The Messenger

Volume 8, No. 12 a publication of Berkeley City College April 28, 2014

BCC to host Apr. 30 Berkeley State of City address

“Education, Environment, Economics,” is the topic of Mayor Tom Bates’s State of the City Address, which will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Berkeley City College’s auditorium. From bikes coasting down the streets to new restaurants opening every month, the signs are everywhere that Berkeley is a great place in which to live—but what about the larger picture? Join Mayor Bates as he updates the Berkeley community on how past initiatives are playing out in the present and shaping the future. The State of the City will address the 2020 opportunity program, the Downtown turn-around, and the leading role Berkeley continues to play in going green. The mayor’s presentation also will touch upon the arts, Telegraph Avenue, and the city’s startup ecosystem. Space is limited, so be sure to RSVP and print out your confirmation at berkeleystateofthecity.eventbrite.com.

UrbanSitter president and former Pandora Radio founder Jessica D. Steel to keynote BCC’s 2014 commencement

Jessica Steel, president of UrbanSitter, an online resource where parents find and book babysitters recommended by people they know is Berkeley City College’s 2014 commencement speaker. Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Steel served as a founding executive vice president of business and corporate development at Pandora Radio, and was one of the original members of the company’s management team that conceived, launched and scaled the business. During her eight-year tenure at Pandora, she forged the highly successful strategic partnerships that accelerated the company’s growth and helped pave the way to an eventual Initial Public Offering (IPO). Prior to working at Pandora, Ms. Steel spent four years leading international business development at Overture Services, Inc., which became part of Yahoo! in 2003. Ms. Steel is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and holds a master’s degree from the London School of Economics. She also serves as a strategy and business advisor to several companies.

Simons Institute/MSRI/BCC host MIT’s Dr. Michael Sipser lecture on “Beyond Computation: The P vs. NP Question,” 5:30 p.m., Fri., May 9

“Beyond Computation: The P vs. NP Question” is the topic of a Fri., May 9 presentation by Dr. Michael Sipser, the Barton L. Weller Professor of Mathematics and member of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The lecture begins at 5:30 p.m. in Berkeley City College’s auditorium. The lecture examines whether every problem for which a solution can be easily verified by a computer can also be easily solved by a computer. An answer to this question would reveal the potential for computers to solve puzzles, crack codes, prove theorems, and optimize many practical tasks. Presented by the Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) and Berkeley City College, the event is made possible in part by a gift from the Simons Foundation. The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion. Admission is free but seating is limited. You must register for a seat at http://simons.berkeley.edu/events/michael-sipser-register.

Multimedia Arts Student Showcase set for 6:30 p.m., Fri., May 2

All are invited to attend BCC’s Multimedia Arts Student Showcase and annual celebration of student achievement, 6:30 p.m., Fri., May 2 in BCC’s auditorium and atrium. Each year, the best work of BCC’s Multimedia Arts students is assembled and exhibited. Besides live action video, this year’s showcase features print and digital artworks, 2D and 3D animation, and more. For details, contact Sabrina Nelson at sabrina007@mac.com.

Foodies Project partners with BCC to educate on food issues

The Foodies Project has partnered with Berkeley City College to address food issues on campus by offering participant-driven workshops and food justice films. The workshops focus on what matters to BCC students and the food that they eat. Foodies provides presentations on how to stretch food budgets stretch and about where to find community food resources. Free local food is provided at each Foodies Project workshop. The next ones are scheduled for Noon-1 p.m., Thur., May 1 and May 15, in Rm. 451.
Daniel Najjar, BCC mathematics instructor, reports that data from evaluation of the college’s first year Pre-Statistics Program shows a 50% increase in student success in the program. Contextualizing the material allows a large number of students to reduce the time they need to finish their degrees. It also lets them more efficiently complete their college mathematics requirement. Congratulations, Daniel!

Berkeley City College Apr. 28-May 10 Calendar

**Mon., Apr. 28**
- 12:15-1:30 p.m., Professional Development Committee, TLC, Rm. 341
- 12:15-1:15 p.m., Workshop: Knowledge, Skills, Talent and Passion, BCC Auditorium

**Tue., Apr. 29**
- 9 a.m.-Noon, Health Center Tabling, 1st Floor
- Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
- 12:15-1:15 p.m., African-American Cultural Event, BCC Atrium
- 12:20-1:15 p.m., DART Workshop: Tools for Successful Student Presentations, TLC Rm. 341

**Wed., Apr. 30**
- 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Leadership Council, Rms. 451A&B
- 12:15-1:15 p.m., Town Hall Meeting, BCC Atrium
- 5:30 p.m., Mayor Tom Bates’s State of the City Address, BCC Auditorium

**Thu., May 1**
- 10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum, TLC Rm. 341
- Noon-1 p.m., The Foodies Project, Rms. 451B
- 12:15-1:15 p.m., Brown Bag/Meet New BCC Faculty Lunch, Rms. 451A
- 12:15-1:30 p.m., Assessment Committee/Planning for Inst. Effectiveness, TLC, Rm. 341
- 12:30-1:20 p.m., TCRI Workshop, BCC Atrium
- 3-4:30 p.m., Classified Senate, Rms. 451A&B
- 5-7 p.m., Remove the Stigma Against Community College Students panel, Rm. 51

**Fri., May 2**
- 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., TLC Symposium, TLC, Rm. 341
- 12:30-1:30 p.m., Facilities Committee, Rm. 451A
- 6:30-8 p.m., Multimedia Arts Student Showcase, BCC Auditorium

**Mon., May 5**
- Noon-1 p.m., Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B
- 12:15-1:15 p.m., Cinco de Mayo Celebration, BCC Atrium

**Tue., May 6**
- 9 a.m.-Noon, Health Center Tabling, 1st Floor
- Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
- 12:15-2 p.m., BCC Zine Symposium, BCC Atrium
- 2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A

**Wed., May 7**
- 8 a.m.-Noon, Anthropology, BCC Auditorium
- 12:15-1:15 p.m., ASBCC Town Hall Meeting, BCC Atrium
- 12:15-1:30 p.m., Academic Senate, TLC, Rm. 341
- 3-4 p.m., Graduation Committee, Rm. 451A

**Thu., May 8**
- Noon-2 p.m., Counseling, Rm. 451A
- 12:10-1:15 p.m., Title III Steering Committee, Rm. TBA
- 12:30-2 p.m., Education Committee, Rm. TBA

**Fri., May 9**
- 12:30-1:30 p.m., Facilities Committee, Rm. 451A
- 5-7:30 p.m., Simons Institute/MSRI Event, BCC Auditorium

**Sat., May 10**
- 9 a.m.-Noon, A Conversation about Outsourcing Education, BCC, Rm. 431
- 1-4:30 p.m., BCC Poetry Festival, BCC Auditorium and Atrium

Transfer Center announces university rep visits

BCC’s Transfer and Career Information Center announces university rep visits:

**Thur., Apr. 30**
- 9 a.m.-Noon, Art Institutes, 1st Floor Lobby
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Art Institutes, 1st Floor Lobby
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m., UC Berkeley Rep, Transfer Center, 2nd Fl.
- 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., S.F. State University
- 1:30-4:30 p.m., 1st Fl. Lobby

**Thur., May 1**
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Argosy University, 1st Floor Lobby
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Academy of Art University, 1st Fl. Lobby

**Mon., May 5**
- 9 a.m.-Noon, Art Institutes, 1st Floor Lobby
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., DeVry University, 1st Floor Lobby

**Tue., May 6**
- 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., UC Berkeley Rep, Transfer Center, 2nd Fl.

**Wed., May 7**
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m., CSU, East Bay, 1st Fl. Lobby

...is published biweekly by Berkeley City College’s Marketing, Public Relations, and Communications Office. Send your news to:

Shirley Fogarino, Editor
Berkeley City College Messenger
2050 Center St., Berkeley, CA 94704
call (510) 981-2852
or e-mail: sfogarino@peralta.edu

Dr. Deborah Budd, President

Berkeley City College is part of the Peralta Community College District which also includes College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College.