CARE/CalWORKs is using an “adopt a family” approach for this year’s festivities. Paper ornaments are hanging on the wall in the mailroom and each contains information for one family, including the parent’s and one child’s name and the age and gender of the child. Choose a color ornament and leave the white ornament behind it on the wall with your name on it. No ornament has more than one child listed.

Gifts will be presented on Fri., Dec. 11 at a CalWORKs Holiday Celebration in the EOPS office (3rd floor) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are invited to join in the celebration.

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BCC’s PERSIST Program and Professional Development Committee once again will sponsor a five-day Experiential Learning Institute (FELI), 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon. thru Fri., Jan. 11-15, in the college’s Teaching/Learning Center, Rm. 341. FELI provides a transformative learning experience for instructors, counselors, staff and administrators. Participants experience classes from the educationally disadvantaged students’ perspectives. Topics include leadership and learning styles of self and others; positive team building; listening techniques for effective communication; reflection on behavioral self-management; and faculty-specific discussions about classroom teaching and learning. For details, visit the Academy for college Excellence (ACE) website at http://academyforcollegeexcellence.org/feli or contact Chris Lebo-Planas at aleboplanas@peralta.edu.
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Berkeley City College December 7- Jan. 8 Calendar

- **Mon., Dec. 7—**
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Roundtable for Planning and Budget, Rms. 451A&B

- **Tue., Dec. 8—**
  10 a.m.-Noon, VP, Deans Meeting, Rm. 451A
  10 a.m.-Noon, Registration Marketing Meeting, Rm. 451B
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Black Students’ Union, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Technology Committee, Rms. 451A&B
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Art Show Hosted by Tobaccoless Club, BCC Atrium

- **Wed., Dec. 9—**
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Town Hall Meeting on BCC Equity Plan, BCC Auditorium
  12:20-1:20 p.m., Pasko sa BCC (Christmas the Filipino Way), BCC Atrium
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A or Rm. 451B
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Professional Development Committee, TLC, Rm. 341
  12:30-1:20 p.m., Academic Senate, BCC, Rm. 311
  1:30-3:30 p.m., Milvia Street Bldg. Users Group, Rm. 451B

- **Thur., Dec. 10—**
  10-11 a.m., Equitable Access Team (Student Access and Equity at BCC), South Campus, Rm. 204
  10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Committee, Rm. 451A
  10 a.m.-Noon, Counselors
  12:15-1:15 p.m., Education Committee, Rm. 311
  Noon-2 p.m., PIE Meeting, Rm. 451A

- **Fri., Dec. 11—**
  1:30-3:30 p.m., Department Chairs, Rms. 451A&B

- **Sat., Dec. 12—**
  Saturday Classes End; Final Exam Week Begins
  10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sixth Annual Alternative Book and Zine Festival, BCC Atrium and Auditorium

- **Tue., Dec. 15—**
  10 a.m.-Noon, VP, Deans Meeting, Rm. 451A
  12:1-30 p.m., BCC Technology Committee, Rm. 451B
  12:1-30 p.m., Faculty Advisers Meeting, Rm. 451A
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Black Students’ Union, Rm. 451B
  12:15-1:30 p.m., ASBCC Meeting, Rm. 57
  2:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rms. 451A&B

- **Wed., Dec. 16—**
  BCC Holiday Party (Time, Place TBA—Watch Your E-Mail for Details)
  4:30-6:30 p.m., CP Trust Meeting, Rms. 451A&B

- **Thur., Dec. 17—**
  10-11 a.m., Equitable Access Team (Student Access and Equity at BCC), South Campus, Rm. 204
  BCC Art Fest (Time, Place TBA—Watch Your E-Mail for Details)

- **Fri., Dec. 18—**
  Fall Semester Ends
  Final Exam Week Ends

- **Tue., Dec. 22—**
  12:15-1:30 p.m., Health and Safety Committee, Rm. 451A

- **Thur., Dec. 24 thru Sun., Jan. 3**
  Winter Break

- **Tue., Jan. 5—**
  Noon-1:30 p.m., Technology Committee, Rms. 451A&B

Reminder: Bring food donations to 1st Floor Food Bank bins

Remember to bring a non-perishable food donation to the Alameda County Food Bank bins on the 1st floor at Berkeley City College. Your contributions fill a critical need for people in our community who utilize the Food Bank to feed their families.

The Associated Students of Berkeley City College sponsor a holiday food drive each year and once again ask for your help. Remember to bring a non-perishable food item to drop into the 1st floor bins.

Applications accepted thru Tue., Dec. 15 for Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

Do you know a BCC student who will transfer this June to a university? If so, let them know about the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship for community college transfer students. The application deadline is Tue., Dec. 15.

The scholarship provides $30,000+ annually for community college recipients’ junior and senior university years. To find out more about the scholarship, visit:

http://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/blog/2015/10/25/jack-kent-cooke-undergraduate-transfer-scholarship-deadline-is-dec-15/

Also visit BCC’s Transfer/Career Information Center. Contact Jasmine Bomanjee at jbomanjee@peralta.edu or phone (510) 981-2811.