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MSRI/BCC present Kimberly Bryant, American Ingenuity Award Winner, tech inclusion pioneer, who will present on “Black Girls CODE,” 6:30 p.m., Wed., Feb. 24, in BCC’s auditorium

Kimberly Bryant, Smithsonian American Ingenuity Award Winner and tech education pioneer, will speak on “Black Girls CODE,” 6:30 p.m., Wed., Feb. 24, in BCC’s auditorium. The presentation is free and open to the public but seating is limited. You can reserve tickets at:

https://www.msri.org/general_events/21817.

Ms. Bryant, founder and executive director of Black Girls CODE, has worked to empower girls of color to become innovators in STEM fields, leaders in their communities, and builders of their own futures through exposure to computer science and technology. Her talk is part of the “Not on the Test: The Pleasures and Uses of Mathematics” series of 2015-16 public lectures, which are jointly presented by the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) and Berkeley City College (BCC). They are made possible by funding from the Simons Foundation.

Black Girls CODE, a non-profit organization dedicated to “changing the face of technology” by introducing girls of color (ages 7-17) to technology and computer science with a concentration on entrepreneurial concepts, has set out to prove to the world that girls of every color have the skills to become the programmers of tomorrow.

Ms. Bryant’s 25+ year career in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries was spent as an engineering manager in technical leadership roles for various Fortune 100 companies, including Genentech, Merck, and Pfizer. Since 2011, she has helped Black Girls CODE grow from a local organization serving only the Bay Area, to an international organization with seven chapters across the United States and in Johannesburg, South Africa. In 2013, she was on Business Insider’s list of “The 25 Most Influential African-Americans in Technology” and was named to The Root 100 and the Ebony Power 100 lists.

In 2013, she was invited to the White House as a Champion of Change for her work in tech inclusion and for her focus on bridging the digital divide for girls of color. In 2014, she received an American Ingenuity Award in Social Progress from the Smithsonian Institution and was presented with the Inaugural Women Who Rule Award in Technology via Politico.

College welcomes new faculty to Spring 2016 semester

BCC extends a warm welcome to new faculty for the spring 2016 semester. They are: Feruz Ahmed, Communications; Francoise Blusseau, French; Joya Chavarin, Child Development; Rabab Chowdury and Vidalia Cordon, Business; Janine Greer, Mental Health Counselor; Samuel Johnson, Computer Information Systems; Kadet Kuhne and Valerie Mih, Multimedia Arts; Michael Lin and Wendy Muse Sinek, Political Science; Alexander Mejia and Nicola Miner, English; and Vivian Zhang, Chinese.

Black Students Union sponsors BCC Black History Month Events

Mark your calendars and attend a variety of Black History Month events sponsored in February by BCC’s Black Student Union (BSU). They include:

- 12:15-1:15 p.m., Wed., Feb. 3, “A Better Understanding: Open Discussion about Black Culture,” BCC Atrium
- 5-8 p.m., Tue., Feb. 9, Brother/Sister Circle, Meeting of Women and Men to Discuss Life’s Hardships and Success within the Black Community, BCC Student Lounge
- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wed., Feb. 10, Auditions for Black History Month Talent Show, BCC Auditorium
- 12:15-1:15 p.m., Wed., Feb. 17, Open Discussion on Black Love, Location TBA
- 12:15-1:15 p.m., Thur., Feb. 18, Black Excellence Awards, BCC Atrium

Look for more Black History Month events in BCC’s Feb. 16 *Messenger*.

Arab film series debuts this spring at BCC

Berkeley City College and Valla Arabi will sponsor an Arab film series at 6:30 p.m. on the last Friday of the month in February, March and April. Films include *Studio Beirut*, *Cafe Regular*, *El Khateeb*, *Transit Game*, *Bahiya and Mahmoud* and *PHATWA: The Narcicyst*, and will show in the college’s auditorium at 2050 Center St., Berkeley. The events are free and open to the public. For details, visit www.arabfilmfestival.org.

BCC Wellness Center moves to 2070 Allston Way, Suite 203

BCC’s Wellness Center has moved to 2070 Allston Way, Suite 203. The center is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon. and Wed. (closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch). Lisa Wicks, NP, and Merrick Wise, medical assistant will be on hand to help students with flu shots, health education, health assessment, TB testing, First Aid, family planning and physical examinations. Students can call (510) 666-0013 to schedule an appointment. Mental health counseling also is available for students. Janine Greer is BCC’s new mental health counselor. Appointments are available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tue. and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thur. Phone (510) 981-2919 or e-mail bcccounselor@gmail.com for an appointment.

BCC introduces new Analytical Chemistry AS Degree, Certificate of Achievement

Berkeley City College's science department has developed Analytical Chemistry Associate in Science Degree and Certificate of Achievement programs designed to provide skills for chemistry technician jobs. The programs were approved in January by the State Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges. Those who major in Analytical Chemistry also can transfer to four year colleges or universities. Chemistry technicians play important roles in analytical laboratories in academic, research and industrial institutions. They assist instructors to prepare materials for laboratory classes, assist researchers in collecting and analyzing scientific data, and gather data for product quality control in industries. Congratulations to Dr. Siraj Omar, Dr. Barbara Des Rochers, science department chairs.

Important add/drop deadline reminders for BCC students

Remind your students that the last day they can add or drop regular, full-term classes is Sun., Feb. 7. That also is Census Day, when instructors verify enrollment in their classes. The last day that a student can file for the Pass/No Pass Grading Option is Thur., Feb. 11.

Berkeley City College Feb. 2-19, 2016 Calendar

- **Tue., Feb. 2—**
12:30-2:30 p.m., Technology Committee, Rm. 451B
- **Wed., Feb. 3—**
9:30 a.m.-Noon, Student Equity, Rms. 451A&B
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lunch and Learn, Rms. 451A&B
12:15-1:15 p.m., "A Better Understanding: Open Discussion About Black Culture," BCC Atrium (Black History Month Event)
3-6 p.m., Health/LPAT, Rms. 451A&B
- **Thur., Feb. 4—**
10-11 a.m., Equitable Access Team (Student Access and Equity at BCC), South Campus, Rm. 204
Noon-3 p.m., CalWORKs Orientation, Rm. 451A
- **Fri., Feb. 5—**
Noon-1:30 p.m., Facilities, Rms. 451A&B
- **Sun., Feb. 7—**
Last day to add full-term classes or drop them without receiving a "W"; Census Day.
- **Mon., Feb. 8—**
10-11 a.m., OSPG, Rm. 451B
Noon-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rm. 451A&B
- **Tue., Feb. 9—**
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Skyline High School, Rm. 451A
12:30-2:30 p.m., Technology Committee, Rm. 451B
5-8 p.m., Brother/Sister Circle, Meeting of Women and Men to Discuss Life's Hardships and Success within the Black Community, BCC Student Lounge
- **Wed., Feb. 10—**
Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rms. 451A&B
3-4 p.m., Afternoon Tea, Rms. 451A&B
5:30-7:30 p.m., Auditions for Black History Month Talent Show, BCC Auditorium
6-9 p.m., Minimum Wage Group, Rms. 451A&B
- **Thur., Feb. 11—**
10 a.m.-Noon, Counselors, Rm. 451A
10-11 a.m., Equitable Access Team (Student Access and Equity at BCC), South Campus, Rm. 204
12:15-1:15 p.m., Education Committee, Rm. 311
3-4:30 p.m., Classified Senate, Rms. 451A&B
5:30-10 p.m., N. Dunlop, Microsoft Group, Rms. 451A&B
Last day for students to file for Pass/No Pass grading option.
- **Fri., Feb. 12—Mon., Feb. 15**
Holiday—President's Weekend
- **Tue., Feb. 16—**
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rms. 451A&B
6-9 p.m., Retirement Planning, Rms. 451A&B
- **Wed., Feb. 17—**
Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rms. 451A&B
12:15-1:15 p.m., Open Discussion on Black Love, BCC Atrium
- **Thur., Feb. 18—**
10-11 a.m., Equitable Access Team (Student Access and Equity at BCC), South Campus, Rm. 204
Noon-3 p.m., Financial Aid Event, Rms. 451A&B
12:15-1:15 p.m., Black Excellence Awards, BCC Atrium
- **Fri., Feb. 19—**
11 a.m.-3p.m., Financial Aid Event, Rms. 451A&B

Jan. 21-22 "Qualities of Leadership" discussion notes available online

At BCC's Jan. 21-22 Professional Development days, faculty and staff participated in a workshop to define qualities of leadership for the college's continued and future success. Summary notes from both sessions are available at:

<https://goo.gl/5bgKmL>

Scroll to the second page to review "next steps" suggestions. Questions? Contact Scott Hoshida at shoshida@peralta.edu.

Successful BCC business internship program continues this spring

A highly successful business internship program cosponsored by the City of Berkeley's Office of Economic Development and BCC's Cooperative Education Work Experience Program begins its second year this spring. More than 40 internships exist in many fields including, but not limited to: Business, Computer Information Systems, Marketing, Multimedia Arts, Web Design, Social Media, Accounting, and Economics, to name just a few.

They cover many areas from research and data support, community outreach, customer service, income tax preparation, office administration, software and programming, teaching assistance, web site development and maintenance and electronics. For details, contact Jayne Matthews at jmatthews@peralta.edu.

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