

News for the Board

Tuesday, Apr. 24, 2012

BCC joined with League of Women Voters to celebrate Berkeley's elected women

Berkeley City College co-sponsored, "Elected Women: Past, Present & Future," on Wed., Apr. 18 at Berkeley City College as part of the League of Women Voters' year-long "Berkeley Women Vote" project. More than 200 participants attended the event which included:

- A showing of "California Women Win the Vote," a new film by Martha Wheelock
- **"Occupy the Voting Booth,"** a panel discussion on how to increase voter registration among young people and under-represented groups. Speakers included Jennifer Waggoner, President of California's League of Women Voters on effective outreach through electronic media; Gloria Taylor, President of California's American Association of University Women, on the organization's training and outreach program for women 18 to 25; and Cynthia Cornejo, Alameda County Deputy Registrar of Voters on voting patterns in Alameda County. Members of BCC's Civic Engagement Club spoke on how they will persuade students to register and vote using the "hook" of an election parcel tax proposal that would increase funding for the Peralta Community College District.
- **Berkeley Assembly Member Nancy Skinner and Berkeley City Council Member Linda Maio**, guest speakers for the panel, "Elected Women: Getting Elected/Doing the Job: Advice to Future Candidates." Other past and present members of Berkeley's school board and city council, including current Berkeley Unified School District director Karen Hemphill, and past City Council Member Andrea Washburn also participated.
- **A reception** which honored Berkeley elected women, past and present.

California Secretary of State Debra Bowen to keynote BCC's 2012 Graduation Ceremony

California Secretary of State Debra Bowen will keynote Berkeley City College's 2012 graduation ceremony. The event takes place 7-9 p.m., Mon., at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall auditorium.

College welcomes Dr. Harinder Singh, new dean of academic programs

Berkeley City College will welcome Dr. Harinder Singh, dean of the college's academic programs. Dr. Singh will assume the new post on Apr. 30, 2012.

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BCC bids farewell to Counselor Doug Gorman

BCC's Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities Counselor Doug Gorman accepted a job as Contra Costa County's Workers Compensation Return-to-Work Coordinator. Mr. Gorman served two and a half years as the college's counselor for disabled students.

'Stencilation' exhibit on display in BCC's atrium

Berkeley City College's "Stencilation" exhibit in the college's atrium is the work of Juana Alicia Araiza's fall 2011 painting students. The two-sided paintings depict a stenciled self-portrait of each student on the side of the wood panel that faces the interior center of the atrium. A sacred or totem animal of the student's choosing faces passersby on the second floor. The works will be on exhibit until the end of the spring 2012 semester. Each fall, Araiza's students complete a stencil project. Students choose the theme for the pieces they create. This is the second show of the stencil works. During the first exhibit, the show was staged in the street-facing windows of the Jerry L. Adams Gallery.

College hosts 10th Berkeley Poetry and 2nd annual "Art in the Atrium" fests

Berkeley City College will host the 10th Berkeley Poetry Festival and 2nd Annual Art in the Atrium Festival, Noon to 4:30 p.m., Sat., May 5. The events are free and open to the public. The poetry fest will include a special performance of "Sparring with Beatnick Ghosts," featuring Daniel Yaryan, Marc Olmsted, and Suzi Kaplan Olmsted; a Poets Exchange Table and presentation of the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award to Clive Matson. Other poets who will read their works are Sharon Coleman, Jack and Adelle Foley, Joan Gatten, Glenn Ingersol, Jeanne Lupton, Mary Mackey, Clive Matson, H.D. Moe, Alice Rogoff, Mark Schwartz, Mel C. Thompson, Gary Turchin, and Julia Vinograd. An open mic also will be available for other seasoned and aspiring poets.

At the same time, the college will host the Art in the Atrium Festival, an exhibition and sale of prints by members of BCC's award winning Digital Arts Club. The event is cosponsored by the City of Berkeley, Mother's Hen and BCC's Digital Arts Club.