

News for the Board
Tuesday, September 13, 2011

• **BCC Hosts Summer International Fulbright Scholar Orientation**

For the second consecutive year, Berkeley City College hosted the summer Fulbright-Gateway Orientation Program for international graduate students. More than 125 scholars participated in two summer sessions. On Aug. 16, Dr. Shelby Lewis, vice chair of the U.S. Fulbright Scholarship Board and appointed by President Barack Obama, addressed the group at BCC. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and is designed by the Institute of International Education. The Gateway orientations provide young Fulbrighters with skill development for successful academic and professional lives in the U.S. Berkeley City is the only community college in California that was chosen to serve as a host organization. Special recognition to Dr. May K. Chen, BCC's Vice President of Student Services, for making this possible for two summers.

• **2nd President's Circle fundraiser takes place
at Berkeley's famed Kitchen on Fire, Thur., Sept. 15**

Berkeley City College is working with Stephanie Casenza, executive director of the Peralta Colleges Foundation, and President's Circle Advisory Committee team members, to host the college's Second Annual President's Circle Dinner. The first event was held in December 2010 and raised more than \$28,000 for college occupational and basic skills programs.

The "hands on" invitation only event will take place at 6:30 p.m., Thur., Sept. 15, at Berkeley's Kitchen on Fire, 1509 Shattuck Ave., between Vine and Cedar Sts. Participants will contribute \$125 to cook and eat a sumptuous gourmet meal. All funds raised at the event will go to support Berkeley City College programs. Kitchen on Fire brings together friends and family with food and spirits. The restaurant holds hands-on cooking classes, culinary demonstrations and lectures taught by top chefs and food professionals. Participants work principally with organic food and support organic local small growers and winemakers. Their focus is on high quality seasonal ingredients, minimal preparation, maximum flavor, and zero stress.

Founded in 2005 by seasoned restaurateur and author Olivier Said of Cesar and popular chef instructor and caterer Chef Mike C. of Party Lifestyle, Kitchen on Fire is located in Berkeley's Epicurious Garden which is an expansion and continuation of the gourmet cuisine legacy started by Alice Waters at Chez Panisse more than 30 years ago.

- **BCC departments successfully pass independent audits**

Berkeley City College's CalWORKs, Financial Aid, and Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities departments all have successfully passed their annual independent audits. Auditors noted that all programs were well documented and managed. Special thanks to those who helped make the audits a success: In CalWORKs: Dr. May Chen, Dean Brenda Johnson, Ayele Lemma, Fatimah Shah and Ramona Butler; in Financial Aid: Loan Nguyen, Ada Clark, Peter Nguyen, Catherine Nichols, Tammie Perry and Jackie Vo; in Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities (PSSD): Roberto Gonzalez, Doug Gorman, Nina Kindblad, Lynn Massey, Joni Neilsen, Uzma Rehman and Joyce Russell. Both Jennifer Lenahan and Jasmine Martinez provided support for all departments.

- **BCC Digital Arts Students Work on Display in El Cerrito's The Gallery Space**

A Digital Art exhibit featuring BCC Digital Arts Students Mic D'Bernardo and Zhora Kalinkowitz is on display at The Gallery Space in El Cerrito. Mic and Zhora are only two of many BCC digital arts students who have their work on exhibit in East Bay galleries and in the region. See their work from Sept. 14 thru Nov. 2 at The Gallery Space. A reception for the artists takes place 6-8 p.m., Sat., Sept. 17 at 10890 San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito. Phone (510) 215-4300 for details.

Also remember to visit a digital art exhibit by BCC alum Phil Hall, now on display in "Contemporary Visions of the Car and the Pin-Up" at Oakland's Uptown Body and Fender, 461-26th St. E-mail phil@philphlimagesandlight.com for details.