

News for the Board
May 10, 2011

- **Berkeley City College's 2011 Commencement: 7 p.m.,
Wed., May 25, at UC's Zellerbach Hall Auditorium**

Berkeley City College's 2011 Commencement takes place at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 25 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall Auditorium. The college will celebrate more than 170 graduates this year. Be there to congratulate our students. They have worked hard for this accomplishment and look forward to seeing you there.

- **BCC pilots acceleration models in English and Math,
First Year Experience for High School Students**

BCC is about to launch acceleration models in English and math. First year Experience consists of a series of cohort programs with extra support and dedicated student services built in for first-year BCC students. Cohort programs that will be part of the fall semester are the Global Studies Program, PERSIST, Roots of Success Experimental Literacy Program, Program for Adult College Education and Public and Human Services Programs.

- **BCC alum Lark Omura is college's 4th Jack Kent Cooke Scholar**

Recent BCC grad Lark Omura is winner of the 2011 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$30,000 per year for students who transfer to universities from community colleges and finish their bachelor's degrees. Omura was one of 60 recipients nationwide. She is the fourth BCC student to win the award in eight-years. Other BCC winners were Sam Barnett (2010), Michael Hamm (2007), and Jinghee Park (2004).

- **BCC political science instructor Matt Freeman participates in Stanford University
Panel on Teaching Human Rights**

BCC political science instructor Matt Freeman was selected as a panelist for Stanford University's Saturday, June 4 conference on, "Teaching Human Rights in a Global Context." Freeman's classroom initiatives, including creation of BCC's Civic Engagement Club, are considered models that educate and inspire students and colleagues.

- **Berkeley's 9th Annual Poetry Fest, joins with BCC Arts Fest, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sat., May 21 at BCC,
to present award-winning work**

Poets from Berkeley City College's *Milvia Street Art and Literary Journal* will be featured at Berkeley's 9th Annual Poetry Festival, set for Sat., May 21st, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at BCC's Auditorium, 2050 Center St., Berkeley. The *Milvia Street* feature will be lead by BCC English instructor Sharon Coleman. BCC creators poetry, art work, traditional and digital artists will be featured in BCC's atrium level, in front of the college's auditorium. The festival also will introduce the public to work of community poets who read throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The Arts Festival was organized by Marcia Poole and Berkeley City College instructors Jan Dove & Sharon Coleman.

The Arts Festival features artists who published in *Milvia Street Art and Literary Journal*; prize winning contributors from BCC's Digital Arts Club; traditional artists and those who created Berkeley City College's Mural Project.

- **BCC Annual Digital Film Festival set for 6 p.m., Fri., May 27 at BCC**

Berkeley City College's Multimedia Arts students and graduates hold their annual Spring Digital Film Festival to showcase award-winning work in digital film, animation and art, 6-9 p.m., Fri., May 27 at Berkeley City College's auditorium, 2050 Center St., Berkeley. The event is open and free to the public with a suggested \$5 donation at the door. For details, contact Marissa Aroy at marissa@mediafactory.tv or Michel Bohbot at michelb@jps.net.

- **BCC Multimedia Arts alum Phil Hall exhibits digital auto images in L.A., Oakland galleries**

Digital automobile images by Multimedia Arts alum Phil Hall are featured in two exhibits this spring: On the Road: The Ever-Present Presence of the Automobile is at the "1650 Gallery," 1650 Echo Park Ave in Los Angeles and "Dreams, Angels, Gods, Phantoms, Fish, Cars and Landscapes," highlights his work at the Uptown Body & Fender, 401 26th Street, between Broadway and Telegraph in Oakland. For details, contact Phil at phil@philiphallimagesandlight.com or at (510) 879-7700.

- **1st year BCC student Mohammad Anwar featured in S.F. Chronicle**

BCC student Mohammad Anwar was featured in a front page article of the S.F. Chronicle's Tue., Apr. 26 edition. The piece depicted Anwar's struggles to reach the U.S., as well as how he is helping youth at Berkeley High. Anwar also takes classes at College of Alameda and at Laney College. Read his story at www.sfgate.com. Type Berkeley City College in the S.F. Gate search engine to reach the story.

- **BCC Expands Learning Resources Center extension, homework lab in Rm. 125**

BCC has expanded its Learning Resources Center and a homework lab. Though only the first stage of the new, more integrated and accessible Learning Resources Center, the facility will include 30 laptop and ten desktop computers which already are part of the space. Title III funds will enable BCC to order more. Besides tutoring sessions and more open space for computer usage, the center will host instruction workshops there next semester. Special thanks to BCC's IT team: Vincent Koo, Phu Le, Phe Le, and Daniel for setting up the computers, and to the many instructors, staff, and administrators who put much thought into the future of the expanded LRC. Visit and let Terry Tricomi (ttricomi@peralta.edu), Title III administrator, know what you think about the new setup.

- **Noted Educator Diego Navarro to Speak Mon., May 16 at BCC**

Diego Navarro, nationally recognized for his work in the ACE (formerly Digital Bridge Academy) program, will present Monday, May 16 at Berkeley City College during college hour from 12:20 to 1:30 p.m. The topic will center around the ACE model and proven methods developed to increase retention, success and completion for at-risk populations. Mr. Navarro's work connects so well with our work at the college. BCC's PERSIST program derives from the Digital Bridge Academy model. BCC faculty in the program include two ACE-certified master educators: A. Chris Lebo-Planas, and Shannon Penn.