



The Baltimore City College Choir

Greetings City College Choir Family,

I hope that this email finds you and your family in good health and spirit. I am Mr. Marcus Smith, Choral Director for the Baltimore City College Choir and Music Educator at Baltimore City College. This year has been challenging for us all. In spite of the current situation, we are encouraged to be grateful for everything, such as our family and friends. We are also encouraged to embrace equality and unity among communities.

Every new school year brings a special type of excitement. Personally, I am very excited to meet our new choir members, to reunite with our returning choir members and explore our possibilities both musically and intellectually. If you are new, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back. Please visit our website (www.friendsofbccc.org) to learn about the legacy of the City College Choir.

Last school year 2020-2021, the choir completed one holiday virtual concert and a series of musical selections. Thank you to everyone who participated in the virtual rehearsals and performances. Through the Friends of the Choir, Inc. we were able to award three graduating seniors with scholarships. Congratulations! Thank you for helping to continue the vision. You are a group of resilient "Choir Knights".

We are still in the midst of the pandemic, therefore, we must remain vigilant. Right now, we are uncertain how the pandemic will progress or diminish. **Whether virtual and/or in person, we want you to participate in the Baltimore City College Choir.** Due to restrictions, we must organize a 'plan A' and 'plan B'. With both plans reaching the same goal of educating, performing, team building and representing with excellence.

This school year, we will rehearse as a full choir on Wednesdays at 2:50 P.M.- 3:50 P.M. in the choir room (011-1). Further details will be communicated about rehearsals at a later date. I am pleased to announce that we are invited to perform a few performances at the Joseph Symphony Meyerhoff with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Tony Award Winner, Broadway Performer, Andre DeShields. This performance opportunity is one of a few. Again, further details will be shared at a later date.

We have provided a short survey for new and former choir members. This survey will assist us with organizing the upcoming school year. **We ask that you visit our website and complete the appropriate form for new choir members, returning choir members, and/or unsubscribe. (www.friendsofbccc.org/enrollment)** If you have any questions or concerns, please send me an email marcus.smith@baltimorecitycollege.us.

In closing, please enjoy your summer break, I miss you all. Please remember to practice safe and healthy habits. I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Musically yours,

Mr. Smith