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Intro to Connections

Welcome to the all-new BC "Connections" Newsletter, your monthly resource for bite sized **ATD/Guided Pathways** updates! This month, shout-outs go to:

BC faculty members **Jeremiah Allen, Christina Sciabarra, & Cathy King!**

Jeremiah Allen

Jeremiah is our new First Year Seminar (FYS) Chair and a full-time instructor in the English department. Jeremiah takes over from **Christina Sciabarra** who led the induction of the FYS program at BC and who accepted a tenure track position in Political Science.

Cathy King

We thank Cathy for the administrative support she provided for the FYS program. Cathy has been an indispensable resource to the Career Center and the Connected Learning Division. She will be retiring at the end of Fall quarter. Congratulations to Jeremiah, Christina, and Cathy!

And we could use your help!

FYS is looking for a **Peer Mentor Lead** for the winter and spring quarters to help reach out to students. If you know of a student who would be great for this role, encourage them to contact **Jeremiah** to apply!



ATD Resources

What is ATD?

ATD or "Achieving the Dream" is a national framework for improving its student success initiatives which Bellevue College adopted and made their own as **Guided Pathways**. To learn more about BC's Approach to ATD, including information on our **"Bulldog Trail"**, the BC's Guided Pathways model, and other workgroups YOU can become a part of, browse **BC's ATD Homepage**.



December Highlights

First-Year Seminars (FYS)

The **First-Year Seminar (FYS)** program was implemented in academic year 2021-2022 as 3-credit, quarter-long courses that are designed to help students explore their strengths, identities, and long-term career and academic goals.

What's Happening:

- This course is a graduation requirement for students who are seeking to complete the **Associate in Arts and Sciences – Direct Transfer Agreement (AAS-DTA)**.
- FYS is now part of New Student Orientation (NSOs) and advisors help students find FYS sections that support specific cohorts such as STEM and Running Start.
- Recently, FYS has developed two sections to help serve under-represented and BIPOC students with courses reserved for Umoja Scholars and PUENTE members.
- An upcoming effort is underway to outreach to students who are missing the FYS requirement for graduation, connecting to them via email and ctLink.

For more information and to stay up to date with all work teams, check out **ATD Milestones!**

How to Get Involved

We want you to be a part of student success! Three ways to learn more include:

- **To learn** more about this volume's highlighted work team, connect with **Jeremiah Allen**, the FYS Chair.
- **To attend** one of our ATD Core meetings held on the second Monday of every month from 3-4:30 pm. The link to join is via MS Teams.

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
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Conference ID: 297 354 609#

- **To connect** an employee or student to the work, email us at **atdcomm@bellevuecollege.edu**.



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