



Dreamer Scholarship Drive



Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf honored during fundraiser

Peralta trustee Karen Weinstein graciously opened up her home April 29 to host a fundraiser for Dreamer Scholarships and the Undocumented Community Resource Center (UCRC). The event, with several community leaders in attendance, raised over \$3,000.

During the event, Berkeley mayor Jesse Arreguin was presented with the Dreamers Award for Leadership and Oakland mayor Libby Schaaf received the Dreamers Award for Courage.

Donations are still being accepted. To contribute, please email the UCRC at: bcc-ucrc@peralta.edu

MayDay on May Day



The Peralta Federation of Teachers sponsored Mayday for May Day, an all-day conference on April 27 at BCC. Assemblymember Rob Bonta provided welcoming remarks on the importance of supporting the work of Labor Unions. The conference, consisted of a series of panels and workshops aimed at gaining a better understanding of the role of unions in

public education and fighting against the various assaults coming our way. Discussions included The History, Current State, and Assaults on Public Education Unionism and The Connection Between Unionism and Politics. Various workshop topics included How to Talk to Members, Poor People's Campaign, May Day Organizing, Schools & Communities First Campaign.

Out of Site: Performing Queer History



Sponsored by the Department of Arts and Cultural Studies and the Teaching and Learning Center, Dylan Eret (Humanities Instructor) and Seth Eisen (Art Instructor) closely worked together to bring a Bay Area LGBTQ history walking tour to campus on April 24th. Eisen's theater company, Eye Zen Presents, brought eight performers and recruited several students from different BCC courses to stage a campus-wide, collaborative performance. Students and actors led us on a tour of over a hundred years of local queer history by using the atrium, auditorium, and other secret locations on campus. Student artists created large portraits of the characters actors portrayed, which set the scene in the atrium. For the "lit crawl" section, students performed spoken-word pieces as a flurry of hundreds of zines created by students and staff cascaded down from the fifth floor to the delight of several hundred students who gathered to watch. Faculty and students can now see the portraits on the fourth floor near Room 411 until the end of the semester and access original copies of the zines and film recordings of the event in the BCC library.



PAAAA's Scholarship Gala Recognizes BCC Students



Loretha "Elle" Henry

BCC students Loretha "Elle" Henry and Merhawit Temesgen were bestowed the Peralta Association of African American Affairs (PAAAA) scholarship during the 20th Anniversary Scholarship Gala on April 27. The award recognizes those students excelling in their studies and giving back to the community.

Henry, a single parent, is double-majoring in Political Science and Liberal Arts. Her instructors describe her as intellectually curious and dynamic—one that brings tremendous energy to her studies.

Henry created #ProgressOnly, a collective group for People of Color (POC) that come together each month to discuss the challenges, obstacles, and solutions to political economic issues that affect the POC community. She brings in speakers

that present passionate community-oriented solutions. Her "I can do this" mindset is truly inspiring.

Merhawit, an Eritrean refugee, is majoring in computer science. Her main goal is to have a positive impact in the world as a female software engineer by creating software that makes people's lives easier. She participated in the Transfer-to-Excellence program at UC Berkeley where she researched, designed, and tested an engineering solution. She presented her work at two different conferences.

Merhawit also tutors middle and high school students, and cares for the elderly through a Leadership Program at Medhanie-Alem Eritrean Orthodox church. She not only wants to make a change but be the change by empowering others and soaring academically.



Merhawit Temesgen

DSPS Advisory Committee

April 27 marked the first District-wide Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) Community Advisory Committee meeting held at Laney. In addition to community organizations such as the Department of Rehabilitation, College Intern Program and the Orientation Center for the Blind, attendees included DSPS counselors, staff, students, faculty and administrators. A particular highlight was the joint presentation on "OneDSPS," brought forward by Ron Nelson of Merritt and BCC's own Roberto Gonzalez that aims to introduce a case-management database tailored to serving programs for students with disabilities. "The rollout of OneDSPS will unify many DSPS processes throughout Peralta by streamlining program enrollment, eliminate redundancies, automate processes and enhance communication, all for the purpose of improving service delivery to students," Roberto Gonzalez enthusiastically declared.

Chemistry Field Trip

On April 24, Samuel Gillette's chemistry 12B class took a field trip to UC Berkeley College of Chemistry. The class spent the day at UC Berkeley where they attended an upper division organic synthesis class, a seminar presented by a visiting organic chemist from the University of Illinois, interacted with graduate students and undergraduates at Cal, met with the dean of students, discussed transfer applications, and toured the world-class facilities of the College of Chemistry.

This was the fifth year for this annual event. Each year the event adds something new. Next year, Gillette plans to take the field trip in the fall semester for Chemistry 12A and B students as they are preparing their transfer application.



BCC's Participation in Bay Area Book Fest



Tens of thousands of book lovers met hundreds of acclaimed authors over an exciting weekend in downtown Berkeley, California for one of the premier literary events in the nation! BCC once again opened its doors to the Bay Area Book Fest on April 28. Venues at BCC included a panel discussion on "Ambitious Young Writers from Ireland," and appearances by authors Elmar McBride and Joyce Maynard.



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calendar/deadlines

Celebration of Life: Maureen Knightly-Adams
Tue, May 15, 12 pm–1:30 pm
Conference rooms 451A/B

BCC Graduation: "Unity Through Community"
Thu, May 24, 5:00–7:30 pm
Zellerbach Auditorium, UC Berkeley Campus

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