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“Toward Universal Access to All Knowledge” presented by pioneering Internet access innovator Brewster Kahle, takes place 7-8:15 p.m., Wed., Mar. 18, in Berkeley City College’s auditorium. The presentation is free and open to the public. Reserve your free tickets at https://www.msri.org/general_events/20845. A ticket is required for admission to the auditorium.

Mr. Kahle will focus on the questions: Will we allow ourselves to re-invent our concept of libraries to expand and to use the new technologies? Can we make all the published works of humankind accessible to everyone, no matter where they are in the world.

Advances in computing and communications mean that we can cost-effectively store every book, sound recording, movie, software package, and public web page ever created, and provide access to these collections via the Internet to students and adults all over the world. By using existing institutions and funding sources, we can build this as well as compensate authors within the current worldwide library budget.

A passionate advocate for public Internet access and a successful entrepreneur, Mr. Kahle has spent his career intent on a singular focus: Universal Access to All Knowledge. Soon after graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he helped found the company Thinking Machines, a supercomputer maker. In 1989, Mr. Kahle created the Internet’s first publishing system called Wide Area Information Server (WAIS) and established WAIS, Inc. He also founded the Internet Archive, one of the largest digital libraries in the world. With a staff of nearly 150, and 100 partnering libraries, the organization is working to create an online catalog of every book ever created.

Mr. Kahle received a B.S. in computer science and engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He and his wife, Mary Austin, started The Kahle/Austin Foundation, which supports the Internet Archive along with other non-profit organizations with similar goals. Mr. Kahle also founded Open Content Alliance, a group of organizations contributing to a permanent, publicly accessible archive of digitized texts. He is a member of the Internet Hall of Fame, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Engineering and serves on the boards of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Public Knowledge, the European Archive, and the Television Archive. He holds an honorary doctorate in computer science from Simmons College and an honorary doctorate in Law from the University of Alberta.

His talk is part of the “Not on the Test: The Pleasures and Uses of Mathematics” series of six public lectures in 2014–15, which are jointly presented by the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) and Berkeley City College (BCC). They are made possible with funding from the Simons Foundation.

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The deadline for nominations for Berkeley City College’s 2014-15 President’s Award has been extended to 5 p.m., Fri., Feb. 27. Do you work with someone who consistently demonstrates the highest level of support in alignment with Berkeley City College’s Mission, Vision, and Values? Who promotes teamwork, collaboration and innovation? If so complete the form included in the e-mail with this issue of The Messenger and return it to Cynthia Reese at creese@peralta.edu.

Berkeley City College has partnered with Berkeley Adult School to offer a low-cost GED preparation course. The class, which takes place at the Berkeley Adult School, is $35 with textbook included. Passing the GED high school graduation equivalency test qualifies students to receive financial aid for college. Details are available at BCC’s South Campus, 2070 Allston Way, Rm. 201, or contact Nicolas Viveros at nicolasviveros@berkeley.net.

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12:30-3 p.m., Wellness Center Outreach, BCC Atrium & 1st Fl.

**Tue., Feb. 24**—
10:30 a.m.-Noon, Professional Development Meeting, TLC, Rm. 341
Noon-1:30 p.m., Black Student Union (BSU), Rm. 451A
12:15-1:30 p.m., Health and Safety Committee, Rm. 451B

**Wed., Feb. 25**—
12:15 p.m., Quit Smoking Meeting, Rm. 31
12:15-1:15 p.m., Black History Month Event: Young, Gifted and Black Performance with Elaine Brown, Keynote Speaker, in BCC Atrium
12:30-3 p.m., Wellness Center Outreach, 1st Fl.
5-8 p.m., Minimum Wage Meeting, Rms. 451A&B

**Thu., Feb. 26**—
10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Tech Review, TLC, Rm. 341
12:15-1:30 p.m., Health and Safety Committee, Rm. 451B
3-4:30 p.m., Afternoon Tea/Classified Senate Meeting/Accreditation Review, Rms. 451A&B
6-8 p.m., Black History Month Event: “Real Talk” Panel Discussion, BCC Auditorium

**Fri., Feb. 27**—
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., CTE Special Projects Meeting, TLC, Rm. 341
1:30-3:30 p.m., Department Chairs, TLC, Rm. 341
3:30-4:30 p.m., Safety Aid Meeting, Rm. 203

**Sat., Feb. 28**—
8 a.m.-5 p.m., ASBCC/CCC Conference, Rms. 451A&B

**Mon., Mar. 2**—
12:30-3 p.m., Wellness Center Outreach, BCC Atrium & 1st Fl.

**Tue., Mar. 3**—
Noon-1:30 p.m., Black Student Union (BSU), Rm. 451A
12:15-1:15 p.m., Faculty Advising Task Force, Rm. 311
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services Council, Rm. 451A

**Wed., Mar. 4**—
9:30 a.m.-Noon, Equity Planning, Rms. 451A&B
12-1 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A
12:15-1:15 p.m., “Mentholated Tobacco Products: How the African American Community is Targeted, BCC Auditorium
12:30-3 p.m., Wellness Center Outreach, BCC Atrium & 1st Fl.
12:30-1:20 p.m., Academic Senate, Rm. 451A

**Thu., Mar. 5**—
10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum, TLC, Rm. 341
12:15-2 p.m., PIE, TLC, Rm. 341
12:15-1:30 p.m., Brown Bag Lunch, Rms. 451A&B

**Fri., Mar. 6**—
12:15-1:30 p.m., Facilities, Rm. 451A

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**Mon., Mar. 9**—
12:15-1:30 p.m., Roundtable, Rms. 451A&B
12:30-3 p.m., Wellness Center Outreach, BCC Atrium & 1st Fl.

**Tue., Mar. 10**—
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Accreditation Self Evaluation Team Visits BCC
Noon-1:30 p.m., Black Student Union (BSU), Rm. 451A
12:15-2 p.m., International Women’s Day Event, BCC Auditorium

**Wed., Mar. 11**—
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Accreditation Self Evaluation Team Visits BCC
12:15-1:30 p.m., Student Ambassadors, Rm. 451A
12:15-1:15 p.m., Open Forum with Accreditation Self Evaluation Team, BCC Auditorium
12:30-3 p.m., Wellness Center Outreach, BCC Atrium & 1st Fl.
1:30-2:30 p.m., Technology Committee, Rm. 451A
5:30-6:30 p.m., Open Forum with Accreditation Self Evaluation Team, BCC Auditorium

**Thu., Mar. 12**—
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Accreditation Self Evaluation Team Visits BCC
10 a.m.-Noon, Curriculum Tech Review, TLC, Rm. 341
12:15-1:30 p.m., Education Committee, TLC, Rm. 341
3:40 p.m., Classified Senate, TLC, Rm. 341

**Fri., Mar. 13**—
1:30-3:30 p.m., Department Chairs, TLC, Rm. 341

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**Transfer Center announces February university rep visits**

BCC’s Transfer and Career Information Center announces university rep visits for February:

**Mon., Feb. 23**
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  Academy of Art University
1st Fl. Lobby

**Tue., Feb. 24**
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) Rep
1st Floor Lobby

**Wed., Feb. 25**
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  Mills College Rep: Same Day Admissions
1st Floor Lobby

**Time to remind your students about filing graduation petitions; they’re due Fri., Mar. 20**

It’s time to remind your students about filing petitions for graduation. If they plan to graduate in May, their Graduation Petitions for AA or AS degrees or Certificates of Achievement or Proficiency are due by Friday, Mar. 20. They should speak with their counselor and to the college’s Admissions and Records Office for assistance.

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**All invited to visit “Digital Digits” exhibit at Berkeley’s Take 5 Cafe**

“Digital Digits,” an exhibit of digital art by BCC Digital Arts Club member and Bay Area fine artist Susan Liroff, are on display at Berkeley’s Take 5 Cafe, 2130 Sacramento St. between Ashby & Alcatraz Ave. Gallery hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon. thru Fri., and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat.

Mark your calendars for a Take 5 reception, 6 to 8 p.m., Fri., Feb. 27 at the gallery.