MSRI/BCC present “Brain-Computer Interfaces” with Dr. Philip Sabes, 7 p.m., Wed., Apr. 9

“Brain-Computer Interfaces,” with Dr. Philip Sabes will be presented as part of “Not on the Test: The Pleasures and Uses of Mathematics,” the last of a six-part lecture series co-presented by Berkeley’s Mathematical Science and Research Institute (MSRI) and Berkeley City College (BCC). The event is set for 7 p.m., Wed., Apr. 9, in BCC’s auditorium, 2050 Center St. between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St., in Berkeley. It is free and open to the public. Get your free tickets at http://philipsabes.bpt.me Dr. Sabes will discuss the basic science and recent technical advances in the field of Brain-Machine interface development, including work from his own laboratory. Brain-Machine Interfaces offer the promise of helping disabled patients by allowing them to control prosthetic limbs, computer interfaces, or other devices directly from the neural signals in their brain. Dr. Sabes is a Professor of Physiology at the University of California, San Francisco and is director of UCSF’s Swartz Center for Theoretical Neurobiology.

BCC percentages rank 1st statewide in students accepted to Cal

Berkeley City College ranks first in California in the percentage of 2012-13 California community college applicants accepted to UC Berkeley, university admissions data shows. BCC’s acceptance rate is 63%, far surpassing the statewide average of 24%. Congratulations, BCC!

Time to take BCC’s Self-Evaluation Survey

All who work at BCC contribute to the college’s success. As part of our Accreditation Self-Evaluation, we ask that you take time out (now is always best) to complete this important piece.

- The faculty survey link is at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AccreditationSurveyFaculty14
- The staff survey link is at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AccreditationSurveyStaff14

These surveys, which close Mar. 31, are critical to gathering data for our accreditation and only your expertise can best provide it. Remember to enter the i-Pad raffle after you finish the survey!

Lilia Celhay, interim VPI, returns Thur., Apr. 3

Lilia Celhay, BCC’s interim vice president of instruction, will return to the college on Thur., Apr. 3. In her absence, Dr. Carlos Cortez has served as acting VPI. Welcome back, Lilia!

BCC health education students host Thur., Mar. 27 semi-annual college health fair

Students in Stephanie Sanders-Badt’s health education and health professions and occupations classes will host BCC’s semi-annual college health fair, 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thur., Mar. 27, in the atrium. Student exhibitors and representatives from public and private health care organizations will answer questions and distribute information. The event is free and open to the public.

BCC to host National Student Advertising Competition, Sat., Apr. 5

Berkeley City College will host the Northern California/Nevada National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC—District 14) 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Apr. 5 at its 2050 Center St. campus. The day-long event will be held in the college’s auditorium, atrium, and break-out classrooms. Peralta students interested in business, marketing, design, public relations, advertising, media, writing, creative, production, photography and accounting are welcome to attend.

NSAC is sponsored by the American Advertising Federation (AAF). Mary Kay Cosmetics is 2013-14 corporate sponsor of the competition. Event coordinator Diane Rames is immediate past president and current chair of the board of the Greater San Francisco Advertising Club (www.gsfac.org) and is immediate past chair of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce’s Board of Directors.

College announces President’s Fund for Innovation, Title III minigrant recipients

Five Berkeley City College faculty members and their projects were awarded grants by BCC’s President’s Fund for Innovation. They are:

- Heather Dodge, BCC librarian and Tom Moniz, English instructor, will team up to teach self-publishing to BCC students.
- English instructor Cleavon Smith will introduce students in his English 204B class to a thought-provoking dramatization of “A Raisin in the Sun,” performed at the California Shakespeare Festival.
- Chemistry instructor Sam Gillette and Joan Berezin, history and global studies instructor will launch a new Faculty Peer Mentorship Program that pairs new faculty members with veteran faculty mentors.
- Counselor Gabriel Martinez and the college’s Undocumented Student Task Force were awarded a Title III minigrant to educate the college community on how to understand and support BCC’s undocumented students. The group will also foster the students’ transfer and career pathway opportunities. Congratulations to all!
High school, college completion is focus of Fri., Mar. 28 BCC/Academic Innovations workshop

“Launch Your Freshmen Toward High School and College Completion” is the focus of the Academic Innovations workshop set for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fri., Mar. 28, in Rm. 421 at Berkeley City College. Academic Innovations is known nationally for its Career Choices curriculum, cutting-edge classroom technology, and relevant professional development options. BCC will pay the workshop fee. Contact Dr. Carlos Cortez (ccortez@peralta.edu) by Mon., Mar. 24 if you wish to attend.

Faculty, staff graduation regalia orders due to bookstore by Mon., Mar. 24

BCC faculty and staff who plan to attend the college’s Thurs., May 22 commencement ceremony must place their graduation regalia orders with BCC’s bookstore by Mon., Mar. 24. When ordering, indicate your weight, height, cap size, school where you earned your highest degree, school location, your degree and subject. For details, contact BCC’s bookstore at (510) 981-1120.

Berkeley City College Mar. 17-31 Calendar

- **Tue., Mar. 18**
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Learning Communities, Rms. 451A&B
  12:20-1:15 p.m., DART Workshop: Writing Across the Curriculum, Rm. 341
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A

- **Wed., Mar. 19**
  11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., AAACCCT Meeting, Rms. 451A&B
  12:30 p.m., Academic Senate, Rm. 341
  5-6 p.m., Digital Arts Club, Rms. 451A&B

- **Thur., Mar. 20**
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum, Rm. 341
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Brown Bag, Rms. 451A&B
  12:10-1:15 p.m., Title III, Rm. 451B
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Assessment, Rm. 341
  6-10 p.m., Microsoft Group, N. Dunlop, Rms. 451A&B

- **Fri., Mar. 21**
  Noon-1:30 p.m., TRiO Workshop, Rm. 451A&B

- **Sat., Mar. 8**
  9 a.m.-1 p.m., FLANC, Rms. 451A&B
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum, Rm. 341

- **Mon., Mar. 24**
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Professional Development, Rm. 341
  3-4 p.m., EOPS, Rm. 451A

- **Tue., Mar. 25**
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Accreditation Standard III, Rm. 451B
  12:20-1:15 p.m., Pedagogy for Equity Book Group, Rm. 341

- **Wed., Mar. 26**
  10:30 a.m.-Noon, Leadership Council, Rms. 451A&B
  1-2 p.m., RISE Group, Rm. 451A
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Town Hall Meeting, BCC Auditorium
  3 p.m., Graduation Committee, Rm. 451A

- **Thur., Mar. 27**
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Technology Review, Rm. 341
  11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Student Health Fair, BCC Atrium
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Faculty Orientation, Rm. 451A
  12:30-2 p.m., Education Committee, Rm. 341
  5-6 p.m., DART Workshop: Making Assignments Visual, Rm. 341

- **Fri., Mar. 28**
  7 a.m.-4 p.m., Academic Innovations Workshop, Rm. 421
  Noon-1 p.m., CTE Meeting, Rm. 451A
  2-4 p.m., Dept. Chairs, Rms. 451A&B
  6:15-10:15 p.m., Lecture on Autism, BCC Auditorium

- **Mon., Mar. 31**
  12:20-1:15 p.m., Supporting All Our Students: Resources for Undocumented Immigrants, Rm. 341

Transfer Center announces Mar. visits

BCC’s Transfer and Career Information Center announces university rep March visits:

**Mon., Mar. 17**
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  CSU, East Bay
  1st Floor Lobby

11 a.m.-1 p.m.  DeVry University
  1st Floor Lobby

**Tue., Mar. 18**
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  J.F. Kennedy University
  1st Floor Lobby
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  UC Berkeley
  Transfer Center, 2nd Fl.

**Wed., Mar. 19**
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  Notre Dame University
  1st Floor Lobby
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  Experience Berkeley: Stiles Hall
  Transfer Center, 2nd Fl.

**Thur., Mar. 20**
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  Argosy University
  1st Floor Lobby
4-6:30 p.m.  Institute for Integral Studies
  1st Floor Lobby

**Tue., Mar. 25**
Noon-1:30 p.m., TRiO Workshop, Rm. 451A&B

5:30-7:30 p.m.  Destination Law School
  4th Floor, Rm. 451

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