BCC Alumna recognized in Forbes Magazine’s 30 Under 30 Social Entrepreneurs.

Our Last Graduation Keynote and BCC Alumna Tenzin Seldon was recently named as one of Forbes magazine’s 30 Under 30 Social Entrepreneurs.

Tenzin has an impressive and extensive track record. After BCC, she moved onto Stanford University then was off to University of Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship. She has received numerous awards and recognition, most recently being highlighted in the Forbes article for her founding of Kinstep, a B2B tech platform that matches pre-vetted immigrants with employment directly in the community.

To read the full Forbes article, please visit: www.forbes.com/profile/tenzin-seldon/

Warming Our Community’s Hearts

This was the second year that the BCC Campus Life Office was hosting the blanket making event. It was held on two days as the first day provided a good way to spread the word, grow interest and ask those in attendance to return and bring colleagues to the second day. This year, the Rotary of Berkeley provided $450 to fund the event.

“It’s a fun way to meet others that I would otherwise not have contact with,” said one of the students. Indeed, many participants not knowing each other at first, took the time to talk to each other about school life, services and what they are interested in. They all appreciated the experience and appreciated learning a new skill.

Thanks to the Rotary and hard work from BCC student and staff, a total of twelve blankets were completed then offered immediately to those in need right here in downtown Berkeley. The rest of the blankets were then given to the Berkeley Food and Housing Project where they are to be issue through their service outlets to others.
Parol Sheds Light on BCC

The Parol is a quintessential part of the Filipino Christmas experience celebrating the star that guided the three wise men. It comes in different styles including intricate ones made of pearly shells or with rice paper—the brighter, the better. Last week, the Filipino Students Alliance (FSA) members celebrated the Parol by showing a variety of ways to make one. Next year, the club’s goal is to give BCC students an opportunity to make their own star made of bamboo frames and rice paper.

Deserving a Head Start

BCC began partnering with the YMCA of the Central Bay Area the summer of 2016 on the Head Start Apprenticeship Program. In the Fall 2017 semester, BCC continued the partnership offering three classes, ENGLISH 5, MUSIC 15A, and HUMANITIES 1. Currently, the now YMCA of the East Bay is partnering with BCC and other colleges, to offer courses to complete the apprenticeship programs. Apprentices receive wage increase as they achieve professional development milestones. Head Start is a federally funded program that serves low-income families by providing preschool education to children ages three to five, along with health and nutrition information and parent involvement services.