

## **News for the Board**

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012

### **College joins with East Bay Green Job Corps in education, training partnership**

East Bay Green Job Corps, a training and education program, designed to help young adults develop the skills they need to further their education and enter green careers, begins a new collaboration this spring with Berkeley City College, Rising Sun Energy Center, and Solar Richmond. The group has developed a 16-week program in which participants will:

- learn job readiness and leadership skills;
- improve math and English skills;
- practice computer skills;
- participate in energy efficiency and solar internships;
- build eco-literacy and civic engagement;
- improve professional and customer service skills;
- work with staff to develop an individual plan that addresses their educational and career goals.

Students also will earn 10 units of non-transferable college credit, receive a stipend and case management support. Morning classes take place from Feb. 13 to June 1 at Berkeley City College. Students will spend their afternoons in Richmond.

When they complete the EBGJC program, participants can continue on to GED classes, community college certificate, degree or vocational training programs, union apprenticeships, or go directly into employment.

### **BCC film makers lead more than 50 workshops at 4th annual children's international film fest**

Filmmakers in Berkeley City College's digital video arts major made a significant contribution to the fourth annual 2012 Bay Area Children's International Film Festival (BAICFF). The event began in 2009 as a creative endeavor to support educational programs that foster global understanding and cultural exchange. The event was held Jan. 28-29 at the Alameda Naval Air Station. Student participants, lead by Rachel Mercy Simpson, coordinator of and instructor in BCC's digital video arts program, instructed more than 50 workshops at the festival. Members of the BCC group also met with staff from Pixar, another festival participant, to discuss industry career paths.

Congratulations to Rachel and her students for another successful year with BAICFF.

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### **Dr. Laura Ruberto presents “Everyday Life and Resistance in Southern Italy during WWII”**

Dr. Laura Ruberto, humanities instructor and co-chair of Berkeley City College’s Arts and Cultural Studies Department, presented on “Everyday Life and Resistance in Italy During World War II.” The event took place Thur., Feb. 23, at the City of Livermore’s Civic Center Library.

Ruberto’s lecture explored Italy’s role during World War II and focused on acts of resistance and everyday wartime experiences of Southern Italians. It also demonstrated the ways in which the sometimes challenging relationship between Italy and the United States was lived daily.

### **BCC’s Daniela Nikolaeva interviewed on Bulgarian National Radio**

Ani Kostova, a journalist for Bulgarian National Radio’s immensely popular “Programa Hoarizont” interviewed Berkeley City College’s Daniela Nikolaeva, an instructor in BCC’s Multimedia Arts Department, on Tue., Feb. 7 as millions listened in.

The interview, in Bulgarian and English, will be posted on Nikolaeva’s website. Nikolaeva is a recipient of 2011’s Trail Blazer Award for “Music to Your Eyes,” her solo art show.

Nikolaeva spoke about her vision of combining different audio-visual art forms to create an unusual synesthetic experience. She also answered questions about “Music to Your Eyes,” exhibited in San Francisco in May 2011, and about her work as a multimedia artist and professor at Berkeley City College. “Programa Horizont” is broadcasted internationally in several languages.

### **BCC Black History Month Events Continue with Feb. 29 Lectures and Celebrations**

Berkeley City College Black History Month activities continue:

Dee Dee Abdur-Rahim, Attorney at Delicia Abdur-Rahimand and founder of Couture with a Cause, together with Dr. Nyeshia Dewitt, 2011 Jefferson Award winner, Program Manager of Oakland’s Promise Alliance, and Co-Founder of Oakland Natives Give Back, both will present at Noon to 12:45 p.m., at BCC, 4th Floor, Rm. 431. Students also have organized a 70s Motown Day and Soul Food Fest, 12:30 to 2 p.m., in BCC’s Atrium.

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### **Renowned physicist and author, Dr. Richard A. Muller, to speak at 6:30 p.m., Thur., Mar. 1 at Berkeley City College**

“Energy and Climate: Surprising Things You Need to Know,” is set for 6:30-8 p.m., Thur., Mar. 1, at Berkeley City College’s auditorium, 2050 Center St., between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St. The presentation will be given by Dr. Richard A. Muller, renowned professor of physics at U.C. Berkeley and faculty senior scientist at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by BCC’s Department of Science and the college’s Science Club. It is part of a five-part Spring Science Seminar Series.

Dr. Muller will discuss the latest scientific developments on international climate change and how the world can best prepare for them.

He is founder and chair of the Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature (BEST) Project and a recipient of the MacArthur Genius Fellowship. He also was named as one of *The Atlantic Monthly’s* Brave Thinkers. Muller’s numerous books and articles include *The Instant Physicist: An Illustrated Guide* and the popular *Physics For Future Presidents*.