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## Tram Vo-Kumamoto selected as BCC's new vice president of instruction

Tram Vo-Kumamoto, has been named vice president of instruction at Berkeley City College, Dr. Deborah Budd, president, announced. She will assume her new post on Mon., June 9.

She most recently served as Dean of Science and Mathematics at Chabot College (Hayward), has 20 years of professional experience in a variety of educational systems. She also has worked in early childhood development, the K-12 system, at community colleges and at four-year universities with a diverse array of age groups and learning styles.

"Ms. Vo-Kumamoto's experience will be a tremendous asset to the college," Dr. Budd said. "As a dean at Chabot College, she focused on creating cohort programs that integrated academic support and student services. They fostered customized, individually focused pathways which allowed more students to complete degrees in pre-allied health majors, as well as in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs."

"I am delighted to be part of Berkeley City College," she said. "The college is committed providing the best educational opportunities to our community and we will continue to develop programs to prepare our students for transfer and for the demands of a variety of occupational environments."

Ms. Vo-Kumamoto earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and social welfare from UC Berkeley. She also holds a master's degree in counseling with an emphasis in higher education from California State University, East Bay. Active in professional and community activities, Ms. Vo-Kumamoto is a member of the Community College League of California's Commission on the Future. She also serves on the board of directors of Oakland's East Bay Agency for Children Auxiliary Group.

## BCC graduates, students win 2014 scholarships

More than 30 BCC graduates and students were awarded scholarships which were presented at a Tue., May 20 ceremony at the college. Awardees and scholarships for 2014 are:

### President's Medallion

- Valentino Calderon

### President's Award

- Eboni Floyd
- Mirko Ranieri

### 2013-14 Osher Scholars

- Michael Dunn
- Alexandra Ellman
- Suzanne Garden
- Motasim Hassan
- Charmilah Hawkins
- Jessie Rameño
- Joel Nguyen Xuan

### Jerry L. Adams Scholarship

- Omar Ubilla, Graduating Student
- Troy Dotson, Continuing Student
- Wanping Zhao, Continuing Student

### Peralta Association of African American Affairs (PAAAA) Scholarship

- Theresa Ary
- Troy Dotson
- Robyn Walker

### Peralta Foundation Scholarships

#### The Follett Bookstore Scholarship (Spring)

- Geoffrey Logan
- Rita Phang

### The Henry Fort Memorial Book Award (Fall)

- Eunice Paredes

### John & Ana Los Scholarship (Spring)

- Maurice Brown Martin

### Foundation Scholars Award (Fall)

- Tangela Griffin
- Zack Mueller
- Eunice Paredes
- Million Tadesse

### Loretta Hernandez Scholarship (Spring)

- Maurice Brown Martin
- Giselle Leighton-Armah

### The Peralta Retirees Organization (PRO) Scholarship Award (Spring)

- Derrick Shane McClure

### Rising Scholars Voices Program (RSVP) (Fall)

- Antoinette Allen
- Daisha Fitzgerald
- Acsa Gamez
- Donta Jackson
- Lemar Key
- Jason Mageria

### The Ruth Bittman Scholarship Award (Fall)

- Zack Mueller

**BCC experiences dramatic increase in graduates from 2009 to 2014**

Statistics show that Berkeley City College’s graduation rates, along with the number of degrees and certificates awarded, have dramatically increased over the past five years. The latest data is cited in the table below. Congratulations, BCC!

Year	Total Graduates	Graduates Participated	Honor Students	AA Degrees	AS Degrees	AA-T Degrees	AS-T Degrees	Certificates
2014	356	126	116	244	6	55	12	298
2013	260	112	112	189	14	29	3	150
2012	182	71	84	164	11	n/a	n/a	103
2011	166	69	59	136	5	n/a	n/a	45
2010	178	72	59	150	4	n/a	n/a	40

Year	Degrees	Increase 2013-14	Increase 2012-14	Total Degrees and Certificates	Increase 2013-14	Increase 2012-14
2014	317	35%	81%	615	60%	120%
2013	235			385		
2012	175			278		
2011	141			186		
2010	154			194		

**Art instructor M. Louise Stanley wins prestigious international grant**

Art instructor M. Louise Stanley recently was awarded a \$25,000 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant. The Foundation aids internationally known, long-time professional artists. The grant was established in 1985 by Lee Krasner, one of the world’s leading abstract expressionist painters and the widow of Jackson Pollock. Ms. Stanley is one of more than 3,800 international artists from 75 nations who have won the award since 1985. To view her and other artists’ work, visit the foundation’s web site and artists’ gallery at <http://www.pkf.org>.

**BCC’s fall 2014 schedules have arrived; get them from Rm. 111A**

BCC fall 2014 schedules have arrived. If you need the publications for your department or classes, they are available at the Student Ambassadors’ Welcome Desk or in Rm. 111A on the 1st floor. Our security guards can open Rm. 111A for you.

**Berkeley City College June 9-July 1 Calendar**

- **Mon., June 9—**  
9 a.m.-Noon, Emery Unified School District Anna Yates School, Auditorium & Atrium
- **Tue., June 10—**  
10 a.m.-1 p.m., 40th Anniversary Group, Rm. 451A  
Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
- **Fri., June 13—**  
12:30-1:20 p.m., Facilities, Rm. 451A
- **Mon., June 16—**  
*Summer Session Begins*
- **Tue., June 17—**  
Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14  
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A
- **Wed., June 18—**  
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Bay Area Climate Collaborative, BCC Auditorium
- **Fri., June 20—**  
12:30-1:20 p.m., Facilities, Rm. 451A
- **Tue., June 24—**  
Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
- **Wed., June 25—**  
9 a.m.-5 p.m., WebEx Teleconference, BCC Auditorium
- **Thur., June 26—**  
5:30-9 p.m., VONA Voices Faculty Reading, BCC Auditorium, Atrium & Rm. 51
- **Fri., June 27—**  
12:30-1:20 p.m., Facilities, Rm. 451A
- **Tue., July 1—**  
Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14  
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A

**College launches summer, fall call-back campaign**

Berkeley City College students are contacting classmates between now and the end of June to remind them to enroll early for summer and fall. It is part of the college’s semi-annual call-back campaign where continuing BCC students are contacted and reminded to reserve their place in class.

Many students who have the opportunity to enroll early sometimes do not because of problems with areas such as class holds, library book returns, or grades, to name a few. Student workers and volunteers connect them with people who can provide help and offer to provide them with access to a BCC fall 2014 class schedule.

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