

Bridging the Gap

You can help bridge the gap between the state funding we receive—\$4,600 per full-time student per year—and the real cost of providing a first-rate education.

We are proud to continue our President's Circle initiative to support Berkeley City College. Your gift to the President's Circle will help to sustain signature programs that are highly prized by our students, faculty and the Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville communities.

With your generous support:

- Our dedicated faculty will benefit from the materials and equipment essential to providing up-to-date training.
- Our basic-skills students—those who need a little extra help—will receive crucial resources to ensure their success in college.
- More teaching assistants will be hired to facilitate learning among students in large classes and labs.

We invite you to help lead the way!



Support Our Signature Programs for Students

Biotechnology and Bioscience



The Bay Area is a hub for innovative biotechnology and biosciences companies. Our highly regarded training program for biotech workers and career-track scientists gives students a broad base in the sciences plus the critical thinking skills needed to succeed in this thriving field. Students graduating from our two-year degree program are poised to move quickly beyond entry-level into positions of greater responsibility and reward.

Multimedia Arts

Our award-winning faculty educates students in a wide range of media professions: animation, digital film, digital imaging, web design, production and writing. Students hone their artistic abilities while learning to use highly technical equipment that prepares them for the real-world workplace.

Public and Human Services

Our Public and Human Services Program educates students in the rapidly changing field of health and human services. BCC's partnerships with nearly three dozen non-profit community and public agencies have enabled students to achieve a 90% paid internship (many lead to permanent jobs).

Spanish Medical Interpreter

Our Spanish Medical Interpreter program provides Spanish interpreter training specifically targeted to a growing health care industry need. Students intern in hospitals, clinics, doctor's offices and public health facilities.

Top Funding Priorities

- **Student Scholarships** helps students to pay for fees and books. *\$2,500 funds one year of fees and books for a Berkeley City College student.*
- **Teaching Assistants** let students learn at their own pace, especially in large classes. *\$1,000 funds a teaching assistant for one semester.*
- **Essential Supplies** will enhance our programs college-wide. *\$5,000 buys a year's worth of videotape, lights and gels. or 50 loaner textbooks for students to use in the library.* *\$6,000 buys 24 microscale kits for bioscience students.*
- **A New, State-of-the-Art Organic Chemistry Lab** must be fully equipped. *Our goal is to raise \$235,000 to purchase laboratory equipment.*
- **Foundations for Success Opportunity Fund**

The economic challenges of the past several years have diminished funding for California's community colleges. A significant increase in enrollment at Berkeley City College continues to place new pressures on our resources.

Through smaller classes and extra support, we can boost learning for those who need it most.

Your support provides Berkeley City College with a resource to meet important challenges. It's not always clear where financial need will emerge. Your unrestricted support of the President's Circle will help us take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

Become a Partner in Excellence

Whether you fund a teaching assistant for a semester, underwrite essential equipment for the chemistry lab or the multimedia arts program, or give to the Opportunity Fund, your gift ensures that we continue transforming the lives of our students.

Generous contributions from donors multiply the efforts of our talented faculty, giving them the tools they need to bring their best to the classroom. Your direct investment makes you a partner in the excellence that Berkeley City College strives for year round.

Recognizing and Honoring Donors

All donors of \$1,000 and above are:

- invited to the annual President's Circle event.
- recognized in the college's Honor Roll of Donors in the lobby, in the *BCC Today* quarterly newsletter and on the college's website.

Additional benefits are available to donors of \$2,500 and above. Your President's Circle gift can be tailored to meet your interests.

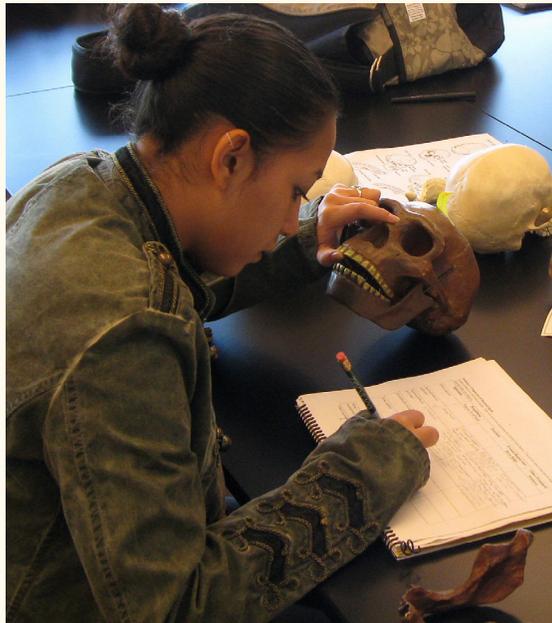


The Jewel of Downtown Berkeley

Formerly known as Vista Community College, Berkeley City College moved to a new six-story, LEED-certified building on Center Street in 2006.

This beautiful, spacious building—filled with the creative work of our faculty and students—provides a comfortable, inviting environment the moment students step through the door, ready to transform their lives.

As the need has grown, our facilities have multiplied, most recently through a fifth-floor expansion. Today, a huge upsurge in enrollment—20% in 2013-14—challenges us to further support teachers and students, by providing updated equipment for classrooms and by funding new opportunities for excellence.



Berkeley City College, together with the College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College, form the Peralta Community College District.

Meet Kristophe Green

Kristophe Green, the Peralta Community College District's Chancellor's Trophy Award winner and Berkeley City College Student Ambassador, entered UC Berkeley this fall as a psychology major.

Several years ago, he enrolled at Berkeley City College as his family was being evicted from their home. From that point on, they moved every two months. But even during those challenging times, Mr. Green held onto his dream of going to UC Berkeley.

Green was active in a variety of BCC student activities as he earned his associate in arts degree for transfer (AA-T) in psychology and his liberal arts-IGETC certificate of achievement. Besides working as a student ambassador, he was a senator with the Associated Students of Berkeley City College (ASBCC), was a mentor for PERSIST students, and was active in the college's Civic Engagement Club.

"Berkeley City College gave me a focus, a direction. Being here and helping other students made me realize that things were possible," he recalled. "Every time I helped someone who was in trouble or about to give up, it reaffirmed for me that it was possible for people to change their lives."

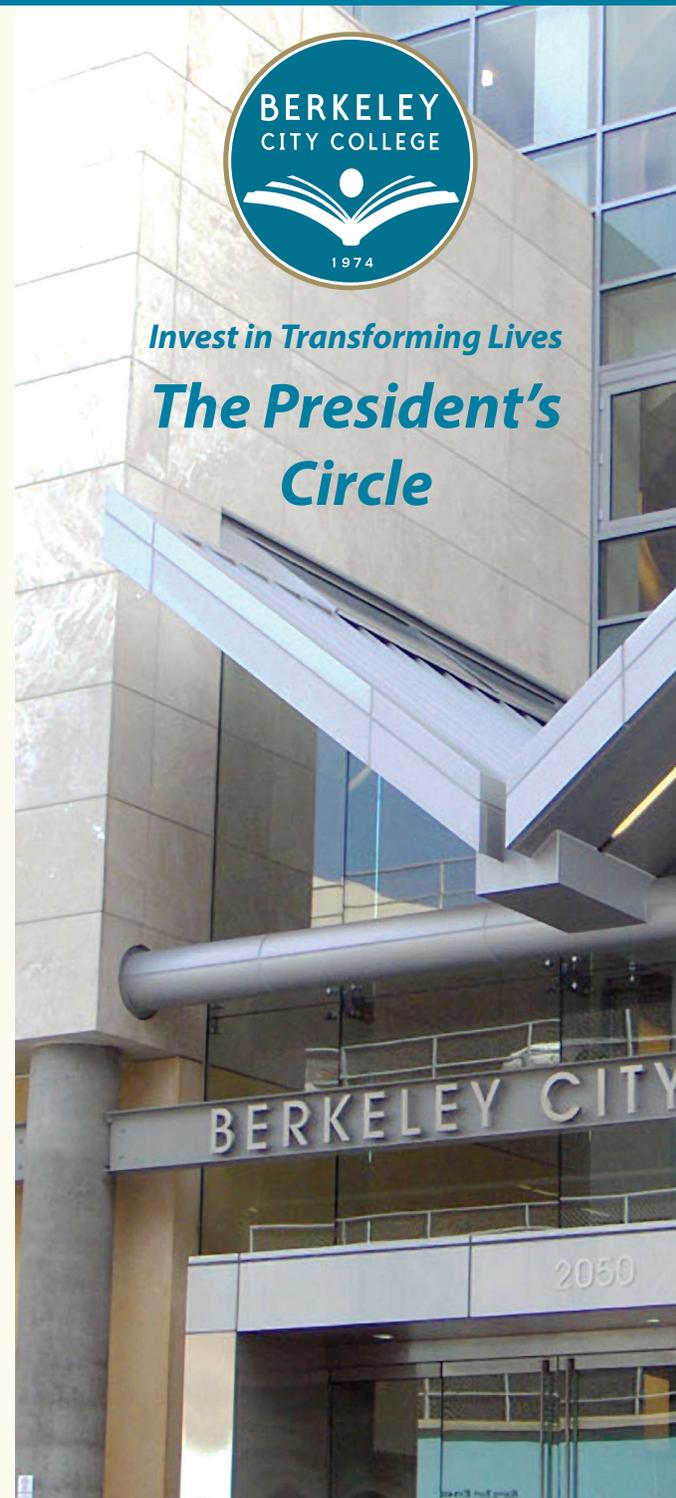
He credits Berkeley City College's "supportive and empowering environment" with helping him reach his educational goals. "It's all about tenacity," he notes. "No matter what your background and what the obstacles, if you have a dream, a vision and the persistence to achieve them, you will achieve them."



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Giving Students the Means to Succeed

Community colleges draw students from all walks of life: high school graduates, single parents, full- and part-time workers, career changers and first-generation college attendees. What they share is the strong desire to move forward in their education, personal growth and professional success.

At Berkeley City College, we help students develop the skills necessary for advancement in a rapidly changing economy and global culture. We offer nearly 100 associate degree and certificate programs.

Twenty-eight percent of University of California and 55 percent of California State University graduates started at a California community college.

*—Community College League of California
Fast Facts (May 2013)*

Our world-class faculty has created a student-centered learning community dedicated to academic excellence. The college ranks second statewide in the total percentage of transfers to UC Berkeley and Northern California UC campuses (UC Davis, UC Merced and UC Santa Cruz).

Our 7,000+ students fill downtown Berkeley with tremendous energy, six days a week—all attending classes that cost only \$46 per unit.



Your Invitation to Participate