

News for the Board

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• Berkeley City College “First Year Experience” begins this fall

Berkeley City College’s First Year Experience for new students begins this fall. The new program, funded by Title III Department of Education and Basic Skills initiative grants, creates a comprehensive college experience for first year students, which includes counseling, assessment, orientation, introduction to various college majors, and assistance with getting adjusted to college life and classes. BCC recruited five student cohorts for the fall program.

• BCC introduces Psychology and Sociology majors

Berkeley City College, as part of its implementation of SB1440, has introduced two new associate in arts degrees in Psychology and Sociology. Students who choose the new majors will be able to transfer to four-year universities to continue their studies. BCC also is developing new Math and English associate degrees to conform to the new legislation.

• College participates in Vision 20/20 community partnership to align education to basic skills initiatives

BCC participated in the City of Berkeley’s Vision 20/20 All-Equity task force. As part of its charge, the college completed recommendations on best practices to address the city’s youth achievement gap. Year one implementation will include BCC, Berkeley High School and the City of Berkeley. The college also partnered with career academies at Berkeley and Emeryville high schools.

• BCC develops new occupational programs in Public and Human Services, Spanish

New occupational programs in Public and Human Services and Spanish were introduced this year. Public and Human Services added associate degrees in Community Health Worker and Community and Public Services; the Spanish department added a Spanish Medical Interpreter Certificate of Achievement.

• BCC joins with LaborFest, Social Sciences Department, to co-sponsor, “Budget Cuts, The Time To Act Is Now!”

All are invited to join AgainstCuts at Berkeley City College, 7 p.m., Tue. July 26, in the college’s auditorium at 2050 Center St., Berkeley, to discuss how to build a strong and effective fight against the destruction of public education. □ Kristy Morrison, high school teacher, Dielly Diaz, community college student, and Kip Waldo, community college instructor, will lead the discussion. The event, which is sponsored by LaborFest and Berkeley City College’s Social Science Department, is free and open to the public.