



# The Messenger

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**BCC Class of 2013 boasts record 380+ graduates; mark your calendars for Thur., May 23**

A record 270 BCC students—50% more than any prior year—will earn their degrees from Berkeley City College this semester. Graduation ceremonies take place at 7 p.m., Thur., May 23, at UC Berkeley’s Zellerbach Hall Auditorium. Faculty, staff and administrators will be on hand to show their support for the new grads. Keynote speaker is Dr. Lisa Dyson, CEO of Kiverdi, a breakthrough firm in Berkeley which is commercializing a proprietary biological process that upgrades waste carbon into high-value chemicals at a fraction of the cost of chemical catalysts.

**New AA-T in Elementary Education approved for Berkeley City College by State Chancellor’s Office**

Berkeley City College’s new Elementary Education AA-T degree has been approved by the State Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges. The new major will allow students to finish the first two years of the major at BCC, then directly transfer into an identical or similar major at a California State University or receive points toward a bachelor’s degree at a University of California campus. The degree was developed by English Department Chair Jenny Lowood in collaboration with BCC faculty.

**California Classified Senate selects BCC’s as “Model Classified Senate”**

The California Community Colleges Classified Senate has selected Berkeley City College’s Classified Senate as a “Model Classified Senate.” The distinction was announced by Ramona Butler, president of the BCC organization. Senates selected as models define the standard of staff participation within the learning environment for California community college students; encourage staff leaders to become stronger, and offer reference and experience for novice organizations.

**PERSIST students present on social justice issues at Noon, Tue., May 14**

PERSIST students invite BCC’s college community to their presentations on social justice issues at Noon, Tue., May 14 in Rm. 431 at BCC. Twice per year, first-semester PERSIST cohorts conduct primary research, write and deliver project presentations on social justice issues of their choice. The signature final projects help the students to successfully move on to their second semester. Be there to show your support.

**Digital Arts Club prepares for fall Emeryville exhibit**

Digital Arts Club students will prepare an exhibit for Bucci’s Restaurant in Emeryville this fall. Digital artists Chris Roche and Erika Gagnon will curate the show. The group is now accepting submissions (deadline is Sat., May 4) and will select finalists over the summer. Stay tuned for more news about opening day in September.

**Ramona Butler named BCC’s 2013 Classified Employee of Year**

Ramona Butler has been voted BCC’s 2013 Classified Employee of the Year by the college’s classified staff. Butler, who is president of BCC’s Classified Senate, also is advisor to the African American Cultural Club and staff assistant to Brenda Johnson, dean of student services. Butler was commended for her commitment to BCC students and her work with staff, who described her as a “student-centered staff member who goes above and beyond to help students solve their life or school-related challenges.” Congratulations, Ramona!

**Moe’s Books hosts May 7 *Milvia Street 2013* readings**

Moe’s Books will host a free reading by BCC *Milvia Street 2013* authors 7:30-9 p.m., Tue., May 7, at its store on 2476 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. *Milvia Street* is BCC’s art and literary journal and features work by college students, faculty and staff. The event is free and open to the public.

**BCC Latin American Club hosts May 8, 10 Cinco de Mayo events**

Berkeley City College’s Latin American Club will host two Cinco de Mayo events from Noon to 1:15 on Wed., May 8 and Fri., May 10 in BCC’s Atrium. “The Real Cinco de Mayo,” (May 8) will present the reasons for the day’s importance to Mexican culture in three stages; Mexico before the war, The war, and the aftermath. A Mariachi band and folkloric dance also are part of the event.

All are invited to a Cinco De Mayo Festival (Fri., May 10). On Thursday, May 10th, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., the BCC Latin American Club will be sponsoring a celebration for Cinco de Mayo in the Atrium with music, dancing, and food.

### Multimedia Arts Film Festival and Student Showcase set for Fri., May 10

The best work of BCC Multimedia Arts film and animation students will debut from 6 to 9 p.m., Fri., May 10 in the college's auditorium. The showcase occurs twice yearly and features capstone projects in short films and animation. The event is free and open to the public. Want to know more? E-mail [sabrina007@mac.com](mailto:sabrina007@mac.com).

### Spring 2013 Student Art Exhibit on display thru Mon., Aug. 19 in BCC's Jerry L. Adams Gallery

BCC's Spring 2013 Student Art Exhibit is on display in the Jerry Adams Art Gallery, now through Mon., Aug. 19. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and features the work of student artists who are majors in fine and applied arts or multimedia arts.

### BCC Academic Senate announces elections for new officers

BCC's Academic Senate has accepted nominations for academic year 2013-14 and will hold open elections from Sat., May 4 thru Mon., May 13. Watch your Peralta e-mail for ballot information and remember to vote by May 13.

### "Conversations about Men and Manhood," Sat., May 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Conversations about Men and Manhood," was held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat., May 4, in BCC's auditorium. The four-hour workshop, co-sponsored by the college's Latin American Club, Student Ambassadors and Modern Language Department, examined images of men in our society, the challenges of being a man in the United States.

### Berkeley City College May 6-18 Calendar

- **Tue., May 7—**  
12:30-2 p.m., TRIO Workshop, Rms. 451A&B  
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Counseling, Rm. 451A  
6-7:30 p.m., Study in Cuba Orientation, Rms. 451A&B  
7:30-9 p.m., *Readings from Milvia Street, Moe's Books, 2476 Telegraph, Berkeley*
- **Wed., May 8—**  
Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A  
*Noon, "The Real Cinco de Mayo," BCC Atrium*  
12:15-1:15 p.m., Staff Development, Rm. 451B  
1-2:30 p.m., Technology Committee, Rm. 451A  
2:30-5 p.m., Graduation Committee, Rm. 451A
- **Thur., May 9—**  
10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Committee, Teaching/Learning Center (TLC), 3rd Floor  
10 a.m.-Noon, Construction Meeting, Rm. 451B  
Noon-1:30 p.m., New Faculty Orientation, Rm. 451A  
6-10 p.m., CIS Group, Rms. 451A&B  
6:30 p.m., *"Our Changing Seas," Lecture by Dr. Howard Spero, BCC Auditorium*
- **Fri., May 10—**  
10 a.m.-Noon, Student Success Retreat, Rm. 311  
*Noon, Cinco de Mayo Celebration, BCC Atrium*  
4-6 p.m., Trustee Nicky Gonzalez-Yuen Meeting, Rm. 451A  
6-9 p.m., *Multimedia Arts Student Showcase, BCC Auditorium*
- **Sat., May 11—**  
11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., BCC Poetry Festival and Arts Fair, BCC Atrium
- **Mon., May 13—**  
12:30 p.m., BCC Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B
- **Tue., May 14—**  
12:15 p.m., Global Awareness Day, BCC Atrium  
Noon-1 p.m., PERSIST Students' Presentations on Social Justice, Rm. 431  
7 p.m., *PCCD Board of Trustees Meeting, 333 E. 8th St. Board Room, Oakland*
- **Wed., May 15—**  
10:30 a.m., Leadership Council, Rm. 451A  
12:15 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A  
12:15 p.m., Academic Senate, Teaching/Learning Ctr., Rm. 341  
3:30 p.m., President's Tea, Rm. 451A
- **Thur., May 16—**  
10 a.m.-Noon, Construction Meeting, Rm. 451B  
11:30-2 p.m., BCC Classified Appreciation Luncheon
- **Fri., May 17—**  
*Holiday: Malcolm X's Birthday Observance*
- **Sat., May 18-Fri., May 25—**  
*Final Exams Week*

### BCC Transfer Center hosts university rep visits, workshops

Representatives from local universities and colleges will visit Berkeley City College on the days and times below:

*Mon., May 6*

**10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Art Institutes**  
1st Floor Lobby

*Wed., May 8*

**10 a.m.-1 p.m. UC Santa Cruz**  
1st Floor Lobby

*Mon., May 13*

**10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. UC Riverside**  
1st Floor Lobby  
**11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bradman University**  
1st Floor Lobby

*Tue., May 14*

**4-6 p.m. St. John's University**  
1st Floor Lobby

Visit [www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/transfer/calendar/2013-03](http://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/transfer/calendar/2013-03) for more transfer information.

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