

News for the Board
Tuesday, November 29, 2011

- **Congratulations to Joseph Bielanski**

Joseph Bielanski is a new appointee to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Gov. Jerry Brown announced the appointment on Mon., Nov. 21. Joseph served at BCC for many years as a counselor for Disabled Students, was the college's academic senate president and in addition to his District duties, is an articulation officer for the college.

- **Tenzin Seldon, former Berkeley City College student ambassador and Stanford University senior, is first BCC alum to receive Rhodes Scholarship**

Berkeley City College alumna Tenzin Seldon, a former BCC student ambassador and Associated Students of Berkeley City College (ASBCC) senator, has been chosen as a 2012 Rhodes Scholar. The award, which will take her to England's Oxford University for two years, was presented to 32 Americans. The Stanford University senior is the first Berkeley City College graduate to win the international scholarship.

"I'd really like to thank the Student Ambassador Program at Berkeley City College for giving me the insight and an outlet to succeed at a four-year university," she said. "Berkeley City College and the ambassadors really helped me to do exceedingly well at Stanford; I'd also like to thank Peralta Chancellor Wise Allen for supporting us."

Seldon transferred to Stanford University from Berkeley City College as a fall 2009 Fulbright Scholar. She will earn her bachelor's degree in comparative studies in race and ethnicity in spring 2012.

At Oxford, she plans to study refugee and forced migration studies and earn a master of science degree in modern Chinese studies.

- **College to host 2nd annual East Bay Alternative Press Book Fair, Sat. Dec. 10**

Berkeley City College will host the East Bay Area Alternative Press Book Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat., Dec. 10. Zinesters Tomas Moniz (BCC English instructor) of Rad Dad Zine, Brooke Appler and others organized the event to celebrate the amazing quality and diversity of independent writing and publishing in the Bay Area. More than 50 exhibitors will share their wares. Activities include readings, workshops, and panels.

- **BCC launches
e-Counseling pilot project**

A pilot project which will allow BCC's distance education and Online Transfer College students to access counseling services online was launched last month at Berkeley City College. Students now can access e-Counseling via BCC's home page at berkeleycitycollege.edu. The new services are aimed at those who live too far from campus to access in-person counseling. They also are for people who, for various reasons, cannot visit BCC's counseling offices. e-Counseling allows students to submit their questions online and receive a response within three business days. Theresa Rumjahn in the college's Distance Education Office, programmed the e-Counseling web page and Roberto Gonzalez, alternative media specialist, tested the e-Counseling site to ensure compliance with ADA standards.

- **English instructor Cleavon Smith
play performed at Berkeley Rep**

"You Eat What You Kill," a play by BCC English instructor Cleavon Smith, was shown at the Berkeley Repertory Theater on Mon., Nov. 21. The work was chosen by PlayGround, a group which supports emerging young professional playwrights. Each month, from October through March, PlayGround announces a topic to a pre-selected pool of Bay Area writers who submit original ten-page plays. The best six of the plays are presented as staged readings before a live audience at the Berkeley Rep on the third Monday of each month. The works are directed and performed by some of the area's best directors and actors. Pre-show discussions provide additional insight into the writers' processes, the state of Bay Area theater and other related topics.

- **Rosenblum's *Clouds for Comment* photography show
exhibited in Philadelphia's Sol Melnik Gallery**

Diane Rosenblum, a nationally recognized photographer and artist, recently had a solo exhibition for *Clouds for Comment* in Philadelphia's Sol Mednick Gallery. The BCC Multimedia Arts (digital photography) instructor also gave a presentation about her photography at the University of the Arts.

- **BCC Service Community sponsored
Nov. 19 Shadow Day at UC Berkeley**

Berkeley City College's Service Community sponsored a Shadow Day at UC Berkeley for BCC students who wished to transfer to Cal. The event took place Sat., Nov. 19. BCC's Service Community is made possible by a grant from the Chancellor's Office of UC Berkeley. The student-centered activities are designed to assist those who plan to transfer to UC Berkeley.

- **Berkeley City College hosts annual Foreign Language
Association of Northern California Conference**

For the second year in a row, Berkeley City College hosted the Foreign Language Association of Northern California's (FLANC) annual conference, Fri. & Sat., Nov. 4 & 5. More than 200 members attended and gave 45+ presentations. Guests included professors from UC Berkeley, CSU San Francisco, CSU, East Bay, the Defense Language Institute of Monterey, Saint Mary's College, Iowa State University, Santa Rosa Junior College, California State University at Chico, several High Schools like St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School in San Mateo and of course BCC. We had people from Japan, Germany, Italy, France, China and Spain. More than 45 presentations were given in English, Spanish, Italian, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, and Esperanto. By the end of the conference, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese – the Northern California chapter) decided to make Berkeley City College the official location of their chapter.