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Krista Johns, J.D., appointed BCC's interim president

Krista Johns, J.D., has been appointed Interim President at Berkeley City College, Peralta Chancellor Jowel C. Laguerre, announced. Dr. Johns replaces Dr. Deborah Budd, who was named Chancellor of the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District. Dr. Johns will assume her position full time beginning Mon., Feb. 8. Until that time, Dr. Laguerre will assume the president's duties at BCC.

Dr. Johns, who most recently served as Vice President for Policy and Research at the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), also served as BCC's vice President of Instruction from 2009 to 2012. Her extensive experience in higher education includes service as dean of English and business at Pleasant Hill's Diablo Valley College (DVC), where she managed the college's English and business divisions, and its hotel and restaurant programs. While there, she also administered federal grants, and was responsible for facilitating integration of academic and student services. She also served as director of the University of Mississippi's Paralegal Studies Program; as administrator of that university's Center for Continuing Legal Education; and as a curriculum developer for the University of Nevada, Reno.

Dr. Johns holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin, Parkside (Kenosha, WISC) and a Juris Doctor degree, with honors, from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Dr. Nola Hadley-Torres, Native American community, Berkeley City Council create new framework for working with area's Indigenous peoples

Since 2013, Dr. Nola Hadley Torres, BCC history and Native American Studies instructor, along with members of the Ohlone Nation and other Native American activists, have worked with the Berkeley City Council's Peace and Social Justice Committee to encourage development of new policies regarding the area's Indigenous community. Their work with city council members continued a 2009 resolution which recognizes and endorses the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). The Peace and Social Justice Committee introduced for adoption five "Support of Indigenous People's" resolutions to Berkeley City Council members for a December 2015 vote. These included:

1. Recognize the Ohlone People;
2. Honor Berkeley Shellmound Indigenous Sacred Site;
3. Urging the East Bay Regional Parks District to honor Ohlone Indigenous Rights and Protect Ohlone Place of Origin Sacred Site;
4. Implement United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as Municipal Policy; and
5. Endorse Upgrading the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to a Convention."

The resolutions are published in the city council's agenda. For a comprehensive summary of the council's resolutions statement, contact Dr. Hadley Torres at nhadley@peralta.edu. Also visit <http://bit.ly/indigenoustrightsberkeley> for details.

BCC presents Equity Plan to Peralta Board of Trustees

Berkeley City College's 2015 Equity Plan was presented to the Peralta Community College District's Board of Trustees at their December 2015 meeting. Based on the analysis of one-to-six-year Equity indicator trend data and the "80% Index," and using college-wide cohort data as the benchmarks, BCC identified the following disproportionately impacted student populations:

- African American and Foster Youth – All Equity Indicators,
- Hispanic/Latino– Access, ESOL Completion, Distance Education Course Completion, and Transfer Indicators,
- DSPS Students, Veterans, and Dreamers–Access, Degree and/or Certificate Completion, and Transfer Indicators,
- Students with Degree/Certificate Matriculation Goal(s) – Degree/Certificate Completion Indicator, and
- Math Students – Basic Skills Math Progression and Math Course Completion.

Throughout plan's development, BCC has used RP Group of California's Six Success Factors: Directed, Focused, Nurtured, Engaged, Connected, and Valued as its philosophical framework. The college established a 2015 Equity Plan Taskforce and five Equity Success Indicator Committees to update the plan. Committee members represent instructional and counseling faculty, classified staff, student leaders, researchers, administrators, and community advocates.

Peralta/BCC Flex Day activities begin Wed., Jan. 20

Spring 2016 Peralta Flex Days begin 8:30 a.m., Wed., Jan. 20 in the Laney College Theater. Meanwhile, Berkeley City College Flex Days start with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Thur., Jan. 21 in Rms. 421-424. The day's events include presentations on math equity, workshops on distance education and on how to use the TurnItIn online grade and record keeping system.

A workshop which highlights support services available to students starts the day at 9 a.m., Fri., Jan. 22, and is followed by a lunch and discussion on cultivating community, a new faculty orientation and college department meetings. See BCC's Flex Day schedule in this newsletter for details.

Reserve your place to study in Cuba May 28-June 4, 2016

Berkeley City College will sponsor an international excursion for students who wish to study the language and culture of Cuba, Sat., May 28 through Sat., June 4. The program, based in old and central Havana, highlights local art, artists and cultural centers. Participants will stay in three and four star hotels. Cost for the program is \$2,975 + \$66 for tuition and fees. Want to know more? Contact Dr. Gabriella Pisano at gpisano@peralta.edu or phone (510) 981-2917, or Paul Bardwil at pbardwil@aol.com or phone (916) 225-8207.

BCC Transfer/Career Information Center expands services

Berkeley City College's Transfer and Career Information Center has partnered with Berkeley's One-Stop Career Center to provide more career-related services to BCC students. Career advisement drop-in sessions will be scheduled throughout the spring. Advise your students to stop by the Transfer and Career Information Center, Rm. 243, 2nd Floor Counseling area on the west side of the building, for details. Questions? Contact Johnny Dong, Transfer and Career Information Center Coordinator at jdong@peralta.edu or at (510) 981-2811.

Berkeley City College Jan. 18-Feb. 5, 2016 Calendar

- **Mon., Jan. 18—**
Holiday—The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance
- **Tue., Jan. 19—**
12:15-1:15 p.m., Biology Student Boot Camp, Rm. 513
3:30-5:30 p.m., SAP Meeting, Rm. 451B
3-5 p.m., Tue., Jan. 19 thru Fri., Jan. 22, Chemistry Student Boot Camp, Rm. 513
Peralta Professional Development Day
- **Wed., Jan. 20—**
Noon-3 p.m., Black Students Union, Rm. 451A
- **Thur., Jan. 21—**
10-11 a.m., Equitable Access Team (Student Access and Equity at BCC), South Campus, Rm. 204
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- **Fri., Jan. 22—**
1:30-3:30 p.m., Department Chairs, Rms. 451A&B
- **Mon., Jan. 25—**
Spring Semester Begins
12:15-1:30 p.m., Health and Safety Committee, Rm. 451A
- **Tue., Jan. 26—**
Noon-1:30 p.m., Technology Committee, Rms. 451B
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rms. 451A&B
- **Wed., Jan. 27—**
4-7 p.m., Biotech Summit, Rms. 451A&B
- **Thur., Jan. 28—**
10-11 a.m., Equitable Access Team (Student Access and Equity at BCC), South Campus, Rm. 204
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rms. 451A&B
3 p.m., Classified Senate, Rms. 451A&B
4-7 p.m., Biotech Summit, Rms. 451A&B
- **Tue., Feb. 2—**
12:15-1:30 p.m., Technology Committee, Rm. 451A
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A
- **Wed., Feb. 3—**
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lunch & Learn, Rm. 451A&B
- **Thur., Feb. 4—**
10-11 a.m., Equitable Access Team (Student Access and Equity at BCC), South Campus, Rm. 204
10 a.m.-2 p.m., L. Ruberto Meeting, Rm. 451B
- **Fri., Feb. 5—**
12:15-1:30 p.m., Facilities, Rm. 451A

Welcome Andre Singleton, BCC's Director of Student Activities and Campus Life

BCC extends a warm welcome to Andre Singleton, the college's new Director of Student Activities and Campus Life. His responsibilities include campus activities, the Associated Students of Berkeley City College, outreach participation, and Student Ambassadors. His office is on the 1st floor, Rm. 56, directly across from the ASBCC office. Stop by and welcome him to the college.

Johnny Dong named Coordinator of BCC's Transfer/Career Info Center

Johnny Dong has been named Coordinator of Berkeley City College's Transfer/Career Information Center. Dong, a familiar presence at BCC, served for more than 15 years as academic services specialist in the Office of Instruction, assumed his new post in January. Stop by the center, 2nd floor, Rm. 243.

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FLEX DAYS**

Thursday, January 21, 2016

8:30 - 9:00	BREAKFAST								
9:00 - 10:00	President Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates • Introduce new administrators, faculty and staff ROOM 421-424								
10:00 - 10:15	Break								
10:15 - 12:00	Campus Leadership Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivating community and sustainability ROOM 421-424								
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