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BCC Professor Linda McPherson, Ph.d scientific paper published

Congratulations to BCC's own Dr. Linda McPherson who is one of several authors on a scientific paper that was recently published in a leading scientific journal, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). The paper highlights a new tool called Decibel Analysis for Research in Teaching, or DART. The idea behind DART is that professors don't have to guess how much active learning they're asking their students to do, but can actually measure it to a relatively precise degree. Based on an initial study of 1,486 class session recordings from 67 community college and four-year university STEM courses, DART is 90 percent accurate. The paper is part of a collaboration with many community college biology instructors and with researchers at San Francisco State University. Follow the link to read the article. goo.gl/YcTxKB



Pictures: Ellie with some of our veteran students, and Ellie with Felix Marshall (son of our veteran student John Marshall -who just received notification that he was accepted to Columbia



The Veterans Resource Center hosted therapy dogs at its "First Thursday" event on March 2, 2017. Faculty member Stephanie Sanders-Badt, brought Ellie, her emotional therapy dog, to discuss the use of animals for not only service - but for emotional therapy as well. Stephanie works with a local organization called Therapy Pets, Inc. and takes Ellie to various locations around the Bay Area. Not only does Ellie work with adults, but she is also part of a reading program with children at a local library. Our veterans learned about the differences in the types of service dogs and about other organizations in the Bay Area that can assist them like Operation Freedom Paws. Located in San Martin, CA and run by a former Vietnam-era veteran and Certified Army Master of Canine Education, Mary Cortani, the program matches dogs with individuals who have various disabilities, including PTSD and other physical, neurological or mobility needs and trains the individual to train their own dog, and then certify them together as a service dog team in a 48-week program.

President's Awards Recipients**FACULTY**

Dr. Pieter de Haan, Biology
 Dr. Jenny Gough, American Sign
 Language
 Mariella Thaning, Communication

CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONALS

Dwayne Cain, Facilities
 Jennifer Lenahan, Veterans
 Resource Center
 Marilyn Montague, Administrative
 Services

STUDENT EMPLOYEES

Nathalie Austin, Counseling
 Connie Tran, Campus Life

ADMINISTRATORS

Dean Lisa Cook, Liberal Arts,
 Social Sciences, and Math

BCC CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

For a Complete listing of campus
 events go to: <https://goo.gl/fqSx2b>

Monday, March 13
 11:00am

HIV Prevention Research Tabling

When:

Mon, March 13, 11am – 2pm

Where:

In front of the Ambassador Desk
 11:00am

TRC/jb

When:

Mon, March 13, 11am – 12pm

Where:

451B
 11:30am

**Filipino Student Alliance - Club
 Tabling**

When:

Mon, March 13, 11:30am – 1:30pm

Where:

in front of the Ambassador Desk
 12:15pm

Congratulations to the recipients of the President's Award. The award acknowledges individuals who have gone above and beyond for students, faculty and/or staff. Berkeley City College is filled with many outstanding individuals who are the driving force in helping our college community achieve our mission of transforming lives.

The President's Office received 55 nominations recognizing the contributions of 43 BCC Administrators, Faculty, Classified Professionals, and Student Employees. The process of evaluation was extremely challenging because the quality of the applicants was so high. The BCC community is fortunate to work with colleagues who are so committed to our mission, vision, and values and our goals.

Special thanks go out to Cynthia Reese for compiling the nominations for review by President Tomaneng. A special thank you to those of you who took the time to submit nominations on behalf of their colleagues during such a busy time in the semester.

Everyone is invited to stop by to congratulate our colleagues at the next College Roundtable meeting on Monday, March 13, 2017 in Conference Rooms 451A/B. A reception is planned with light refreshments in honor of the award recipients at the close of our meeting, from 1:00-1:30pm. Congratulations to you all!

College Roundtable

When:

Mon, March 13, 12:15pm – 1:30pm

Where:

Room 451 A/B
 12:30pm

Melanin Monday - BSU Event

When:

Mon, March 13, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Where:

Atrium

**Filipino Student Alliance - Club
 Tabling**

When:

Tue, March 14, 11:30am – 1:30pm

Where:

in front of the Ambassador Desk

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