

# Center for Diversity Education and Advocacy

The Center for Diversity Education and Advocacy (CDEA) celebrates, embraces and promotes the diverse cultural backgrounds and experiences, as well as the intersectionality of the different identities that each member of BC brings to the community. The center acts as a catalyst for building bridges between people through dialogue, development of intercultural competency, empathy and social and interpersonal interactions.

Our center offers a variety of programs throughout the entire academic year and present students with opportunities to explore and engage in conversations about diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice to increase understanding across differences and to enhance a more welcoming and a more inclusive campus climate for all. We prepare our students to live and work in community with others and we provide them with intercultural skills, awareness and knowledge they will need to be leaders in our global society.

Safe Zone workshops, DEI trainings, heritage month celebrations, informal gatherings, educational engagements, presentations and campus-wide events are among the programs sponsored by the center. Additionally, our team is available to advocate for student success, as well as provide one-on-one time with members of the BC community.

We have space in the Kline Campus Center (KCC) where the Associate Dean of Students for Diversity and Inclusion and the College Chaplain have an office. Our Center for Diversity Education and Advocacy houses the office for the Assistant Director for Diversity Education and Advocacy and the Eagle Success Program, which is designed to assist first-generation and historically underrepresented students as they transition from high school to Bridgewater College. The Center is physically located on 112 College View Drive.

The programs, services and leadership opportunities are posted on the student life social media pages, on myBC, and the Diversity and Inclusion webpage. We encourage all BC students, faculty and staff to learn about ways to engage.

## Facility Features

- Study/lounge space
- Gender neutral restroom
- Safe zone space
- Conference room
- Kitchen
- Small library
- Office/school supplies
- Game room
- Outdoor patio with picnic tables and hammocks