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- **New BCC logic model demonstrates how annual college activities, goals connect to college-wide plans**

BCC instructor Scott Hoshida and Denise Jennings, interim Title III director, report that BCC's Special Projects Coordinating Team recently developed a logic model to demonstrate how annual college activities and goals, undertaken in different project areas, strategically connect to long-term institutional goals that make college-wide impacts. For example, BCC's English, ESL, and Mathematics departments have streamlined their pre-transfer programs based on research that shows lengthy basic-skills sequences often lead to student attrition and failure. To support BCC students as they progress, coordination and communication with the Student Services Department also will be improved via a First-Year Experience campaign. Project assessment and collaboration will take place in Teaching/Learning Center workshops and in the college's Assessment Committee. The new model can help the college achieve goals to equitably improve student success and shows how BCC will attain these goals. A logic model draft is available to review, with a progress review set for January 2013.

- **Local high school students, parents praise Berkeley City College Orientation**

Despite the stormy weather, more than 65 high school students and their parents attended a Berkeley City College Orientation (BCCO) on Saturday, Dec. 1 in the college's auditorium. Both parents and students praised the event as providing useful and informative tools for getting into college. BCC will hold a similar, more expansive event in spring 2013.

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- **Mary Webb's *Living Room Revolution*:**

- ***The Race Dialogues* encourages discussions on racism**

English and creative writing instructor Mary Webb, with her film-making partner Kate Mayer recently completed *Living Room Revolution: The Race Dialogues*, a short documentary based on dialogues centered on race and racism. Webb has been hosting the dialogues at her Berkeley home for the last 12 years and this was her inaugural foray into filmmaking.

The documentary's made its world premier at the International Film Festival of Cinematic Art in Los Angeles, Fri., Nov. 30, 2012. Through their pioneering work, Webb and Mayer hope to inspire people around the United States to begin dialogues on racism in their living rooms.

A *Living Room Revolution* screening will take place at Berkeley City College, 12-1:15 p.m., Wed., Feb. 27, in the college's auditorium. For details about their work, visit www.livingroomrev.com.

- **All invited to "Portals",**

- **BCC Digital Arts Club's spring 2013 exhibit**

"Portals," the BCC Digital Arts Club's spring 2013 show, is on exhibit in the college's Jerry L. Adams Gallery from Fri., Jan. 25 through Wed., Mar. 6. An artists reception is scheduled for Fri., Feb. 8. The show is free and open to the public. The Adams Gallery is located on the 1st floor at BCC, 2050 Center St., between Milvia St. & Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley.

For a show preview, visit the DAC web site at:

<http://www.digitalartsclub.com/index.php/exhibitions/portals-2013>

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- **BCC's Green Career Pathways students present to students at Berkeley's MLK Middle School**

Berkeley City College PERSIST coordinator Chris Lebo-Planas and BCC's Green Career Pathways (GCP) cohort (GCP) on Fri., Dec. 7, visited Jeff Selk's 7th grade AVID classroom at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School. Cohort students showed their Multimedia presentations about Waste, Water and Energy. After the presentation, they fielded questions on environmental justice from 25 engaged middle schoolers. GCP participants also answered technical questions about how they created their Power Point presentations.

The students are finishing their first semester at BCC, while working afternoons in paid internships that prepare them for a certificate pathway or entry-level employment in a green career. When students complete the program, they develop and lead community multimedia presentations to middle school students on the basic principles of environmental literacy and the possibilities of employment in the green economy.

Special thanks Sabrina Nelson, Multimedia Arts instructor and Esther Suarez, instructor for ROOTS of Success for their commitment and dedication to the project.

Green Career Pathways is a collaboration with two BCC community partners: Rising Sun and Solar Richmond. BCC's program is funded through a CTE Community Collaborative grant from the State Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges. Our community partners also receive grant funds. Both college and community partners leverage their resources to support Green Career Pathways.

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