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Dr. Debbie Budd, President

News for the Board Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013

- **Middle East Children's Alliance hosts "Tears of Gaza," documentary and discussion, 7 p.m., Thur., Feb. 28 at BCC auditorium**

Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA) will host the documentary, "Tears of Gaza," 7 p.m., Thur., Feb. 28 in Berkeley City College's auditorium. A discussion will follow the film. Tickets are \$5 for BCC students and \$10 for the general public. The film examines the 2008 to 2009 bombing of Gaza by the Israeli military. Photographed by several Palestinian cameramen, both during and after the offensive, the film focuses on the impact of the attacks on the civilian population. "Tears of Gaza" forces examination of the costs of war on civilian populations. Want to know more? Contact Joan Berezin at jberezin@peralta.edu.

- **Transfer/Career Information Center develops "Transfer Basics" video**

Last fall, Multimedia Arts instructor Hannah Chauvet and her students produced a 30-minute video of a "Transfer Basics" workshop designed and presented by Paula Coil, BCC's Transfer & Career Information Center coordinator. In Oct. 2012, the workshop was offered as part of a series to the college's ESL students. The professional-quality video adds to the capacity of the center to provide timely information about transfer topics. Once posted, students will be able to independently access information on BCC's Transfer & Career Information Center web page. Closed-captioning of the the video is planned.

- **International Student Transfer Day
set for Thur., Mar. 7 at BCC**

CSU International Student Transfer Day will take place in Berkeley City College's Atrium, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Thur., Mar. 7. Participants will be able to meet with advisers from more than a dozen CSUs. Represented CSU campuses at the event from Northern California include Chico, East Bay Humboldt, Monterey Bay, San Francisco, Sacramento and San Jose. From Southern California, CSU represented campuses are Channel Islands, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Northridge, San Diego and San Marcos. Peralta international students with F-1 visas are invited to attend. For details, contact Thomas Torres-Gil at Peralta's Office of International Education at ttoresgil@peralta.edu or Paula Coil, Transfer/Career Information Center Coordinator, at pcoil@peralta.edu.

- **Mar. 8 regional BSI forum at Berkeley City College to
focus on persistence models for student success**

"3CSN" Basic Skills Initiative coordinators from around the San Francisco Bay Area will meet at Berkeley City College from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fri., Mar. 8 in a practicum which focuses on completion programs. The Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) is a grant funded project from the State Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges. It began in 2006 as part of a statewide strategic planning process. The goal of the BSI was to improving student access and success.

The Mar. 8 session will be lead by representatives of the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges (RP Group). Participants will examine how to:

- Develop and implement initiatives that address the persistence, acceleration, and completion
of college by under prepared and under represented students.
- How to engage community college campuses as focused and sustained communities of
practice to support these initiatives.

If you wish to register, visit <http://3CSN.org/3CSN-EVENTS-FOR-SPRING-2013>. You may also e-mail Cleavon Smith at clsmith@peralta.edu.

- **BCC bids farewell to Denise Jennings, interim Title III director**

Denise Jennings, BCC's interim Title III director, will leave Berkeley City College Feb. 28 to become senior manager of the economic and workforce development division in the Contra Costa Community College District. In her new position, she will manage the district's TAA and CAA grants. Congratulations, Denise.

- **BCC mathematics tutor Don Martin retires**

BCC mathematics instructional assistant Don Martin who in 13+ years of service to Vista Community College and Berkeley City College helped thousands of students to understand college level mathematics, retired from BCC on Thur., Jan. 31. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.