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Dr. Debbie Budd, President

News for the Board Tuesday, September 24

- **First MSRI/BCC Speaker Series a Success**

With over 450 attendees, our first event of the Math Science Research Institute (MSRI) speaker series was a huge success. Tony DeRose, a Vice President from Pixar Animation Studios joined Berkeley City College and MSRI to kick off the event with the subject “Math in the Movies”. Thanks to the outstanding work of our BCC Staff and Administrative team, two overflow rooms were designed to accommodate approx. 180 people with a live video feed. We look forward to our upcoming event on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm at BCC.

- **MSRI/BCC host Dr. Keith Devlin lecture
on “Video Games for Mathematics,”
7 p.m., Wed., Oct. 9 at Berkeley City College’s Auditorium
(2050 Center St. between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St.)**

Dr. Keith Devlin will show how casual games that provide representations of mathematics enable children (and adults) to learn basic mathematics by “playing,” in the same way we learn music by learning to play the piano. Prof. Devlin is a mathematician at Stanford University, a co-founder and executive director of the university’s H-STAR institute, a co-founder of the Stanford Media X research network, a senior researcher at CSLI, and co-founder and president of InnerTube Games.

Devlin’s lecture is part of “Not on the Test: The Pleasures and Uses of Mathematics,” a lecture series collaboration and sponsorship between Berkeley’s Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) and Berkeley City College. The series is sponsored by the Simons Foundation (www.simonsfoundation.org).

All remaining MSRI-BCC lectures will take place at 7 p.m., Wednesdays in BCC’s auditorium, 2050 Center St. between Shattuck Ave. and Milvia St., on Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, and Apr. 9. For details about lecturers and the series, please visit www.msri.org/events/nott.

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- **Multimedia Arts student hired as new production coordinator for “Mill Valley 36” film fest**

BCC multimedia arts student Gavin Moore, was hired in a full-time position as Production Coordinator at “Mill Valley 36,” the area’s 36th annual film festival. Moore will supervise and coordinate all of the filmmakers throughout this year's event.

Before his recent assignment, Moore worked through BCC’s Cooperative Education Work Experience Program as an intern with the California Film Institute in Mill Valley. He also collaborated with multimedia arts instructor Rachel Simpson to coordinate the Bay Area International Children’s Film Festival in spring 2013.

“Gavin will bring exceptional communication, team-spirit and a clear-head to his new job, which requires so many of the technical and communication skills he developed here in our BCC digital film program,” Simpson said. “In addition to being our point-person with the festival, his new job also will allow Gavin to develop close relationships with production companies, filmmakers and television stations throughout California.”

- **College begins extended fall orientation sessions for new BCC faculty, staff**

A series of new Berkeley City College (BCC) faculty and staff orientations, organized by instructor Joan Berezin, will take place throughout the fall 2013 semester. The orientations are designed to introduce faculty and staff to college history, policies, and procedures. Topics include overviews and tours of the college’s Office of Instruction and Student Services departments; the history and culture of BCC; college governance structures, grants, and funding opportunities; student organizations; faculty senate and curriculum committee functions and duties; college student learning outcomes and assessment structures; review of union contractual agreements; classroom management and support services for students with special needs.

- **BCC partners with BHS, B-Tech, City of Berkeley to offer student assessment/orientation sessions**

A Berkeley City College (BCC) partnership with B-Tech High School, Berkeley High School and the City of Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates’s office, has lead to the creation of special college orientations designed specifically for students who attend those schools.

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The sessions provided one-stop entry services which allowed participants to complete college orientation, placement, assessment, education plan development, counseling, and registration in one session.

BCC plans to continue and further develop high school-to-college partnerships within its service area.

- **BCC Hosts Oct. 10 Transfer Day**

Representatives from more than 40 colleges and universities will meet with prospective Berkeley City College transferees 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Thur., Oct. 10 in the college's atrium. They will present overviews about academic programs, student life, and financial aid opportunities, to name a few, at their colleges.