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Congratulations to the graduating class of 2005!



“...Thirst is my motivation
Education my foundation,
Creativity my direction,
Preparation my standard...”

*Quotation from the poem “Doubt” In [Embracing Change](#)
by Adele Browne*

BEOC staff and faculty are always proud to see students and alumni excel in their studies and careers. In this issue of the BEOC VOICE a few students and alumni have been asked to share their journeys with you. We hope you are encouraged and inspired by these life stories .



Ms. Jadwiga Waszczyk was born in Poland and for the past 18 years she has been a hairdresser in Brooklyn. Having completed the GED program at Long Beach High School, Ms. Waszczyk enrolled in the computerized bookkeeping program at the Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center. Jadwiga says that during this year she has learned more than throughout most of her life and has enjoyed this time immensely. Thanks to the BEOC Ms. Waszczyk has more faith in her abilities and upon graduation intends to find new employment and continue her education at Kingsborough Community College.



Mr. Sampson T. Beawin was born in December 24, 1961, in Liberia, West Africa where he obtained his high school diploma. He emigrated to the USA during the Liberia War. In 1992, he came to the United States as a refugee. Mr. Beawin began his studies at the BEOC in December 2004. He is acquiring computer skills so that he can work and support himself while pursuing his long-term goal of a college degree in International Relations and Modern Diplomacy. He will graduate in June 2005.