BCC Black History Month activities continue on Tue. & Wed., Feb. 28, 29

Berkeley City College’s Black History Month festivities continue this week, Noon to 12:30 p.m., Thur., Feb. 28 with Deborah Ale Flint, Director of Aviation at Oakland Airport (Room TBA); and Noon-12:45 p.m., Wed., Feb. 29, with presentations by Dee Dee Abdur-Rahim, attorney at Delicia Abdur-Rahim and founder of Couture with a Cause. Dr. Nyeshia Dewitt, 2011 Jefferson Award Winner, Program Manager of Oakland’s Promise Alliance and Co-Founder of Oakland Natives Give Back, in Rm. 431. A 12:30 to 2 p.m.70s Motown Day and Soul Food Fest takes place in BCC’s Atrium on that day.

BCC building closed for evacuation drill, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., Thur., Mar. 1

Berkeley City College will conduct a practice building evacuation drill from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Thur., Mar. 1 to join with our community and call attention to the funding crisis facing California. During the drill, BCC’s campus at 2050 Center St. will be completely closed. All members of the college community: Students, faculty, staff and administrators, must leave the campus when the alarms sound. Floor monitors will guide people out of the building.

During this time, those who wish to participate in the International Day of Action for Public Education and Public Services, and in community activities which call attention to California’s current budget situation, may do so. However, participation in these activities is voluntary. Those who will not participate in these activities will assemble across the street from BCC in front of the parking lot.

Meanwhile, anyone who wishes to make signs for Thur., Mar. 1 can join the Global Studies Club in the atrium, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Plan to attend Mon., Mar. 5 Sacramento demonstration against budget cuts

Plans are underway and organizers throughout the Peralta District and around California are prepared for a march to Sacramento on Mon., Mar. 5. As many know, there are multiple efforts underway to restore funding to public education and this is a critical time to let your voice be heard. On Feb. 23, community colleges were informed via a press release from State Chancellor Jack Scott’s office that the system may be required to cut another $149 million for the 2011-12 academic year. This is because of a higher demand for student fee waivers and lower than expected property tax revenues. The $149 million reduction was unexpected and even larger than the mid-year trigger cut that the system has already endured. The 2.75% decrease is doubled because the colleges have only six months to try and find more savings.

Those who wish to participate in the Sacramento march to support public education and social services should contact Joan Berezin at jberezin@peralta.edu, Marilyn Montague (mmontague@peralta.edu for SEIU members), or access AgainstCuts.org. BCC students, faculty and staff plan to charter at least two buses for the event.

“Energy and Climate: Surprising Things You Need to Know,” is set for 6:30-8 p.m., Thur., Mar. 1, in Berkeley City College’s auditorium, 2050 Center St., between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St. The presentation will be given by Dr. Richard A. Muller, renowned professor of physics at UC Berkeley and faculty senior scientist at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by BCC’s Department of Science and the college’s Science Club. It is part of a five-part Spring Science Seminar Series. Dr. Muller will discuss the latest scientific developments on international climate change and how the world can best prepare for them.

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Berkeley City College’s Service Community will sponsor a Shadow Day at UC Berkeley, Sat., Mar. 24, for BCC students who wish to transfer to Cal. Let your students know that if they wish to participate in Shadow Day, the application deadline is Tue., Mar. 6. Questions? E-mail bccserves@gmail.com or call (510) 969-6929.

Six City of Berkeley Youth Works interns have completed seven-week internships at Berkeley City College. The interns, who worked with EOPS and BCC’s public information office, are Ha’Sheem Courtney, Isiah Key, Kyle Maxwell, Emina Okanovic, Derek Spears and Tigris Truasia. BCC and Youth works have sustained a 25+ year partnership which has helped more than 400 youth develop workplace skills. Each summer and winter, Youth Works assigns high school students to the college and other local organizations.

Berkeley City College Feb. 27-Mar. 15 Calendar

• Mon., Feb. 27—
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B

• Tue., Feb. 28—
  Noon-12:30 p.m., Black History Month Presentation: Deborah Ale Flint, Rm. TBA

• Wed., Feb. 29—
  9 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Leadership, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A
  Noon-12:45 p.m., Black History Month Presentations: Delicia Abdur-Rahim and Dr. Nyeshia Dewitt, Rm. 431
  12:30-2 p.m., Motown Day and Soul Food Fest, BCC Atrium
  2-4 p.m., Financial Aid Workshop, Rm. 451A&B
  3:30 p.m., Graduation Committee, Transfer Center

• Thur., Mar. 1—
  Noon-1 p.m., BSU, Rm. 451A
  12:15-12:45 p.m., Building Evacuation Drill, College Closed During That Time

• Mon., Mar. 5—
  March Against Budget Cuts in Sacramento

• Tue., Mar. 6—
  8:30-10:30 a.m., Financial Aid Workshop, Rms. 451A&B

• Wed., Mar. 7—
  Noon-1 p.m., Academic Senate
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors

• Thurs., Mar. 8—
  9:30 a.m.-Noon, MAA, Rm. 451A&B

• Fri., Mar. 9—
  1:30-4 p.m., Financial Aid, Rms. 451A&B

• Mon., Mar. 12—
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rm. 451A&B

• Tue., Mar. 13—
  10 a.m.-Noon, Counselors, Rm. 451A
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rm. 451A

• Wed., Mar. 14—
  9 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Leadership, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A

• Thurs., Mar. 15—
  Noon-2 p.m., Financial Aid Workshop, Rm. 451A&B

BCC Transfer Center hosts university rep visits, workshops

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