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BCC alums laud college's Accelerated Statistics Pathway Program; new report highlights their success

Four Berkeley City College alumni are featured in "Capacity Unleashed: The Faces of Community College Math Pathways," an October report of the California Acceleration Project (CAP). BCC's Accelerated Statistics Program is part of CAP, a statewide faculty-led professional development network, which supports California's 113 community colleges with a goal of increasing student completion and equity.

Ed Fitzgerald, Donna Rose Garrett, Mark Johnson, and Tim Lizotte all tested into remedial math when they first enrolled at Berkeley City College, but decided to enroll in its Accelerated Statistics Pathway Program to streamline completion of their math requirements. The program uses real life situations to teach college-level statistics to those who test below level on math assessment tests and helps to substantially reduce their time in remedial math courses.

The results? Garrett is headed for CSU Long Beach; Johnson transferred to UC Berkeley as an anthropology major; Fitzgerald continued studies at UC Berkeley in political science; and Lizotte is at CSU, East Bay, on the road to a career as a high school or university psychologist. All spent far less time (a semester or more) learning the math they needed to earn a college degree.

BCC president coauthors article on effects of DeAnza's IMPACT AAPI program on student success

BCC president Rowena Tomaneng is coauthor with Brian Murphy of "Negotiating Multiple Identities: De Anza College's IMPACT AAPI Program," an article in *Overcoming Educational Racism in the Community College: Creating Pathways to Success for Minority and Impoverished Student Populations* a book edited by Angela Long (Stylus Publishing, 2016). The work sheds light on structural and systemic causes of student attrition, as well as college presidents and leaders who have successfully implemented strategies to improve student outcomes.

Aaron Mobley presents at Tucson, Taipei and Kyoto music events

Aaron Mobley, Berkeley City College's music instructor, presented on, "Cognitive Strategies for Hearing Modern Music" in Tucson in October at the "Music + Festival 2016: Forbidden Composers: Schoenberg, Weill, Winterberg." The event was cosponsored by the University of Arizona and the American Culture and Ideas Initiative where Mobley is an affiliated faculty.

In December and January, Mobley will travel to Taipei, Taiwan and Kyoto, Japan with the Society of Musicologists. He will present "Musical Responses to Political Aggression by the Chinese Government in Asia - Examining Sinophilia: Rethinking Music Education in Asia" at two symposia.

CalWORKs sponsors holiday Adopt-a-Family

BCC's CalWORKs Program will celebrate the holiday season a little differently this year with a new Adopt-A-Family program. Each CalWORKs student will have two ornaments on the tree. One ornament will include options for:

- A Cash Donation – Gift Card (Visa or MasterCard)
- A Food Donation – Gift Card (Safeway, Lucky's)

A Second Ornament will include options for:

- A Transportation Donation – Clipper or Gas Card (one or the other will appear on a tab)
- A Holiday Gift Donation or Gift card (Target, JC Penny's, Kohl's, Sears)

Donations of \$20 to \$40 and above will be accepted and greatly appreciated. We encourage you to get together with a colleague(s), pick two ornaments for the same family, and perhaps donate more. If you don't have the time to purchase gift cards, CalWORKs staff can shop for you. Donations and gifts should be dropped off at BCC's CalWORKs office, 3rd Floor, by no later than Fri., Dec. 9. Gifts will be distributed at our End-of-Year Celebration to be announced. For details, contact Ramona Butler at rbutler@peralta.edu or phone (510) 981-2832.

BCC library offers research assistance for students

Let your students know that they can find help with research projects from BCC's librarians. For those who are unable to come to campus, they can call, e-mail or chat message the librarians.

BCC library hours are: 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Mon. thru Thur.;

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fri. and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat.

BCC library phone numbers and e-mail addresses are:

- Reference and Research Desk: 510-981-2821
 - Circulation and Textbooks Desk: 510-981-2824
 - E-mail: ask@berkeleycitycollege.libanswers.com
 - Chat: <http://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/library/> (click on the green "Ask Us" tab)
- Link to BCC's Library Help Infographic

BCC awarded AB 798 textbook affordability grant

Berkeley City College was selected as one of 23 California community colleges to receive a grant to adopt open educational materials. Funded by the California College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015 (AB 798), the grant will by empower faculty and local campuses to adopt high quality, free and open educational resources for their courses. The funds will go a long way toward helping to eliminate financial barriers to student achievement by allowing BCC faculty to convert to free textbooks. A meeting on how faculty can adopt free and affordable course materials takes place at 12:15 p.m., Wed., Nov. 30, in BCC's Teaching and Learning Center, 3rd Floor, Rm. 341. Interested faculty should get in touch with grant coordinators Jenny Yap at jjap@peralta.edu or Heather Dodge at hdodge@peralta.edu.

Berkeley City College Nov. 21-Dec. 8, 2016 Calendar

- **Mon., Nov. 21—**
9-10 a.m., TRC, Rm. 451B
3-4 p.m., Oakland Unified School District, Rm. 451A
- **Tue., Nov. 22—**
Noon-1:30 p.m., BSU, Rms. 451B
Noon-1:30 p.m., Health & Safety Committee, Rm. 451A
12:25-1:25 p.m., "Why Students Don't Succeed" Film and Community Discussion on Equity, BCC Atrium
- **Wed., Nov. 23—**
8:30-9:30 a.m., Transitional Program Meeting, Rm. 451A
Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rms. 451A&B
12:15-1:15 p.m., Professional Development Leadership, 3rd Fl., Rm. 311
12:30-1:20 p.m., Academic Senate, Rm. TBA
- **Thur., Nov. 24—Sun., Nov. 27**
Thanksgiving Holiday Observance—College Closed
- **Mon., Nov. 28—**
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., TRC, Rm. 451B
Noon-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B
- **Tue., Nov. 29—**
Noon-1:30 p.m., BSU, Rms. 451A&B
3-4:30 p.m., Transitional Program Meeting/ASL, Rm. 451B
- **Wed., Nov. 30—**
8:30-9:30 a.m., Transitional Program Meeting, Rm. 451A
9:30-11 a.m., President's Cabinet, Rm. 451A
11 a.m.-Noon, Executive Cabinet, Rm. 451A
Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A
12:15-1:25 p.m., Town Hall Meeting, BCC Auditorium
3-6 p.m., International Film Festival, BCC Auditorium
6-9 p.m., BCC Student Talent Show, BCC Auditorium
- **Thur., Dec. 1—**
9-11 a.m., Counseling, Rm. 451A
10-11 a.m., Student Access & Equity, Rm. TBA
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Curriculum Technical Review, TLC, 3rd Fl., Rm.341
10 a.m.-Noon, PIE, Rm. 451A
11 a.m.-Noon, LRC Leadership, Rm. 451B
5:30-9 p.m., Documentary: "Central Park 5," BCC Auditorium
- **Sat., Dec. 3—**
10 a.m.-2 p.m., General Motors Financial Literacy Workshop, BCC Auditorium
- **Tue., Dec. 6—**
8:30-9:30 a.m., Transitional Program Meeting, Rm. 451A
Noon-1:30 p.m., BSU, Rms. 451A&B
12:30-1:30 p.m., Student Art Show, BCC Atrium
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rm. 451A
- **Wed., Dec. 7—**
Noon-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rms. 451A&B
12:20-1:20 p.m., Wellness Wednesday Event—Zumba, BCC Atrium
12:30-1:20 p.m., Academic Senate, Rm. TBA
3-6 p.m., International Film Festival, BCC Auditorium
- **Thur., Dec. 8—**
8:30-9:30 a.m., Transitional Program Meeting, Rm. 451A
10-11 a.m., Student Access & Equity, Rm. TBA
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Curriculum Committee, TLC, 3rd Fl., Rm.341
10 a.m.-Noon, PIE, Rm. 311
Noon-1:30 p.m., Education Committee, Rms. 451A&B
5:30-10 p.m., Dunlop Group, Rms. 451A&B

Transfer Center announces late Nov./early Dec. university rep visits

University reps hosted by BCC's Transfer/Career information center in November are:

Mon., Nov. 21

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. UC Berkeley
2nd Floor Transfer Ctr.

Wed., Nov. 23

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Grand Canyon University
1st Fl. Lobby

Thur., Dec. 1

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. UC Berkeley
2nd Floor Transfer Ctr.

Thur., Dec. 8

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Samuel Merritt University
1st Fl. Lobby

For details, phone BCC's Transfer/Career Information Center at (510) 981-2811 or e-mail sespinosa@peralta.edu.

UC transfer application deadline extended to Tue., Jan. 3, 2017

Let your students know that UC's transfer application deadline was extended to Tue., Jan. 3. Tip sheets with pointers on how to apply are available from the Transfer/Career Information Center. The UC application is available at:

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/university-california-extends-deadline-transfer-applications>

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