Remind your students to enroll by Fri., Dec. 20

Now is a good time to remind your students to enroll early to ensure their place in spring 2014 classes. The fall semester ends Dec. 13 and spring break begins on Mon., Dec. 24. Remind your students to enroll early (by Fri., Dec. 20) to ensure their place in class. New students can enroll beginning Mon., Dec. 2. If you need spring 2014 BCC class schedules, they are available at the Student Ambassadors Welcome Desk on the first floor, or in Rm. 111A store room, also on the 1st floor. As always, BCC’s class schedule also is available on line in PDF format at www.berkeleycitycollege.edu.

Community invited to BCC’s Milvia Street Art and Literary Journal launch, Noon-2 p.m., Sat., Dec. 7

Writers and artists of Milvia Street 2013 art and literary journal will hold a release event from noon to 2 p.m., Sat., Dec. 7 in BCC’s auditorium. The journal, which features creative work—prose, poetry and visual art—by Berkeley City College students, recent alumni, and several faculty, was produced by Milvia Street Club members. The City of Berkeley Civic Arts Commission and journal sales provided funds for printing. A special thanks to those who worked on this year’s publication: Wilfred Galila, Nusaibah Coleman, Michael Hartman, Chloé Merrifield, Fred Dodsworth, and BCC instructor Sharon Coleman. Milvia Street Club members also support a Facebook page. Join it for events updates.

4th Annual East Bay Alternative Book & Zine Fest, set for Sat., Dec. 7, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at BCC

The 4th Annual East Bay Alternative Book and Zine Fest takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Dec. 7 at Berkeley City College, 2050 Center St., between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St., one block from the downtown Berkeley BART station. The event, which is free and open to the public, features alternative zine artists and authors from around the Bay Area.

More than 80 Bay Area writers, publishers, artists and comic book creators will share their wares. Participants include Manic D Press, 1984 Printing, PM Press, Endless Canvas, Jen Oaks, and many more.

BCC self-evaluation groups meet to begin 2015 accreditation process

Faculty, staff, administrators and students on Berkeley City College’s self-evaluation accreditation standard teams met on Mon., Nov. 18 to begin serious work on the college’s 2015 self evaluation report to prepare for a spring 2015 visit from an Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) team visit. Members of the four primary accreditation standard groups discussed research and data gathering, college participation in self evaluation activities, training and meeting strategies, to name a few. Membership on accreditation standard committees is open for those who wish to participate. For details about the college’s self-evaluation and how to participate, visit www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/accreditation.

Staff development committee seeks spring 2014 Flex Day proposals

BCC’s staff development committee wants your input and ideas for the college’s spring 2014 Flex Days. Here is how you can help:

• Take a short Flex Day survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/flexdayspring14

• Submit your ideas, or ask to lead a workshop or other Flex Day activity; contact Gabe Winer at gwiner@peralta.edu to find out how.

Flex Day proposals are due by Fri., Dec. 6 so that they can be discussed at BCC’s Dec. 11 Professional Development Day meeting. Questions? Contact Gabe Winer at gwiner@peralta.edu.

EOPS/CalWORKs begins annual holiday toy drive; visit BCC’s mail room to become a “Secret Santa”

Berkeley City College’s EOPS/CalWORKs staff began their annual holiday toy drive on Tue., Nov. 19. A holiday tree is in the mail room and anyone can become a Secret Santa. Select an ornament, then purchase a toy for the child whose name and age appear on it. The toy drive is a long-time BCC tradition and each year, BCC community members make possible holiday joy for many children whose parents are students in the college’s EOPS/CalWORKs program. Bring your gift to the 3rd floor EOPS office by Mon., Dec. 16. A party is set for Tue., Dec. 17. For details, contact Fatima Shah at fshah@peralta.edu or Ayele Lemma at alemma@peralta.edu.
Katherine Bergman announces new grant opportunities

Advanced computer programming students are invited to a Microsoft Users Group presentation on Visual Studio 2013 .NET programming environment including changes in XAML and web development tools. For time, date and place details, contact Neil Dunlop, CIS instructor, at ndunlop@peralta.edu.

Professional computer programmers who are members of the East Bay .NET user group have gathered for the past two years at Berkeley City College to share information about Microsoft’s .NET programming framework. The college’s CIS Department hosts the group and in doing so has gained recognition among Bay Area information technology professionals.

BCC’s Anti-Tobacco Club sponsors Fresh Air Art Contest

BCC students can create anti-tobacco art and communicate a no-smoking policy to the public with BCC’s Fresh Air Art Contest. Entries are due at 3 p.m., Mon., Dec. 2, 2013. The contest is sponsored by Student Club Artists Resisting Tobacco (A.R.T.). The contest mini-grant is funded by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, and the Public Health Department’s Tobacco Master Settlement Funds.

Entries must be a visual art piece (drawing, painting, photography, etc.) with an anti-tobacco theme (such as the dangers of secondhand smoke). The work also must communicate, in a caption, that students who smoke at any of the four Peralta colleges can face a fine starting at $45.

Prizes are:
• 1st Place—$100
• 2nd Place—$50
• Top three selected pieces will be displayed on Peralta college campuses.

For details, contact Pauline Bandonna, Director of the Artists Resisting Tobacco grant – 510 526 8736, crystalpub@aol.com.