College starts fall Biology Boot Camp

BCC once again will offer Biology Boot Camp, 12:15-1 p.m., Tuesdays, in Rm. 513 this fall. The sessions are free and open to all BCC students who seek extra support to succeed in their biology classes. The boot camp lets biology students review and strengthen essential math skills and practice solving lab problems. Participants also learn how to read and interpret scientific data. Other boot camp sessions were held this summer and many students noted that the extra help allowed them to pass their classes. For details, contact BCC instructor Scott Blitch at sblitch@peralta.edu.

BCC welcomes six new student Safety Aides who will work on campus during the 2014-15 Academic Year. The aides, who can be identified by their blue shirts, are Jemal Aytjanova, Mohammed Sayadul Hossian, Maurice B. Martin, Cuong, Nguyen, Jiho Park and Masanori Sugiyama. The aides, who completed 40 hours of Peralta safety training (including CPR, communication, emergency procedures, diversity training, patrolling, crisis intervention, and report writing) work with campus security, Student Ambassadors and the Office of Campus Life staff to provide a wide range of campus support. Safety Aides serve on the college’s Health and Safety Committee and are supervised by Moustafa Ghous, BCC’s Director of Student Activities and Campus Life. Contact Moustafa at (510) 981-2877 or at mghous@peralta.edu if you need more information.

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Dr. Linda McPheron selected as Microbiology/National Science Foundation Biology Scholar

Dr. Linda McPheron, BCC biology instructor, is one of 12 biologists selected to participate in the 2014-2015 American Society for Microbiology/National Science Foundation Biology Scholars Program Research Residency. A national leadership initiative, the program seeks to improve undergraduate biology education based on evidence of student learning. Dr. McPheron attended the first residency program in July 2014 with support from BCC’s Professional Development program.

During her year-long residency, Dr. McPheron will design a project to explore methods for collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data on student learning; and will identify appropriate venues for publishing the results of her work. Much of her research will focus on approaches to teaching specialized terminology in the science classroom, a project that started with a Focused Inquiry Group workshop conducted in the college’s Teaching and Learning Center. Congratulations, Linda!

Milvia Street authors to participate in Berkeley’s Sept. 27 Watershed Eco-Poetry Festival

Milvia Street authors will participate in a “Poet Tree” for interactive writing at Berkeley’s annual Watershed Eco-Poetry Festival, Noon to 4:30 p.m., Sat., in Civic Center Park. The park is on Martin Luther King Jr. Way between Center and Addison Sts. The group will also display and sell BCC’s art and literary journal there. All are invited to stop by and support Milvia Street and BCC’s talented poets and writers.

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Sharon Coleman, BCC English instructor, poet and Milvia St. Art and Literary Journal adviser, will read at Berkeley’s Creek Walk which begins at 10 a.m. and ends at noon, Sat., Sept. 27 at the entrance to UC Berkeley on Center and Oxford Sts. She joins former U.S. Poet Laureate Kay Ryan, who also spent part of her career as an English basic skills community college instructor, and other renowned poets who also will present their work.

Chris Olander and a UC Berkeley naturalist will lead the walk along UC’s Strawberry Creek and talk about the creek’s history, its ecology and conservation. The group will stop at different points along the walk where the poets will present their writings about creeks, rivers, watersheds and nature. The event is free and open to the public.

University reps announce Sept. BCC campus visits

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

**Mon., Sept. 15**
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  CSU East Bay
1st Floor Lobby

**Wed., Sept. 17**
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  JFK University
& 2:30-4 p.m. 1st Floor Lobby

**Tue., Sept. 23**
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  UC Berkeley Rep
Transfer Center, 2nd Fl.

**Thu., Sept. 25**
12:15 p.m.  College 101 Workshop
South Campus, Rm. 203

**Mon., Sept. 29**
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  CSU East Bay
1st Floor Lobby

**Mon., Oct. 6**
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  BCC Transfer Day
BCC Atrium & Auditorium

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**Berkeley City College Sept. 15-30 Calendar**

- **Mon., Sept. 15**—
  12:15-1:30 p.m., College Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Wrap Program, Rm. 51

- **Tue., Sept. 16**—
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A

- **Wed., Sept. 17**—
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Academic Senate, TLC, Rm. 341
  3-4 p.m., Professional Development, Rm. TBA

- **Thu., Sept. 18**—
  10 a.m.-2 p.m., Curriculum/Technology Review, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Wrap Program, Rm. 51
  12:15-2 p.m., PIE Meeting, Rm. TBA

- **Fri., Sept. 19**—
  9 a.m.-Noon, Education Committee, Dist. Office Board Room
  Noon-1:30 p.m., New Faculty Meeting, TLC, Rm. 341
  3:30-5 p.m., Safety Aide Training, BCC South Campus, 2070 Allston Way, Rm. 203

- **Sat., Sept. 20**—
  8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Vision e Compromiso Conference, BCC Atrium & Auditorium

- **Mon., Sept. 22**—
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Wrap Program, Rm. 51
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Learning Communities, South Campus, Rm. 204

- **Tue., Sept. 23**—
  10:30 a.m.-Noon, DSPS Dept. Meeting, Rm. TBA
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Health and Safety, BCC Atrium
  7 p.m., Peralta Board of Trustees Meeting, Peralta District Office Board Room

- **Wed., Sept. 24**—
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Town Hall Meeting, BCC Auditorium
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 14

- **Thu., Sept. 25**—
  10-11 a.m., Curriculum, TLC, Rm. 341
  11 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Training, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Wrap Program, Rm. 51
  12:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Education Committee, Rm. 451A or Rm. 451B
  3-4:30 p.m., Classified Senate, Rm. 451A

- **Fri., Sept. 26**—
  9 a.m.-Noon, PCCD Planning & Budget Council, Peralta District Office Board room
  Noon-2 p.m., EOPS Staff, TLC, Rm. 341
  1:30-3:30 p.m., Dept. Chairs, Rms. 451A&B

- **Mon., Sept. 29**—
  12:15-1:30 p.m., College Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Wrap Program, Rm. 51

- **Tue., Sept. 30**—
  Noon-1:30 p.m., TRIO, Rm. 451A
  2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A

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