

News for the Board
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012

• **Dec. 5 reception thanks BCC President's Circle donors**

Soheyl Modarressi, Berkeley real estate developer and member of BCC's President's Circle, along with BCC President Betty Inlan, hosted a reception and dinner at Sportivo's Restaurant on Mon., Dec. 5 to thank all who had helped to raise nearly \$50,000 for the college in the past year. Guests included Mayor Tom Bates and State Senator Loni Hancock; Berkeley Chamber of Commerce co-president Polly Armstrong; John Caner, executive director of the Downtown Berkeley Association; Stephanie Casenza, executive director of the Peralta Colleges Foundation; Dr. May Chen, BCC's vice president of student services; Jonathan DeYoe, principal, DeYoe Wealth Management; Steven Donaldson of Berkeley's Radiantbrands; Jose Duenas, president and CEO Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Alameda County; Fred Fassett, principal, Minuteman Press, Berkeley; Victor E. Flint, coordinator of BCC's Student Ambassador Corps; Shirley Fogarino, BCC public information officer; Steven Goldin of Swerve; Michael Kaplan, Berkeley's director of economic development; Barbara and Kim Marienthal of Caldwell Banker Real Estate; Bilge Okumus; Cynthia Reese, executive assistant to BCC's president; Lan and Curtis Shaw of Edward Jones Investments; Pamela Maffei and David Winfield. Special thanks to Narsai David for the fine wine. Student ambassadors included Nazik Aytjanova, Kristophe Greene and Ajakarimarkangelo Porter-Robinson.

• **Staff Changes at BCC**

Krista Johns, J.D., Berkeley City College's vice president of instruction, has accepted a new post as vice president for policy and research at the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC). She will assume the new position in January 2012. Johns has served as the college's VPI since fall 2009.

Dr. Linda Berry will assume the post of vice president of instruction at Berkeley City College beginning in January 2012, Dr. Wise E. Allen announced. Prior to her appointment to BCC, Dr. Berry served for 11 years as Merritt College's VPI. Welcome, Dr. Berry.

Denise Jennings will assume the duties of Berkeley City College's Title III

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grant administrator beginning in January. Terry Tricomi, who has served in that position since 2009, will retire at the end of the year. Jennings currently is administrator for the Peralta District's Career and Technical Education (CTE) grant program and served the college in that capacity during 2010-11.

- **“Four Digital Artists” exhibit at Jerry L. Adams Gallery**

The work of Sonoma County digital artists Bill Kane, Pamela Holmes, Joe McDonald and Catherine Richardson is on display in the Jerry L. Adams Gallery, 1st floor. The show, sponsored by the Berkeley City College Digital Arts Council, is an invitational exhibit by the Bay Area artists. Shows in 2009-2011 have included digital prints, photography, painting, drawing and mixed media representing the school's rich, diverse and active art community. The gallery is managed by the BCC Arts Council with members from the Arts and Multimedia departments, and the BCC Digital Arts Club. The gallery is located 1/2 block west of the downtown Berkeley BART station and is open Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

- **Two BCC Public and Human Services majors approved by state chancellor's office**

Two Berkeley City College majors have been approved by the State Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges. The majors, in the college's Public and Human Services department, are: Certificates of Achievement and Associate in Arts Degrees in Community Health Worker and Community and Public Services.

- **PERSIST students present on community, social justice issues**

Members of Berkeley City College's PERSIST cohort gave final presentations which centered around semester-long social justice research projects on Thur., Dec. 8. Groups presented their findings on AIDS and public health; domestic violence; homelessness and poverty; and how gangs affect community life.

As part of their class work, PERSIST students spend an entire semester researching, writing and reporting on issues which effect their communities. Students' projects center around their research findings. They work in small groups and select social justice-related areas of interest as project topics.

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PERSIST began at Berkeley City College in 2008 as part of the Digital Bridge Academy Program.

- **Diego Navarro holds professional development workshop for BCC classified staff**

Diego Navarro, nationally known educator and founder of the Academy for Excellence at Cabrillo College, lead a workshop for 20+ BCC's classified staff on Mon. & Tue., Dec. 12-13. Topics included communication skills for effective collaboration, building leadership and planning skills. Staff also had the opportunity to assess work relationships and better understand decision making processes that occur in the work place.

- **BCC Tobacco-Less Club Advocates for "No Smoking" Signage in Downtown Berkeley**

Berkeley City College Student Mathison Ott testified before the Berkeley City Council about the need for "No Smoking" signage in downtown Berkeley on Tue., Dec. 6. Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates and council later that evening unanimously approved a recommendation to direct the city manager to work with the Public Works Department and Berkeley City College's Tobacco-less Club to create "No Smoking" signs and develop a plan to install signs at key locations throughout downtown Berkeley at the City Council meeting on December 6, 2011. Thanks to Mr. Ott and Tobacco-Less Club members, working with Berkeley's Department of Public Health and the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, spent several months working the effort to bring the project before the Berkeley City Council.