media, such as The New York Times, Fox News, The Boston Herald, NBC News, The Washington

Post, as well as every local media site in New England. This defiantly puts a black eye on our city. Another downside to all of this is that this will hurt our city’s already faltering economic development. Will business owners and realtors want to locate or do business in a city that is being dragged through the mud by Mayor Correia? Will we receive more state and federal funding to help improve our city? We will not.

The mayor also claims that because he was “elected and re-elected” by the voters, he should not be indicted. In both the 2015 and 2017 municipal preliminary elections, the mayor did come in first place, however the victories were only pluralities and the mayor failed to receive 50 percent of the vote.

The fact the mayor brings up his “victories” (whether he was a popular mayor or not is a story for another day) is very arrogant, the fact he would not gracefully resign and be humble, and the fact that the mayor would be selfish enough to drag this wonderful city on the rise through the mud proves he does not love Fall River? Does our mayor have a pathological and sociopathic disorder? He certainly does not love our city. A part of the mayor’s bail deal, is that he must stay employed. He also needs his salary to pay for legal fees and to maintain his campaign account which is full of money. This mayor is fighting for himself, and only cares about himself. What is your opinion on this? Does this fiasco hurt the city’s image and does this push us back from the progress our city has made?

I believe it is time to recall Mayor Jasiel F. Correia II.

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NEWS

SINGLE MOTHERS STRIVE FOR EDUCATION

Ashley Medeiros | Student Contributor | Submitted from COM 112

Students here at Bristol Community College have the same goal in life, getting a degree. Getting a degree is not that simple for some students that are single parents. The students who are parents may work full time, go to class full time or part time whether it is morning or night classes, and have to juggle being a single mother with support or no support. Here at Bristol Community College there is a daycare. They are able to register the child, if they are between the ages of nine months till about six years old.

Haley Rego, a young girl from Swansea was just 18 years old when she first got pregnant. At the time of her first child, she got her GED diploma a month after dropping out of high school. Life for Rego was not all that perfect, as everyone around her thought. Rego had little support from the child's father and had to get state assistance. Then it dawned on her that going back to school was the best option for her and her child. "I picked day classes at Bristol Community College. My major was dentistry because my daughter went to daycare on campus. After being at school all day, I would go to work at night as a waitress," said Rego. Rego had also mentioned that, even though her professors had no sympathy for her being a mother, she did not care.

She got pregnant again at 20 years old during the last semester of college. Rego said "a couple months after I gave birth, I went back to school and I did my clinicals." Regardless of the age she had both her daughters, giving them both a great life was her motivation.

A single mother Breana Couto knows what that is like. As a single mother of a now eight-month-old little girl, full-time student, plus working, and with no help from any of the father's side, it is hard. "Although I know school is important, my child will always come first, whether it be nighttime cuddles over studying, she will always be my first priority" said Couto. Couto had found out she was expecting when she had just finished the prerequisites for her nursing program.

Couto takes a mixture of times for her classes. She added that her professors did not care about them being parents. If her child was sick or there was an emergency, her professors could have cared any less, as if it was such an inconvenience to them. "My mother helps out as much as she can and I put her in daycare," Couto said. She said she was going to school for herself, but now that she is a single mother, that all changes. She is going to school because in the long run, it will benefit their life more.

Although being a single parent is difficult at some times with school, at the end of the day, it is worth it. "No matter how stressful the school life will get, my daughters will have a better life than I did," said Rego. If both Breana Couto and Haley Rego can be single mothers, go to school, work, and pick up their children from daycare, it is possible that any single mother can do it.

Iva Brito Women's Center Continued...

one is on Wednesday, November 14 at 11 a.m. with Gia Sanchez, who is the title IX officer for the college.

Currently the hours for the center are Monday - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., "with hopes of more hours in the future," said Brito. The services provided will be "firstmost to have students come in and feel comfortable," Brito stressed.

According to Brito, data was collected before the center was open on what type of services would be desired by women. By overwhelming responses, students wanted to have a place that they would feel "safe and supported," Brito said.

With these goals in mind, there is a study area for students to help them with their studies and also a lending library for students to borrow books on women's issues and subjects. Pamphlets are also available of various resources for students in need. The women's center also has a book club that is centered around women issues in some way.

Also, the women's center provides female students with an opportunity to get professional clothes that they might need for an interview and will also be providing a women's circle that students can come and talk about different issues that are affecting them. In addition, the center is located next to the nurse's room, and they will provide a lactation room for students that might be nursing.

Brito also stated she would love to hear from other students on how the center would be useful, and she also welcomes the idea of professors inviting her to their class to talk about the women's center. She can be reached by email (Iva.Brito@bristolcc.edu), by phone (x2954), and facebook (bccwomenscenter).



The women's center has inviting space to read and relax.

Photograph by: **Brian Casey.**

ROB DELALEU IS THERE FOR OTHERS

Jon O'Connor | Student Contributor | Submitted from COM 112



Robert Delaleu.

Photograph by: **Brian Casey.**

Whether he is at work or coaching, Rob Delaleu makes an impact daily on students' lives. Delaleu is the acting director of the multicultural student center at Bristol Community College, which is located on the Fall River campus, building G, room 220. According to their website, "the purpose of the multicultural student center is to provide adequate space where students can get work done and meet new people."

Just because it says cultural, that doesn't mean it is only race-related. "It's not just racial and cultural based. We provide help for different affinity groups like LGBTQ and the office of disability services," said Delaleu.

Delaleu wanted to become the acting director of the multicultural center because he can relate to a lot of the students who he either works with or comes by his office. "Being a person of color, I know how hard it can be to adapt to situations and environments," said Delaleu.

When he's not at work, Delaleu is coaching the game he loves--basketball. Delaleu has been the head coach for the Bristol men's basketball team for the last 10 years. He coached the team this year to win the 2017-2018 MCCAC Championship. Delaleu was also named NJCAA Region XXI Coach of the Year.

One student who Delaleu has helped on and off the court is a player of his Luis Rosario Rivera. Rivera came over from Puerto Rico to go to school and fulfill a basketball dream. Rivera didn't speak a word of English when he first came from Puerto Rico. That didn't stop Delaleu from helping Luis in every way possible.

"He didn't hesitate," Rivera remembers. "He said, 'I'm going to help you.'

I love him like a dad, to be honest. He helped me on the court and off the court."

As published in the article from southcoasttoday.com, Delaleu isn't just fond of by his students and athletes, his staff has a lot of great things to say about him.

One person who works with Delaleu daily is his staff associate Melissa Rogers. Rogers said, "He's a great person with good intentions. He doesn't just say something. He actually does what he says he's going to do." Rogers also added, "Even when students graduate, even if they weren't on the basketball team, he stays in contact. He wants to make sure they are going down the right path, just like a mentor."

Delaleu's biggest accomplishment is seeing people succeed. "I love being able to make a difference in students' lives. When they achieve, I achieve," Delaleu said.



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BCC Changes to Bristol Continued...

Through innovative curriculum and a top-rated education, we are also one of the leading higher education resources in Massachusetts," said Douglas.

"When we create a college-going culture in our region, where students graduate and assume good jobs, we change lives for the better. Our new brand reaffirms this commitment to the community," Douglas added.

"Many times, the people who live in our communities don't think that the college education is within reach. But we want them to know that you can attend college without racking up student debt. And for those adults who are preparing for college, we offer a high school equivalency program, English as a second language courses and credit for work experience," Douglas said.

According to Brennan, the college partnered with Brandigo, a Massachusetts-based brand strategy agency. Bristol will also be doing a marketing campaign that will include digital, billboards and web.

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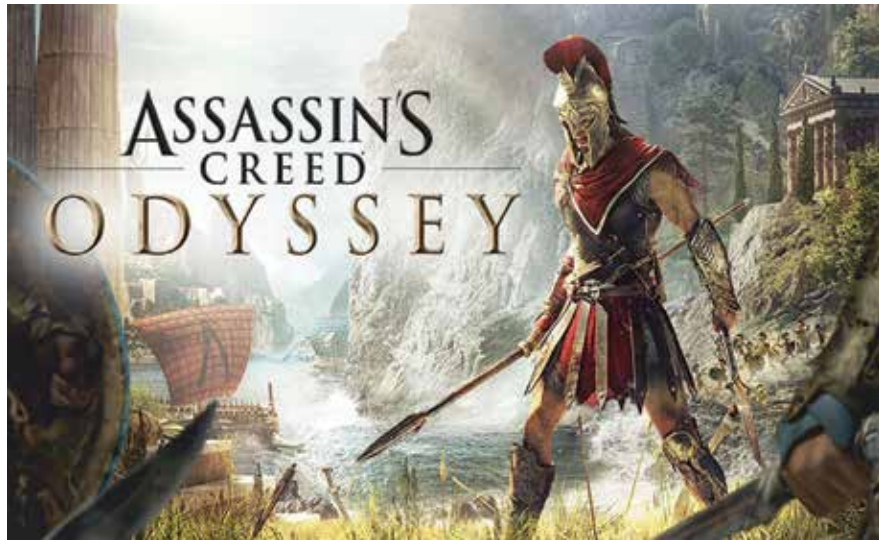
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 GAME REVIEWS

Assassin's Creed Odyssey Review

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Assassin's Creed Odyssey is an open world filled with action and adventure. The game first takes you to Thermopylae where King Leonidas briefs his soldiers, then prepares for battle. The battle commences and ends with you defeating a Persian brute. The graphics are amazing in this game from jumping in the water, the Greek landscape, and the character expressions. In the game, when you take a dive in the water, you can see how realistic it gets from the water appearing on the screen. The landscape brings you back to that period with statues and temples of different gods and goddesses.

When you first start the game with your assassins, there is an enormous statue of Zeus sitting atop the Kephallonia Islands. The mountains and ports provide a glimpse of what the terrain was at that time in Ancient Greece and how it was mostly hilly with more civilization as in cities or towns near the ports. The character expressions in this game are also great because you can tell when your character is mad or confused without saying a word.

The game lets you choose your own decisions, with there being no wrong answers, but there will be consequences for every decision you make. So, you can either have a conscience, be more of a romantic character, or be a murderer. The character's decisions affect the world around you, as quests can appear due to your deeds. In these quests, side characters can live and die. For example, I was trying to protect a side character, but I failed to protect him, even when I was trying to, and he ended up dying.

The other game mechanics show the level of difficulty. Controls, sound and music are also nice and new. The level of difficulty has four difficulty settings

with them being easy, normal, hard, and nightmare. I went with easy because I want to get adjusted to the game first before I switched to a harder difficulty setting. The game has two kinds of controls with one being default and the other being alternate. I chose the default settings, as I think it would be easier to figure out for now. The sound and music are great, as it clearly goes well with the concept of Ancient Greece and the campaign.

The game has a vast assortment of armor and weapons with the ability to engrave your weapons, which will upgrade your perks. I have had some of my weapons and armor engraved, and it lists the perks such as four to assassin damage, four to warrior damage, and so on. It also has different kinds of abilities which include venomous attacks, Sparta kick, bull rush, and many more. One of the abilities I have is bull rush, where you can shove yourself at an enemy, and it can inflict some damage. The different abilities can either slightly hurt an enemy or hurt an enemy bad depending on how strong they are as fighters.

All in all, Assassin's Creed is the great upcoming game to buy this week. The game has good graphics and a good plot. For history people, such as myself, I think this game will suit you. I would recommend getting the original game to save some money.

The series is published by Ubisoft with the developer being Ubisoft Montreal. Assassin's Creed Odyssey can be bought from GameStop, Walmart, Target, and even online from companies such as Amazon or eBay. If you want to preorder it, your best bet is to go to GameStop because at GameStop, you can get power up rewards. This helps lower the price of the game.

The game at GameStop also comes with more editions of the game such as the Steelbook Edition, the Ultimate Edition, Gold Edition, Deluxe Edition, and the Original game. The Steelbook Edition of Assassin's Creed Odyssey costs \$109.99, the Deluxe Edition costs \$79.99, the Ultimate Edition costs \$119.99, the Gold Edition costs \$99.99 and the original game costs \$59.99. The Steelbook Edition comes with two season passes and a preorder mission, the Ultimate Edition comes with Kronos Gear Pack, Herald of Dusk Gear Pack, Capricornus Gear Pack, and some online boosts.

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