Berkeley City College President Betty Inclan is working with Stephanie Casenza, executive director of the Peralta Colleges Foundation, and President’s Circle Advisory Committee team members, to host the college’s Second Annual President’s Circle Dinner. The first event was held in December 2010 and raised more than $28,000 for college occupational and basic skills programs.

The “hands on” invitation only event will take place at 6:30 p.m., Thur., Sept. 15, at Berkeley’s Kitchen on Fire, 1509 Shattuck Ave., between Vine and Cedar Sts. Participants will contribute $125 to cook and eat a sumptuous gourmet meal. All funds raised at the event go to support Berkeley City College programs. Kitchen on Fire brings together friends and family with food and spirits. The restaurant holds hands-on cooking classes, culinary demonstrations and lectures taught by top chefs and food professionals. Participants work principally with organic food and support organic local small growers and winemakers. Their focus is on high quality seasonal ingredients, minimal preparation, maximum flavor, and zero stress.

Founded in 2005 by seasoned restaurateur and author Olivier Said of Cesar and popular chef instructor and caterer Chef Mike C.of Party Lifestyle, Kitchen on Fire is located in Berkeley’s Epicurious Garden which is an expansion and continuation of the gourmet cuisine legacy started by Alice Waters at Chez Panisse more than 30 years ago.

Dr. Shelby Lewis, vice chair of the Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program’s Scholarship Board, a 12-member group appointed by President Barack Obama, was a keynote presenter at an Aug. 16-19 Fulbright Gateway orientation held at Berkeley City College.

“When you say Fulbright, it’s an entre into many stories and lives and it breaks down many barriers,” Lewis noted. “There is a need or Americans to engage with people around the world so there will be a greater understanding of all cultures this type of engagement will help people from other countries better understand the United States and American foreign policy.”

This is the second year that Berkeley City College was chosen to host more than 75 global students of the 11-year-old Fulbright Gateway Program for international graduate students. Two week-long sessions were held Aug. 9-12 and Aug. 16-19 at the college’s downtown Berkeley campus. Each summer, these pre-academic workshops help prepare new Fulbright international students for academic life in dozens of American universities. BCC is the only California community college to host the international orientations. Eleven were held this year at universities throughout America. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE), the Fulbright Gateway Orientations introduce the graduate students to life as a Fulbrighters, to American social and cultural life, and to political issues.

Jayne Matthews, BCC’s Curriculum Committee chair, announced fall 2011 meeting dates. The group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to Noon in the 3rd Floor Teaching/Learning Center. Curriculum Committee meeting dates are:

- September: 1, 15, 29
- October: 13, 27
- November: 10
- December 1

Mark your calendars for BCC’s fall Roundtable, Leadership Council meetings

Berkeley City College’s Roundtable for Planning and Budget (meets in Rm. 451A/B except for Sept. 12 when it meets in the TLC, 3rd Fl.) and the Leadership Council (meets in Rm. 451A) will meet this fall on the dates designated below. Roundtable meetings take place on the second and fourth Mondays of the month and Leadership Council meetings are set for the first and third Wednesdays. All sessions are open to the college community.

Fall Leadership Council meeting Dates are:

- September: 7, 21
- October 5, 19
- November 9, 30
- December 14

Fall Roundtable meeting dates are:

- September: 12, 26
- October 10, 31
- November 14, 28
- December 12

2nd President’s Circle fundraiser takes place at Berkeley’s famed Kitchen on Fire, Thur., Sept. 15

BCC hosts Summer International Fulbright Gateway Orientations

Curriculum Committee chair announces fall meeting dates

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Ishmael Reed, John Russo to Speak at African-American Museum and Library’s Reception to Honor Ralph Fasanella’s “Welcome Home Boys”

A reception to honor “Welcome Home Boys,” a 1953 painting by Ralph Fasanella, the late Bay Area artist and union activist, takes place 1-4 p.m., Sat., Oct. 1, at Oakland’s African-American Museum and Library. The museum is located at 695 -14th St. Guest speakers include noted authors Ishmael Reed and John Russo.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is cosponsored by the American Italian Historical Association’s Western Regional Chapter, the African American Museum and Library of Oakland, and Berkeley City College. Dr. Laura Ruberto, BCC humanities instructor, helped to make the event possible.

“Welcome Home, Boys,” which depicts a post-World War II strike, was painted in 1953. Its title reflects Fasanella’s concern for the fair treatment of American workers and U. S. veterans returning to work after the war. The artist spent his entire 50-year career commemorating labor activism and progressive politics while passionately advocating for racial and gender equality.

Digital art by BCC alum Phil Hall is on display in “Contemporary Visions of the Car and the Pin-Up” at Oakland’s Uptown Body and Fender, 461-26th St. Artists’ reception takes place 6-9 p.m., Fri., Sept. 2. E-mail phil@philiphllimagesandlight.com for details.

Berkeley City College Aug. 29-Sept. 16 Calendar

- **Mon., Aug. 29—**
  12:10-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B
  1-3 p.m., TRC/G.Winer, Rm. 451A
  3-6 p.m., EOPS Orientation, Rms. 451A&B

- **Wed., Aug. 31—**
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Academic Senate, Rm. 451B
  3-6 p.m., EOPS Orientation, Rms. 451A&B

- **Thur., Sept. 1—**
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Committee, 3rd. Fl. Teaching/Learning Ctr.

- **Fri., Sept. 2—**
  Last Day to Drop Classes and Receive a Refund

- **Sat., Sept. 3—**
  Last Day to Add Classes

- **Mon., Sept. 5—**
  Holiday: Labor Day

- **Tue., Sept. 6—**
  Census Day

- **Wed., Sept. 7—**
  9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Leadership Council, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A

- **Fri., Sept. 9—**
  10 a.m.-1 p.m., CalWORKs Orientation, Rms. 451A&B

- **Mon., Sept. 12—**
  Noon-2 p.m., Financial Aid Loan Workshop
  12:10-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B

- **Wed., Sept. 14—**
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Academic Senate, Rm. 451B
  3-5 p.m., Counseling, Rm. 451A
  2-4 p.m., Emergency Prep Meeting, Rm. 451B

- **Thur., Sept. 15—**
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Committee, 3rd. Fl. Teaching/Learning Ctr.

- **Fri., Sept. 16—**
  10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Just in Time Training, Rms. 451A&B

Student Services announces photo ID hours through Fri., Sept. 2

Let your students know that BCC’s photo ID hours for the first two weeks of the semester (through Sept. 2) will take place on the 2nd floor, Rm. 262. Photo ID hours are:

- Mondays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Fridays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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