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BCC Science Dept., S.T.E.M. launch College Hour series on environment, biodiversity, biofuel use

Berkeley City College's Science Department has launched a College Hour Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Careers series hosted by Dr. Jennifer Hiras. The presentations take place from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in Rm. 431 on alternating Tuesdays in March and April. March topics have included "Biofuels: Sustainable Energy from Natural Resources," and "Bioremediation: Using Microbes to Treat Our Water."

April topics will examine "Coding and Big Data: Tools for Solving Environmental Problems' (Tue., Apr. 7); and "Climate Change: Effects on Microbial Biodiversity and Society (Tue., Apr. 21). The presentations are free and open to the public.

Funding for the series is provided by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Training (TAACCCT) grant, a regional engineering, manufacturing and logistics economic and workforce initiative to preserve and expand the East Bay region's manufacturing and logistics economies.

Dr. Hiras earned a doctorate in marine studies from the University of Delaware. She is a biologist and a postdoctoral researcher in the Joint BioEnergy Institute and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Emeryville, CA).

Mark your calendars for Partnership for Global Education launch, Noon-1:30 p.m., Wed., Mar. 25 in Rm. 341

Berkeley City College, UC Berkeley, and the Peralta Colleges will launch Partnership for International Education (PIE), Noon to 1:30 p.m., Wed., Mar. 25, in the college's Teaching/Learning Center, Rm. 341. BCC faculty are invited to stop by for some light refreshments and learn about new conference and lecture stipends. They also can meet BCC instructor Deolinda Adao and Thomas Torres-Gil, who are with the college's Global Engagement Office (5th Fl., Rm. 511) and who work with Peralta's Office of International Education. Both will be on hand to answer questions about PIE and the stipends available for BCC faculty. Want to know more? Contact Deolinda Adao at dadao@peralta.edu.

BCC again hosts Apr. 10-11 Northern California/Nevada Student Advertising Competition (NASC-District 14)

Berkeley City College once again will host the Northern California/Nevada National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC—District 14) 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri., Apr. 10 and 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., Apr. 11 at its 2050 Center St. campus. Pizza Hut is this year's sponsoring corporation. It is the second year that the organization has hosted the competition at BCC. The day-long event will be held in the college's auditorium, atrium and in 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). Event coordinator Diane Rames is a past president and current chair of the board of the Greater San Francisco Advertising Club (www.gsfac.org).

BCC librarian Heather Dodge to present at March ACRL conference

BCC librarian Heather Dodge will lead a poster session about Berkeley City College's zine collection and "Zinster in Residence" Program at the Mar. 25-28 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) conference in Portland, Ore. The program was launched last year by Dodge and Tom Moniz, BCC English instructor.

Nominations due for Classified Employee of the Year Award

Nominations for Berkeley City College's Classified Employee of the Year are due to Classified Senate Officers Roberto Gonzalez, President Catherine Nichols, Vice President, or to Jasmine Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer, by Tue., Mar. 31. The award honors full and part time BCC classified employees who have provided exemplary service.

Remind your students to apply for graduation

Remind your students to apply for graduation from Berkeley City College's Class of 2015 before they go on spring break. They can check with their counselors to see if they are eligible, then apply for their Associate Degrees or Certificates through BCC's Admissions and Records Office. The deadline to apply for graduation has been extended to Thursday, March 26.

BCC 2015 Commencement is May 21; time to order your regalia

Faculty and staff can order regalia for Berkeley City College's 2015 Commencement ceremonies from BCC's Bookstore. The college will provide the regalia, all you need do is order it. Ordering deadline is Thur., Mar. 26. Order through Lydia in the bookstore at bccbookstore@peralta.edu or phone her at (510) 981-1012.

Berkeley City College Mar. 23-Apr. 17 Calendar

- **Mon., Mar. 23—**
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B
  12:30-3 p.m., Wellness Center Outreach, BCC Atrium & 1st Fl.
- **Tue., Mar. 24—**
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Black Student Union (BSU), Rm. 451A
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Health & Safety Committee, Rm. 451B
- **Wed., Mar. 25—**
  12-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Partnership for International Education Open House, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:15-1:15, Town Hall on Education Master Plan, BCC, Rm. 431 (Tiered Lecture Hall)
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Student Personal Finance Workshop, BCC Auditorium
  6:30-8:30 p.m., Minimum Wage Meeting, Rms. 451A&B
- **Thur., Mar. 26—**
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Tech Review, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Education Committee, TLC, Rm. 341
  3-4:30 p.m., Classified Senate, TLC, Rm. 341
- **Fri., Mar. 27—**
  11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., CTE Special Projects, TLC, Rm. 341
  1:30-3:30 p.m., Department Chairs, TLC, Rm. 341
- **Mon., Mar. 30—**
  Holiday: Cesar Chavez's Birthday Observance
- **Mon., Mar. 30 thru Sun., Apr. 5—**
  Spring Break: Classes Do Not Meet
- **Tue., Apr. 7—**
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Black Student Union (BSU), Rm. 451A
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Faculty Advising Task Force, Rm. 311
  12:15-1 p.m., Coding and Big Data: Tools for Solving Environmental Problems, Rm. 431
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rms. 451A&B
- **Wed., Apr. 8—**
  9:30 a.m.-Noon, Equity Planning Meeting, Rms. 451A&B
  11 a.m.-1:15 p.m., C4 Event, BCC Atrium
  12-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rms. 415A&B
  12:30-1:20 p.m., Academic Senate, TLC, Rm. 341
  1:30-2:30 p.m., BCC Technology Committee, Rm. 451A
- **Thur., Apr. 9—**
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Tech Review, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Education Committee, TLC, Rm. 341
  3-4:30 p.m., Classified Senate Meeting, TLC, Rm. 341
  6-10 p.m., Microsoft Programmers, Rms. 451A&B
- **Fri., Apr. 10—**
  6 a.m.-7:30 p.m., District 14 National Student Advertising Competition, BCC Auditorium & Atrium
  1:30-3:30 p.m., Department Chairs, TLC, Rm. 341
  3:30-4:30 p.m., Safety Aid Meeting, Rm. 203
  7:30-9 p.m., Queer Spectrum Open Mic, BCC Auditorium
- **Sat., Apr. 11—**
  7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., District 14 National Student Advertising Competition, BCC Auditorium & Atrium

Mon., Apr. 13—
12:15-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B
5-6 p.m., POP Wrap-Up, TLC, Rm. 341

- **Tue., Apr. 14—**
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Black Student Union (BSU), Rm. 451A
  12:15-1:15 p.m., POP Wrap-Up, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:15-1:20 p.m., Major Advising/Degree-Certificate Completion, TLC, Rm. 311
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Student Town Hall Meeting, BCC Auditorium
- **Wed., Apr. 15—**
  9:30 a.m.-Noon, Equity Planning, Rms. 451A&B
  12-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A
  12:15-1:15 p.m., POP Wrap-Up, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:30-1:20 p.m., Academic Senate, TLC, Rm. 341
  3-4 p.m., Afternoon Tea, Rms. 451A&B
- **Thur., Apr. 16—**
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Committee, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:15-2 p.m., PIE Committee, TLC, Rm. 341
- **Fri., Apr. 17—**
  8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Student Success Day, BCC Atrium & Auditorium
  11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Inquiry to Action Symposium, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Facilities Committee, Rm. 451A

BCC Digital Arts students featured in Mare Island's 19th Annual S.F. Bay Flyway Festival Art exhibit

Images created by Pearl Jones Tranter and Dadre Traughber, BCC digital arts students and Digital Arts Club members, were featured in Vallejo's Flyway Festival art exhibit. The month-long Festival takes place from mid-February to mid-March and celebrates the importance of migratory shorebirds and waterfowl in the Vallejo Area with activities aimed to both entertain and educate attendees.

Transfer/Career Information Center announces March/April visits

BCC's Transfer and Career Information Center announces university rep visits for March/April:

Mon., Mar. 23
10 a.m.-1 p.m. **S.F. Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) Rep**
1st Floor Lobby

Tue., Mar. 24
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **UC Berkeley Rep**
Transfer Center

10 a.m.-2 p.m. **CSU East Bay Rep**
1st Floor Lobby

Wed., Mar. 25
10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Samuel Merritt College Rep**
1st Floor Lobby

Mon., Apr. 6
11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Academy of Art College Rep**
1st Floor Lobby

Wed., Apr. 8
10 a.m.-2 p.m. **CSU East Bay Rep**
1st Floor Lobby

Tue., Apr. 14
10 a.m.-2 p.m. **CSU East Bay Rep**
1st Floor Lobby

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