Happy Thanksgiving Holidays to All!

Peralta Board approves first steps of building purchase for BCC

Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, directed the Peralta District and Berkeley City College to enter into escrow to purchase the building located on the northwest corner of Milvia and Center streets. The building now houses the City of Berkeley’s permit center.

This is only the first stage of the process. There are several more steps to take before the full real estate purchase is finalized. The new site will help the college to realize its goal of adding more classroom space as well as student success and support facilities for a variety of Berkeley City College programs. These will be discussed through a shared governance planning process that will involve representatives from all levels of the college.

BCC President Debbie Budd will keep the college informed about the building purchase as more news becomes available. Meanwhile, BCC’s prospective new site will bring with it excellent resources for our students and our community.

Time to start thinking about President’s Award nominations

It’s time to start thinking about who you would like to nominate for the spring 2015 President’s Award. Do you know a Berkeley City College faculty, staff, administrator or student worker who consistently captures the spirit and mission of BCC? If so, you can nominate them for the award. Cynthia Reese, executive assistant to Dr. Debbie Budd, will send nomination forms at the beginning of December. Complete the form and return it to her at creese@peralta.edu.

BCC to Host 5th Annual East Bay Alternative Book and Zine Fest, BCC’s Milvia Street 2014 debut, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Dec. 6

Berkeley City College once again will host the 5th Annual East Bay Alternative Book and Zine Fest, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Dec. 6 at 2050 Center St. in the college’s auditorium and atrium. BCC has hosted the fest since 2009. The event is free and open to the public.

More than 100 local writers, publishers, artists and comic makers, including Punk Hostage Press, Tiny Splendor, Manic D Press, Endless Canvas, and many more, will participate. The 2014 fest will sponsor workshops on letterpress, zine making and silk-screening. Guest speakers include the Bay Area’s Janelle Hessig and Brontez Purnell illustrator and author, respectively, of The Cruising Diaries and local legend V. Vale of RE/Search publications. And BCC’s Milvia Street 2014: Art and Literary Journal poets and authors will host readings from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the college’s auditorium. For details, Visit East Bay Alternative Book and Zine Fest–ebabzfest@gmail.com

Remember the Civic Engagement Club’s holiday food drive

Berkeley City College’s Civic Engagement Club has launched its 2014 Holiday Food Drive on behalf of the Alameda County Food Bank. The organization has sponsored the event for three years. BCC folks and community members can bring their non-perishable donations to food bank bins located in BCC’s lobby and in the Associated Students of Berkeley City College office, Rm. 51 on the ground floor of 2050 Center St. Remember to bring non-perishable items only.

EOPS/CalWORKs launch annual toy drive

Please join with EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs in their holiday celebration by purchasing a toy for one or more children of BCC’s EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs students. Paper ornaments which are hanging on the wall in BCC’s 1st floor mail room contain information for one family, including the parent and child’s name, and the age and gender of the child. If you wish to buy a toy, take the color part of the ornament and write your name on the white part left on the wall. Bring your gift to the EOPS office on the 3rd floor at BCC by Fri., Dec. 5. Gifts will be presented at the EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs holiday celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fri., Dec. 12, in their 3rd floor office. Contact Fatima Shah for details at fsah@peralta.edu.

BCC Students’ Work Exhibited in Fall Art/Multimedia Arts Show at BCC’s Jerry Adams Gallery

Work by Berkeley City College student artists are on exhibit in BCC’s Fall 2014 Student Show in the college’s Jerry Adams Gallery, 1st Floor, at Berkeley City College, 2050 Center St. The exhibit is on display from Sat., Nov. 15 through Wed., Jan. 23. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featured artists are Irene Bocato, Monique Boyd, Nicholas, Chen, Tom Fosse, Koine Freeman, Zohra Kalinkowitz, Bee Marrone, Gerardo Mendez Christine Pillazo, Pearl Jones Tranter and Carole Witten.
BCC librarian Heather Dodge requests faculty help with survey on student information competency

BCC librarian Heather Dodge requests faculty input to help develop a Focused Inquiry Group (FIG) about how instructors address information competency in their classes. Information competency is defined as the ability to find, evaluate, use, and communicate information in all of its various formats, as well as the ability to effectively use library and online resources and research methodology. Whether or not you think your classes address this issue, or if you would like to help your students improve their information competency skills, fill out the BCC survey at: http://tinyurl.com/qfe5hol. Survey participants will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate to Berkeley’s Nuha’s Café with its delicious Yemeni blend coffee.

Berkeley City College Nov. 24-Dec. 11 Calendar

- **Mon., Nov. 24—**
  - 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Public Health Outreach, BCC Atrium
  - 12:15-1:15 p.m., DART Workshop: The Minute Paper, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 12:15-1:15 p.m., Learning Communities, South Campus, Rm. 204
  - 5-6 p.m., POP Wrap-Up, TLC, Rm. 341

- **Tue., Nov. 25—**
  - 10:30 a.m.-Noon, DSPS Meeting, Rm. TBA
  - 5-6 p.m., POP Wrap-Up, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 12:15-1:15 p.m., Health and Safety Committee, BCC Atrium

- **Wed., Nov. 26—**
  - Noon-2 p.m., EOPS, TLC, Rm. 341

- **Thur., thru Sun., Nov. 27-30**
  - Thanksgiving Break Holiday

- **Mon., Dec. 1—**
  - 8 a.m.-9 p.m., English Portfolio Assessment, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Public Health Outreach, BCC Atrium

- **Tue., Dec. 2—**
  - 8 a.m.-9 p.m., English Portfolio Assessment, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 12:15-1:15 p.m., “A Strategic Analysis of the War in Syria & Iraq,” BCC, Rm. 54
  - 2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A

- **Wed., Dec. 3—**
  - 8 a.m.-9 p.m., English Portfolio Assessment, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Equity Plan Review, Rm. 451A
  - 12:30-1:20 p.m., Academic Senate, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 3-4 p.m., Professional Development Workshop, TLC, Rm. 341

- **Thur., Dec. 4—**
  - 8 a.m.-9 p.m., English Portfolio Assessment, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Committee, Rm. 311
  - 10:30-2 p.m., ASBCC, South Campus, Rm. 201
  - 12:15-2 p.m., PIE, Rm. 311

- **Fri., Dec. 5—**
  - 8 a.m.-9 p.m., English Portfolio Assessment, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 12:15-1:30 p.m., Facilities Committee, Rm. 451A

- **Sat., Dec. 6—**
  - 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 5th Annual Alternative Book and Zine Fest, BCC Atrium & Auditorium

- **Mon., Dec. 8—**
  - 8 a.m.-9 p.m., English Portfolio Assessment, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., “Cocoa and Cram,” BCC Atrium
  - 12:10-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B

- **Tue., Dec. 9—**
  - 10:30 a.m.-Noon, DSPS Meeting, Rm. TBA
  - 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., “Cocoa and Cram,” BCC Atrium
  - Noon-2 p.m., EOPS, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 12:15-1:30 p.m., Health & Safety Committee, Rm. 451A
  - 12:15-1:15 p.m., Learning Communities, South Campus, Rm. 204

- **Wed., Dec. 10—**
  - 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., “Cocoa and Cram,” BCC Atrium
  - 12:15-1:30 p.m., Town Hall Meeting, BCC Auditorium
  - 1-3:30 p.m., BCC Technology Committee, TLC, Rm. 341
  - 4-5 p.m., Biotechnology Informational Open House, Rm. 518

- **Thur., Dec. 11—**
  - 6:30 p.m., Spanish Medical Interpreter Graduation, BCC Auditorium

Spanish Medical Interpreter graduation set for 6:30 p.m., Thur., Dec. 11

Berkeley City College’s Spanish Medical Interpreter (SMI) Program will host its fourth annual graduation at 6:30 p.m. in the college’s auditorium. A reception will follow the ceremony in the 5th floor student lounge.

UC, CSU transfer applications due Sun., Nov. 30

Paula Coil sends a reminder that Sun., Nov. 30 is the deadline for students to submit the transfer application to UC and/or CSU campuses so that they can start next fall at the four-year college of their choice as a junior. If students need support or are not clear about their eligibility to apply, now is the time to see an academic counselor or drop in to the Transfer Center on the 2nd floor so they can take charge of this process for themselves.

University reps announce late November BCC campus visits

BCC’s Transfer and Career Information Center will host campus representative visits from the following universities:

- **Tue., Nov. 25**
  - 1-5 p.m.
  - Personal Statement Reading: BCC Service Community
  - Rm. 53, Ground Fl.

- **Wed., Nov. 26**
  - 6-9:30 p.m.
  - Personal Statement Reading: BCC Service Community
  - Rm. 14, Ground Fl.