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Jason Santos Cifra named BCC's vice president of student services

Jason Santos Cifra has been named Berkeley City College's vice president of student services, Rowena Tomaneng, BCC president, announced. Cifra most recently was Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Hawai'i Community College. There, he and his team worked to improve and revise policies and process and adopted tools to support student and community needs with responsibilities for administration of counseling, admissions, records, financial aid, internal data management, student life, and related federal and campus student services programs. He also collaborated with internal and external partners on grants to support student success.

Cifra's extensive experience also includes work with K-12 and higher education settings in counseling, student development, student services, outreach, advancement/scholarships, project management, and technology development. His current focus is on early college, career and college development, first year success, graduation and completion, proactive interventions and strategic enrollment management.

He holds a master's degree in counseling, with an emphasis on marriage and family therapy. He earned a bachelor's degree in English, with a minor in linguistics from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. He enjoys driving, coaching tennis, art, hiking, and viewing scary movies.

Welcome, Janice Adam BCC's new public information officer

Janice Adam has been named BCC's new full-time public information officer, BCC president Rowena Tomaneng announced. Adam's background includes extensive experience in community relations for the cities of Alameda, Oakland and other area cities through her work with BART, AC Transit, and the Port of Oakland.

She holds a master's degree in public administration from California State University, East Bay and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She also is a graduate of Berkeley High School. She will start on Fri., Jan. 13. Stop by to say hello in the 4th floor public information office, Rm. 458.

Pioneering ASL instructor Mary Telford to retire

Mary Telford, part-time American Sign Language instructor at Berkeley City College, has retired after more than 30 years of service. Telford began teaching at Vista Community College in the early 1980s. During her career at Vista and BCC, Telford taught close to 3,200 students. She participated in videos that accompanied Vista Community College's signature *Signing Naturally* curriculum workbooks, authored by ASL Department founding faculty members Ella Lentz, Ken Mikos and Cheri Smith. The texts, created at Vista, now are used and adapted throughout the world as models for sign language instruction. Telford also taught ASL part-time at Los Medanos College and UC Berkeley. She participated in various projects, including storytelling at mainstream school programs for Deaf children through the Deaf Education and Arts Network (DEAN), another project of DEAF Media, and acting in numerous theatrical productions.

Besides teaching, Telford worked full-time as an employment specialist with the Deaf Counseling Advocacy and Referral Agency (DCARA) in Oakland's Employment Development Department (EDD) office. There, she assisted Deaf and hard of hearing job seekers to find employment.

Although, ASL always was a legitimate language, it wasn't documented as such until the 1960s. Prior to that time, people, even linguists, had assumed that signing was a broken, manual form of English. Once the research of linguist William Stoke was published, it was a slow process until the Deaf community and then the general public understood its importance as a language.

Ron Little, Peralta's Vice Chancellor of Finance, hosts BCC budget forum 12:30 p.m., Wed., Feb. 1

Ron Little, Peralta's vice chancellor of finance and Shirley Slaughter, BCC's director of business and administrative services, will host an annual budget forum, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Wed., Feb. 1, in BCC's auditorium. Topics will include the Governor's 2017-18 Budget Proposal, what it means to Peralta, BAM revisions, and audit findings. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

BAMPFA hosts free spring open house for BCC community

Berkeley's Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, located on the corner of Oxford and Center Sts., will host a spring open house Wed., Mar. 1, for BCC students and employees. A Berkeley City College identification will be required to enter the facility. Spring 2017 exhibits include works by Andy Warhol, Michael Armitage, Buddhist art and Hippie modernism. For details, visit <http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu>.

“Digital Arts: Power of the Pixel” features work by BCC artists, students, alums, faculty

“Digital Arts: Power of the Pixel,” opens 4-6 p.m., Sat., Jan. 28, at Berkeley Central Arts Passage at 2055 Center St., across the street from BCC between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St. The exhibit showcases 59 of the Bay Area’s finest local and international digital artists, with a strong representation of Berkeley’s Digital Arts Collective (many of the artists are BCC faculty, alums or students). All of the artwork was executed and reproduced using digital technology and includes photographs, composites, paintings, illustrations and 2D and 3D vector graphics. Reproduced on a digital printer and on a variety of papers, canvases, fabrics and metals, the artworks have been developed using traditional materials, including paint, pencil, ink, collage, textures or sculptural elements. Visit the exhibit between Sat., Jan. 28 and Sat., May 27. For details, phone (510) 644-4930 or e-mail expressionsgallery@msn.com.

BCC animation student Aminah Raatib featured in “An Animated Life” documentary

BCC animation student Aminah Raatib is featured in “An Animated Life,” a documentary about Floyd Norman, the first African-American animator to be hired at Walt Disney Studios in 1956. While at Disney, he helped hand-draw scenes in “Sleeping Beauty,” “Mary Poppins,” “The Jungle Book” and other films, then went on to work at Hanna-Barbera, Pixar and at other studios. His film and cartoon credits which also include “Fat Albert” and “Scooby-Doo”, are substantial. Raatib met the senior animator, now 80, at the Disney Family Museum while on a field trip with her BCC class. She was pulled out of the group for an extensive interview. Visit a clip from the new documentary at <https://vimeo.com/132697876>.

GradReady helps students, faculty, staff manage tuition, budgets, expenses

Loan Nguyen, BCC’s director of financial aid, reports that students, faculty and staff can now access GradReady, a new tool that helps manage tuition, budgets and expenses. Students and members of BCC’s community can access this valuable resource sponsored by Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation and Affiliates (<https://home.mygreatlakes.org>). Visit GradReady on BCC’s home page. Click on “GradReady,” then choose “Start Now” to activate the tool.

E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship deadline is Tue., Jan. 31

BCC faculty and staff can apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship through Tue., Jan. 31. The program offers opportunities for those who work in organizations which serve Latino populations to work collaboratively with the USDA to gain an understanding of the federal government. For details, contact Juan M. Alvarez at Juan.Alvarez@osec.usda.gov.

Berkeley City College, Jan. 16-Feb. 2, 2017 Calendar

- **Mon., Jan. 16—**
Holiday: Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday Observance
- **Tue., Jan. 17—**
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A
- **Wed., Jan. 18—**
9-11 a.m., President’s Cabinet, Rm. 451A
- **Thur., Jan. 19**
10-11 a.m., Student Access and Equity, Rm. TBA
- **Mon., Jan. 23—**
Spring 2017 Semester Begins
- **Tue., Jan. 24—**
8:30-9:30 a.m., Transnational Program, Rm. 451A
7 p.m., Peralta Board of Trustees Meeting, Board Room, 333 E. 8th St., Oakland
- **Wed., Jan. 25—**
12:15-1:15 p.m., Professional Development, Rm. 311
- **Thur., Jan. 26**
10-11 a.m., Student Access and Equity, Rm. TBA
3-4:30 p.m., Classified Senate, Rm. 341
- **Wed., Feb. 1—**
12:20-1:20 p.m., Opening of Black History Month, BCC Atrium
12:30-1:30 p.m., Peralta/BCC Budget Forum, BCC Auditorium
12:30-1:20 p.m., BCC Academic Senate, Rm. TBA
- **Thur., Feb. 2—**
10-11 a.m., Student Access and Equity, Rm. TBA
12:15-1:15 p.m., Technology Committee, Rm. 451A
12:30-1:20 p.m., Throwback Thursday: Old School Music, BCC Atrium

BCC donors make possible students’ happy holidays

CalWORKs holiday Adopt-A-Family Program proved a great success. Twenty families received gift cards for food, presents, gasoline and transportation. The CalWORKs staff thanks all of the BCC donors who helped bring joy and much-needed support into the lives of our students.

Meanwhile, Tiffany Taylor, BCC’s interim director of student activities, reported that BCC’s winter blanket-making project was an outstanding success. Participants created 21 blankets and donated clothing for area homeless shelters.

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Rowena Tomaneng, President

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

Thursday, Jan. 19 and Friday, Jan. 20 Flex Days at Berkeley City College



Thursday's Theme

Re-think Justice: Connecting the state of our country to our work with students?

8:30-9:00	Breakfast Room 421-424			
9:00-9:30	President's Welcome - update on post election, inclusive communities, and college opportunities Room 421-424			
9:30-10:00	Panel: student, faculty, staff reflections on theme and response to president's update [Potential Panelists: Jenny Gough (RTJ), Karen Shields (Classified Senate), Vivian Allen (ASBCC), Juana Alicia Araiza (RTJ), Shawn McDougal (RTJ), Kelly Pernel (Academic Senate), Scott Hoshida (PFT)] Room 421-424			
10:00-11:00	"Speed Dating" group discussion tables (3 rounds @ 15 min. each) Room 421-424 (Jennifer Ajinga)			
11:00-11:30	Report Outs + Plenary Discussion: Room 421-424			
11:30-11:45	Break			
11:45-12:30	Lunch served: Introduction of new faculty, staff, and administrators (Tram Vo-Kumamoto) + Committee Shout-outs (e.g. PIE, Senate) Room 421-424			
12:30-2:30	Department/Program Meetings			
	316	Business, CIS, Econ	311	English, ESL & Education
	341	Counseling	518	Science
	214	Multimedia Arts	212	Modern Languages
	LIB	Library	226	Arts and Cultural Studies
	216	Mathematics	322	Student Services
	315	Social Science		
2:30-3:15	Reports from Departments et al. + Rethink Justice Plan for Spring			
3:15-4:30	Workshops			
	14	Audiovisual Equipment in the Classrooms and annex space AV equipment (Joe Bay)		
	316	Open Educational Resources Working Lab (Heather Dodge and Jenny Yap) A dedicated time and computer lab space for faculty seeking open access texts, materials, or software to replace their current class materials. Librarians will be on hand to help you search. If you are not ready to search yet, but want to identify criteria for a replacement text, we can help you get the ball rolling. Faculty who		

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		attended the November 30th OER meeting are HIGHLY encouraged to attend, but all others are welcome.
	312	Canvas Transition (Linda McAllister)
	315	ReThink Justice: Taking Action. An opportunity to implement practical steps toward a more socially just community (Jennifer Ajinga)
4:30-5:30	Happy Hour at Eureka	

Friday

8:30-9:00	Breakfast Room 421-424	
9:00-12:00	"Equity Pedagogies and Cultural Humility" workshop with Dr. Veronica Neal [lead: Rowena] Room 421-424	
12:00-1:00	Lunch + Conference/Extracurricular Work Shout-outs [lead: Heather] Room 421-424	
	Workshops	
	1:15-3:15	Mental Health Challenges on Campus w/ Annie Kim (Mental Health Association of Alameda County) and Janine Greer Room 341
	1:15-2:15	TLC projects collaboration space Room 316 A time for faculty involved in TLC projects to meet before the busy semester begins. Develop your research or action plan for this spring!
	1:15-2:15	Student-led discussion: Ways we hope to engage students in the upcoming semester and how we want to work with other communities at BCC to support the student body (Sabrina, BCC Sociology Club) Room 322
	2:30-3:30	Foster Youth and Veterans: Supporting Your Students Who Have Experienced Trauma. An overview of the programs available on campus designed to serve these students and the role of faculty in the referral process. (Jennifer Ajinga and Jennifer Lenahan) Room 315
	2:30-3:30	Student-led discussion: Safe space for POC, queer and trans students in the classroom and on campus (Vivian Allen, ASBCC President) Room 311
3:30-4:30	Learning Communities Meeting 421	