Save the Date for BCC’s Fri., Oct. 17 40th Anniversary Party and Open House

Mark your calendars for Berkeley City College’s 40th Anniversary Party and Open House set for 5:30 to 8 p.m., Fri., Oct. 17 at Berkeley City College. The event, which launches the college’s 40th anniversary year, will include tours, presentations, refreshments, and much more. All of our college community is invited to participate so stay tuned for details.

Lilia Celhay assumes post of interim VPI at Laney College

Lilia Celhay will assume the post of interim vice president of instruction at Laney College, beginning July 1. She was most recently interim VPI at Berkeley City College and before that was dean of academic pathways, workforce development and student success. “I am very greatful for the opportunity to have worked at Berkeley City College,” she said. “Everyone was very welcoming and caring. People here have a passionate commitment to the success of students, and growth of the college and they are not afraid to question the status quo.”

College mourns passing of Robert Mitchell, student safety aide; memorial at Noon, Tue., June 24, in Rm. 451

Robert Mitchell, BCC student safety aide and multimedia arts major, passed away on June 14. Friends and associates described him as an exemplary mentor, a strong advocate for students’ well-being, safety and comfort. Our hearts and prayers are with his family and all who knew him. Moustafa Ghous (mghous@peralta.edu), director of student activities and campus life, is collecting donations for his family. A memorial service for Robert is set for Noon-1 p.m., Tue., June 24, in BCC, Rm. 451.

BCC President’s Award winner Mirko Ranieri chooses Harvard

Mirko Ranieri, BCC Class of 2014 President’s Award winner, who graduated from BCC with a business administration degree, has chosen to attend Harvard University. Harvard offered scholarships which include fully paid tuition, books, room and board. The 22-year-old international student was among a small number of community college transfer students from around the nation who were accepted there in the fall. He also was accepted for admission to UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business and Columbia University.

Peralta launches 50th Anniversary celebration with Sat., June 28 CommUNITY Festival

Mark your calendars for this coming Saturday, June 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., when the Peralta Community College District will launch its 50th Anniversary with CommUNITY, a lively festival on the District Office grounds at 333 E. 8th St. in Oakland. All four Peralta colleges and many community and food vendors will be present to engage our community in a variety of fun activities. Multimedia Arts, Science and Poetry faculty, staff and students will represent BCC. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Fabian Banga to lead Foreign Language Association of Northern California (FLANC)

Dr. Fabian Banga, chair of BCC’s Modern Languages Department and coordinator of the college’s Distance Education Program, was elected president of the Foreign Language Association of Northern California (FLANC). His tenure begins June 16 and ends in June 2016. FLANC links foreign language teachers with professional contacts and information. FLANC also connects regional organizations and language teacher groups in Northern California, and promotes the study and teaching of foreign languages at all levels of instruction. Congratulations, Dr. Banga!

College participates in $15 million state Department of Education Career Pathways Trust grant

Berkeley City College as part of the Peralta Community College District and the I-80 Corridor Consortium, will participate in a California Department of Education Career Pathways Trust grant. The $15 million grant will fund career pathway endeavors developed by the Peralta Colleges and other member colleges, K-12 and industry partners. BCC faculty and staff who contributed to the grant’s development were Juana Alicia Araiza, Art; Dr. Paramsothy (Thana) Thananjeyan, Computer Information Systems; Dr. Loretta Kane, Elementary Education; James Agnon and Christina Taing, BCC Learning Communities; Mary Clarke-Miller, Joe Doyle, Lee Marrs, Sabrina Nelson and Rachel Mercy Simpson, Multimedia Arts; and Stephanie Green and Stephanie Sanders-Badt, Public and Human Services. Catalina Herrera, staff assistant, and Dr. M. Katherine Bergman, BCC’s director of special projects also served on the team. Poets and prose writers who contributed to BCC’s 2013 Milvia Street Art and Literary Journal read their work at Uptown Oakland’s Beast Crawl’s third annual free literary festival, 5 p.m., Sat., July 12 at Oakland’s Awaken Cafe, 1429 Broadway, Oakland. Milvia Street readers include Eli Elbo- gen John Panzer and Sharee Rivera Maya. The name “Beast Crawl” derives from the Pig Latin for Beast, which is East Bay, symbolized by the classic Oakland image of the giant cranes that stalk its shore. This year’s crawl features more than 100 writers in a single night, who perform over three hours and in numerous local galleries, restaurants, cafés, and storefronts.
You can sponsor Nancy Cayton in 2014 Arthritis Foundation’s People’s Coast Arthritis Bike Classic

Nancy Cayton, staff assistant in BCC’s Office of Instruction, will participate in the Arthritis Foundation’s six-day Amgen People’s Coast Arthritis Bike Classic on the Oregon Coast, Sun., Sept. 7 through Fri., Sept. 12. The event begins in Astoria and ends in Brookings, ORE, located six miles north of the California border on U.S. 101. Cayton, whose mother suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, raised more than $4,000 in the foundation’s 2013 San Francisco to Los Angeles ride. Each year, the bike classic raises vital funds that enable the foundation to focus on prevention, education, research, community services, and free public resources which encompass more than 100 forms of arthritis.

For details, or to donate or to sponsor Nancy Cayton, visit: http://PeoplesCoastArthritis-BikeClassic.kintera.org/nancycayton. You may also contact her via e-mail at: ncayton@yahoo.com or mail your donation to with a check payable to The Arthritis Foundation to: The Amgen People’s Coast Bike Classic, Arthritis Foundation, 657 Mission St., Suite 603, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Tue., July 15 is the last day to withdraw from summer 2014 classes

Remind your students that Tue., July 15 is the last day to withdraw from regular summer classes with a W. All fees are due, even if classes are dropped on this day.

Berkeley City College June 23-Aug. 1 Calendar

- Mon., June 23 —
  Summer Session Census Day
- Tue., June 24 —
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
- Wed., June 25 —
  9 a.m.-5 p.m., WebEx Teleconference, BCC Auditorium
  Last Day for Students to File for Pass/No Pass Grading Option
- Thur., June 26 —
  Last Day to File for AA/AS Degree or Certificate
  5:30-9 p.m., VONA Voices Faculty Reading, BCC Auditorium, Atrium & Rm. 51
- Fri., June 27 —
  College Closed
- Tue., July 1 —
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A
- Fri., July 4 —
  College Closed (Independence Day Holiday)
- Tue., July 8 —
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
- Thur., July 10 —
  5:30-9 p.m., Global Studies Labor Fest Film on Illegal Immigration Strike in France, BCC Auditorium
- Fri., July 11 —
  College Closed
- Tue., July 15 —
  Last Day for Students to Withdraw from Summer Classes with a W;
  Attendance Verification Day
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
  2:30-3 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A
- Fri., July 18 —
  College Closed
- Tue., July 22 —
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
- Thur., July 24 —
  Summer Session Ends
- Fri., July 25 —
  College Closed
- Tue., July 29 —
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
- Thur., July 31 —
  Grade Rosters, Rollbooks Due
- Fri., Aug. 1 —
  College Closed