Berkeley City College’s 2011 Commencement: 7 p.m., Wed., May 25, at UC’s Zellerbach Hall Auditorium

Berkeley City College’s 2011 Commencement takes place at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 25 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall Auditorium. Dr. Robert B. Reich, Chancellor’s Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley and former U.S. Secretary of Labor, is graduation speaker. The college will celebrate more than 170 graduates this year. Be there to congratulate our students.

Berkeley’s 9th Annual Poetry Fest, joins with BCC Arts Fest, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sat., May 21 at BCC, to present award-winning work

Poets from Berkeley City College’s Milvia Street Art and Literary Journal will be featured at Berkeley’s 9th Annual Poetry Festival, set for Sat., May 21st, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at BCC’s Auditorium, 2050 Center St., Berkeley. The Milvia Street feature will be lead by BCC English instructor Sharon Coleman. BCC creators’ poetry, art work, traditional and digital artists will be featured in BCC’s atrium level, in front of the college’s auditorium. The festival also will introduce the public to work of community poets who read throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The Arts Festival was organized by Marcia Poole and Berkeley City College instructors Jan Dove & Sharon Coleman.

Chancellor Wise E. Allen to visit BCC’s May 18 Leadership Council meeting

Chancellor Wise E. Allen will visit and speak at BCC’s Wed., May 18 Leadership Council meeting in Rm. 451A. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. and is open to the college community.

PERSIST students present research findings 12:15-1:15 p.m., Wed., May 18

BCC PERSIST students will present results of their research on “The Effects of Poverty on Health,” “Violence in Low-Income Neighborhoods,” “Education and Poverty” and “Police Misconduct and Parolees.” Presentations take place 12:15-1:15 p.m., Wed., May 18. Berkeley City College students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

BCC alum Lark Omura is college’s 4th Jack Kent Cooke Scholar

Recent BCC grad Lark Omura is winner of the 2011 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The scholarship provides $30,000 per year for students who transfer to universities from community colleges and finish their bachelor’s degrees. Omura was one of 60 recipients nationwide. She is the fourth BCC student to win the award in eight-years. Other BCC winners were Sam Barnett (2010), Michael Hamm (2007), and Jinghee Park (2004).

BCC Annual Digital Film Festival set for 6 p.m., Fri., May 27 at BCC

Berkeley City College’s Multimedia Arts students and graduates hold their annual Spring Digital Film Festival to showcase award-winning work in digital film, animation and art, 6-9 p.m., Fri., May 27 at Berkeley City College’s auditorium, 2050 Center St., Berkeley. The event is open and free to the public with a suggested $5 donation at the door. For details, contact Marissa Aroy at marissa@mediafactory.tv or Michel Bobbot at michelb@jps.net.

Visit new Learning Resources Center extension, homework lab in Rm. 125

BCC has opened Rm. 125 as an extension to the college’s Learning Resources Center and a homework lab. Though only the first stage of the new, more integrated and accessible Learning Resources Center, the facility will include 30 laptop and ten desktop computers which are part of the space. Title III funds will enable BCC to order more. Besides tutoring sessions and more open space for computer usage, the center will host instruction workshops there next semester. Special thanks to BCC’s IT team: Vincent Koo, Phu Le, Phe Le, and Daniel for setting up the computers, and to the many instructors, staff, and administrators who put much thought into the future of the expanded LRC. Visit and let Terry Tricomi (tttricomi@peralta.edu), Title III administrator, know what you think about the new setup.
Nationally known educator Diego Navarro speaks today, May 16, from 12:20 to 1:20 p.m. in Rm. 431. The lecture is open to the college community.

Digital automobile images by Multimedia Arts alum Phil Hall are featured in two exhibits this spring: On the Road: The Ever-Present Presence of the Automobile is at the “1650 Gallery,” 1650 Echo Park Ave in Los Angeles and “Dreams, Angels, Gods, Phantoms, Fish, Cars and Landscapes,” highlights his work at the Uptown Body & Fender, 401 26th Street, between Broadway and Telegraph in Oakland. For details, contact Phil at phil@philiphallimagesandlight.com or at (510) 879-7700.

BCC student Garineh Nazarian was accepted into Columbia University’s Graduate Film Studies Program. She began her studies at BCC in fall 2009, after arriving in the United States from Iran. Though she already had a bachelor’s degree, Nazarian decided to enroll in several film and humanities classes at BCC.

Berkeley City College May16-June 21 Calendar

- **Mon., May 16**—
  12:20-1:20 p.m., Diego Navarro, Nationally Known Educator, Rm. 431
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rm. 451A

- **Tue., May 17**—
  11 a.m.-2 p.m., Scholarship Luncheon, Rm. 451A&B
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rm. 451A

- **Wed., May 18**—
  9:30-11:30 A.M., Rm. 451A
  Noon: 30 p.m., Academic Senate
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451B
  12:15-1:15 p.m., PERSIST Student Presentations, Rm. 201, BCC Annex
  5-6 p.m., Digital Arts Club, Rm. 451A

- **Thur., May 19**—
  Holiday: Malcolm X’s Birthday Observance

- **Fri., May 20**—
  1-2 p.m., CTE, Rm. 451A
  12:30-2:30 p.m., ASBCC, Rm. 451A
  2-4 p.m., Dept. Chairs, Rm. 451A&B
  4-5 p.m., Classified Senate, Rm. 451A&B

- **Sat., May 21**—
  12:30-4:30 p.m., 9th Annual Berkeley Poetry Fest, BCC Arts Fest, BCC Auditorium, Atrium

- **Mon., May 23**—
  Noon-1:30 a.m., Roundtable, Rm. 451A

- **Wed., May 25**—
  Noon-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451B
  7 p.m., BCC Commencement, UC Berkeley Zellerbach Hall Auditorium

- **Fri., May 27**—
  6 p.m., BCC Annual Digital Film Festival, BCC Auditorium
  Spring 2011 Semester Ends

- **Mon., May 30**—
  Memorial Day Holiday

- **Sat., June 4**—
  1-4 p.m., BCC True Colors Mural Unveiling at YMCA Teen Center
  Martin Luther King Jr. & Allston Way, Berkeley

- **Tue., June 7**—
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rm. 451A

- **Tue., June 21**—
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rm. 451A