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# BECNO BLAST

## Crescent City Connections 2025



**First, we educate, then we celebrate!!**

For the first time ever, Bard Office of Alumni/ae Affairs, BECNO, and Bard Early College Alumni/ae Network joined forces to produce the first annual networking event **“Crescent City Connections.”** BECNO was happy to welcome guests to build community partnerships, career connections, and to reminisce over memories and learning experiences.



### Songs For the People

“Songs For The People” and “Cafe Istanbul” sent out the invitation, and BECNO and friends showed up for a magical event of music, poetry, and fundraising! BECNO students had the opportunity to perform in front of a diverse audience. We are so proud. Thank you “Songs For The People” for the support toward spring field trips!



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# FIELD TRIPS



## All-Campus College Tour to Loyola University

Preparing of students for a smooth transition into four-year colleges is our main focus at Bard Early College New Orleans. The Fall semester has been filled with field trips and activities that provide our students with a whole range of life experiences. We are grateful for all the partnerships that help educate our students.



October 30, BECNO students visited the historic [St Roch Cemetery in the 8th Ward](#). Students toured the grounds, learned about New Orleans' burial traditions, and the people interred at the cemetery. Two representatives from the New Orleans Archdiocese met with the students and opened the chapel to allow them to view a relic of St. Roch. Exploring historic sites like St. Roch is one of the best ways for students to make connections and deepen their appreciation of their city and its history.



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# BECNO Visits LOOP NOLA



## All-Campus Field Trip to LOOP NOLA Recreation Center

Thanks to Gaudet Fund Community Grant, LOOP NOLA provided our students with social-emotional skillsets that will help them transition to life at a 4-year institution of learning. Students participated in team-building activities that enhanced their communication skills, and encouraged leadership even in students who are reserved.



# VISITORS @ BECNO!!

## Author, Annell Lopez, *I'll Give You a Reason*

One common practice at BECNO has been to invite the authors of the our seminar books to visit our campus and talk with our students. This semester BECNO was proud to receive Annell Lopez, author of *I'll Give You a Reason*, a book we studied this Fall. Ms. Lopez graciously held two sessions of talks with our students so as to accommodate everyone. We are grateful for the time she spent educating our students and answering their questions.



*happy new year*

### FYI Dates

**Family Night:** Tuesday, February 3

**Mardi Gras Break:** February 16 - 20

**Midterms:** March 4 - 5

**Midterm Family Conferences:** March 11

**Make-up Picture Day:** March 12

**Showcase:** April 17

**Finals:** April 29 -30

**Commencement:** May 9

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