Happy Year of the Dog! The Lunar New Year is one of the most important holidays in several Asian countries including Vietnam, China, and Korea, lasting up to two weeks. BCC caught the “tail” end with its own celebration on Friday, February 23rd, during college hour. BCC was treated to a lively lion dance performance by Cal’s Vietnamese Student Association. The lion dance performers also made rounds onto multiple floors, blessing offices that offered traditional red envelopes and tangerines over their doorways. Afterwards, red envelopes that signify good luck were handed out and scrumptious Chinese goodies were served so that the audience could celebrate together. A shout out to Andre Singleton, Loan Nguyen, and volunteers for organizing the festive event!

BCC a Major Supporter of Berkeley BizConnect 2018

Berkeley City College showcased its student readiness at BizConnect 2018. The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce held the event on February 26th at the new UC Theatre. The Multimedia Media Department’s Code Berkeley and Game Design showcased student presentations throughout the day. Presentations ranged from UX design, front end web development, graphic design, and virtual reality. The student work captured the attention of the local Berkeley business community in a big way, redefining the perceptions of community college students and the level of value that students can bring to community organizations.

Most importantly, the impact of students networking and presenting their work created a career milestone. Miguel Juteau, a Code Berkeley student at BCC, summed up his experience at BizConnect 2018 stating that “It was awesome to get feedback from industry professionals and realize there is a place for me to contribute!”
Psychology Students Meet Famed Dr. Zimbardo

On Tuesday, February 6th, over 30 BCC psychology students carpooled to De Anza College with instructor Melina Bersimon to hear Dr. Phil Zimbardo speak about his research portfolio that has spanned more than 40 years. Dr. Zimbardo is most well-known for the Stanford Prison experiment, a study that highlighted how situations, conformity, de-individuation, and social roles could convert the average college student into a power-hungry, abusive, prison guard. Currently, his work focuses on using psychological principles to develop, train, and support an ordinary person’s transformation into an extraordinary superhero who can act to make positive change. During the long car ride down to Cupertino, students bonded with one another, and discussed seminal studies in psychology, after which they had an opportunity to talk one-on-one with a world renowned psychologist. As one student said, “When I arrived to the lecture I thought I was going to fall asleep. As the lecture began it opened my eyes up. I learned so much…”

Rotary Satellite Meeting Kickoff at BCC a Success

Dr. Tina Etcheverry, a retired Genentech senior scientist, successfully kicked off the first Rotary satellite meeting at BCC on Tuesday, February 13th. She reviewed the development of the clot buster drug, using DNA research, that she and her firm had developed through research, secured government approval of, and then brought to market. Her story was made even more compelling by unplanned testimonials from Rotarians Dr. Pate Thomson, a retired former head of cardiology at Alta Bates Hospital, who told how the drug had transformed medical response to patients with heart attacks, and Larry Kinsey who, as a heart transplant recipient, credited the drug with possibly saving his life. More than 30 people attended the meeting, which was held at Berkeley City College. One Rotarian called it one of the best club talks of the year, and others said that they learned a lot about Rotary that they hadn’t known before. Rotarians are encouraged to invite work colleagues and friends to visit the next satellite meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of March, from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Club Rush

Berkeley City College’s Spring 2018 “Club Rush” event, led by Emily Diehl, VP Programs of the ASBCC, hosted over 30 chartered student-led organizations participated in community outreach to the student body so as to recruit new members.

Captain America & Black Panther in the House (Comic Book Club)

calendar/deadlines

Berkeley Dreamwolf Performance
Thu Mar 8, 1:30–2:45 pm
Auditorium

Rotary Talk Series: Biotech & Biotech Industry in Berkeley
Tue, Mar 13, 6–8pm
Auditorium and Atrium

Poetry at Berkeley City College
Tue, Mar 13, 6:30–9pm
Students’ Lounge, 5th Fl.

Open Forums with Chancellor Laguerre
Wed, Mar 14
Conference room 451A

De-stress with Dogs
Wed, Mar 14, 12:15–1:15pm
Atrium

BCC Student Panel for BHS students
Thu, Mar 15, 2:30–4pm
Atrium

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