



BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE

ANNUAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TO OUR COMMUNITY



I am proud to share the Berkeley City College 2025–26 Annual Report, highlighting an academic year of growth, student achievement, and service to our community.

This year, The Campaign for College Opportunity awarded BCC its 2025 Pathway Champion of Transfer Equity. This statewide honor recognizes BCC for its leadership in creating equitable pathways that help students reach their transfer and degree goals. Berkeley City College is among the inaugural cohort of California Black Serving Institutions, affirming our longstanding commitment to Black student success and joining our designation as a federally recognized Hispanic Serving Institution and Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution.

Berkeley City College remains the #1 California community college per capita with transfers to UC Berkeley, and 5th overall among all California community college students transferring to UC Berkeley. The dedicated team of faculty, classified professionals and administrators at BCC are focused and tireless in their commitment to removing barriers and inspiring students to succeed.

We eagerly await the opening of the new Berkeley City College West campus in the Fall 2026. Berkeley City College received the "It's Our Downtown" award for Design Excellence and Community Engagement from the Downtown Berkeley Association. This honor reflects our commitment to offering state-of-the-art learning environments for current and future students, as well as deepening our community partnerships.

BCC remains a place for all students to empower themselves with education, from first-generation scholars, adults returning to higher education, international students, life-long learners, and everyone in between. As we close this year and look towards our future, I am deeply inspired by the resilience, creativity, and dedication of our entire college community.

Let's go Owls!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

Denise Richardson, Ed.D.

President



**72% of all
Associate
Degrees are
Associate
Degrees for
Transfer.**



WHO WE SERVE



Total Students
per Semester

6,681
Fall '25

2,605
Summer '25

7,166
Spring '26

AT A GLANCE

54%
Female

39%
Male

7%
Gender Not Reported

76%
Age Under 30

77%
Students of Color

46%
First Generation

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

33%
Latinx

19%
White

18%
Asian

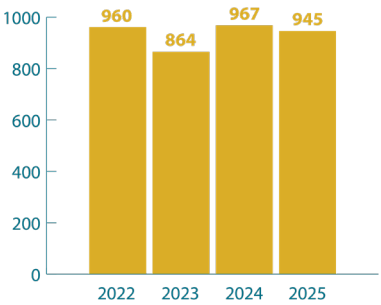
18%
Black/ African
American

7%
Two or More

4%
Unknown

0.3%
Pacific Islander

0.2%
American
Indian



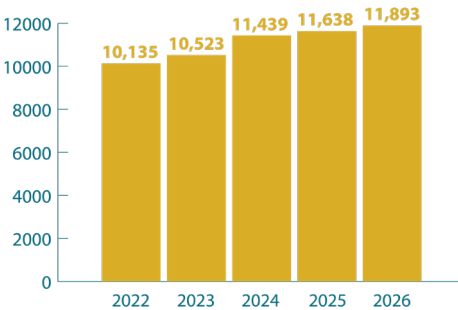
Degrees and Certificates Awarded

Top 3 Associate Degrees	
Humanities and Social Sciences	101
Liberal Arts and Sciences	27
Digital Media	11

*2024–25

Top UC Transfer Destinations	
UC Berkeley	105
UC Davis	50
UC San Diego	26
Total UC Transfers	249

*Fall 2025



Student Enrollment

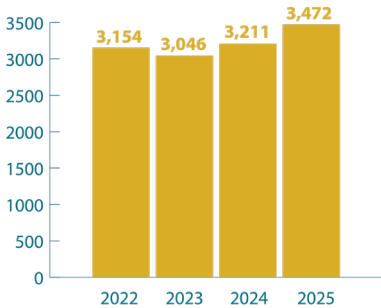
Top 3 Transfer Degrees	
Business Administration	44
Psychology	41
Mathematics	34

*transfer degrees guarantee admission to the California State University system

*2024–25

Top CSU Transfer Destinations	
San Francisco State University	59
CSU East Bay	38
San Jose State University	15
Total CSU Transfers	137

*Fall 2025



Dual Enrollment

Total Employees

187
Fall '25

FISCAL YEAR 2025—26

\$25,866,679
Unrestricted Annual Budget

\$12,303,516
Restricted Annual Budget

\$1,746,127
Parcel Tax + Measure E Bond

HIGHLIGHTS 2025–2026



BCC Designated **California Black Serving Institution**

Berkeley City College has been selected as part of the inaugural cohort of 31 California institutions designated as Black-Serving Institutions (BSIs), a state recognition for colleges that demonstrate excellence in supporting Black and African American students.

BCC's application included a 5-year strategic plan to support Black and African American Student Success. Part of the plan included the addition of the A2Mend Program to the Society of Scholars Learning Community in Fall '25. A2Mend offers mentorship, professional development, and academic support to African American men. A2Mend joins a thriving Umoja Community, which serves and promotes student success for all students through a curriculum and pedagogy responsive to the legacy of the African and African American Diasporas.

BCC also organized Peralta's first CCC to HBCU Caravan event at Laney College in November '25, where students met with representatives from 30 HBCUs, learning about guaranteed admissions and scholarship opportunities.

BCC is proud of its BSI designation and looks forward to continuing to close equity gaps for all students we serve.

BCC Animation Program **Newest Toon Boom Center of Excellence**

Berkeley City College is now recognized as a Toon Boom Center of Excellence. The Toon Boom software is the industry standard in 2D Animation. Berkeley City College Multimedia Arts students' animation work was demonstrated to Toon Boom as part of the application process. "Based on the quality of the student work, they (Toon Boom) were happy to bring us on as a center of excellence," said Multimedia Art co-chair Mary Clarke-Miller. "Kudos to faculty Pam Stalker, Sam Miller and Ed Bell who push for excellence in our 2D Animation courses!" BCC stands out as the only California Community College to receive this honor and is one of just three institutions in California recognized as a COE. As a COE institution, BCC's animation program reflects a strong commitment to student success and workforce readiness.

The designation ensures students gain hands-on experience with the same tools used by major animation studios, preparing them for careers in animation, storyboarding, and related creative industries. The COE program provides valuable benefits, including access to professional soft-ware, training resources, and ongoing faculty development opportunities.



BCC Basic Needs Center Creating a Culture of Belonging

This year, the Berkeley Basic Needs Center represented at multiple statewide conferences demonstrating how they're ensuring students feel welcome, respected, and supported when accessing services. At the February California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance Summit, project manager Izzie Villanueva and their team of student assistants hosted a session titled "Going Viral: Leveraging Social Media for Basic Needs" where they shared their history, tactics, and tips for connecting with community on all social media platforms.



BCC BASIC NEEDS CENTER SERVICES PROVIDED

in numbers '25-'26

6,000+	<i>Visits to the Basic Needs Center</i>
4,000+	<i>Visits to the Food Pantry</i>
2,000+	<i>Students received outreach from the BNC</i>
1,000+	<i>Students provided with Transportation Support</i>
1,000+	<i>Clothing items given away at the Free Flea Markets</i>
5,000+	<i>Free Everytable meals distributed to students</i>
400+	<i>Packs of diapers were distributed to students with dependents</i>

Zero-Cost Textbooks Efforts Reduce Barriers

Berkeley City College continued to advance its commitment to affordable education by expanding its Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) initiative, reducing the financial burden of course materials and increasing equitable access to learning.

Supported by a \$640,000 statewide ZTC apportionment, the college has made significant progress in redesigning courses and degree pathways with free instructional materials. In Fall 2025, 40% of lecture and lab sections were designated Zero Textbook Cost, with an additional 11% offered as low-cost.

The Affordable Education Committee, Chairs Council, Curriculum Committee, and faculty collaborated to complete ZTC conversions for 17 degree programs and numerous individual courses across disciplines including

Anthropology, Art, Biology, Communication, History, Mathematics, and Psychology.

The impact of these efforts is reflected in student feedback. A Spring 2025 survey found that 62% of respondents said textbook costs influenced their enrollment decisions, underscoring the importance of expanding affordable course materials. By increasing the availability of ZTC courses, Berkeley City College continues to remove financial barriers, promote student success, and expand access to higher education.



Apprenticeship Programs Building the Future Educator and Health Workforce

Berkeley City College hosted a graduation ceremony for nearly 90 Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) dual enrollment students completing their early education youth pre-apprenticeship through the OakTown Leaders teacher preparation program.

Graduates participated in an earn and learn model that allows students to gain college credit while in high school, creating a clear and structured pathway into careers in education and related fields.

In just three years, the program has grown from nine apprenticeship completers in 2024 to just under 90 students in 2026, representing a major systems shift in how students access college, career, and workforce opportunities. This growth reflects a strong regional partnership network that includes apprenticeship sponsor Early Care and Education Pathways to Success (ECEPTS), industry partners including Partnership for Children and Youth (PCY), OUSD, the YMCA of the East Bay, Girls Inc. Of Alameda County, the Alameda County Office of Education, and Berkeley City College. A critical component of the program is the employer mentors who guide students throughout their on-the-job training experience.

Berkeley City College's Community Health Worker Apprenticeship Program had an outstanding year! The program is in its 3rd cohort comprised of both traditional and incumbent workers. California has a goal of registering 500,000 apprentices by 2029. Our Employer partners employ 52 of BCC's Community Health Worker Apprentices. Employer Partners include Contra Costa Health Systems, East Bay Innovations, Bay Well Health, and Life Long Medical. Apprentices are registered through LAUNCH, California Community College's chosen intermediary partner. The program is funded by the California Apprenticeship Initiative. Apprentices never pay for course work and are placed with employers as they acquire certificates in their fields.



JACK KENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is one of the most prestigious awards for community college students in the nation, providing last dollar funding up to \$55,000 and personalized academic advising for students transferring to four-year institutions. This year, three Berkeley City College graduates were announced as part of the 60 student class of award recipients. Congratulations to Ahyan Malik, Navaneet Baniya, and Michael Battisto for their academic achievement, perseverance, and leadership!



"I feel like the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is looking for students who have done well in their community, done well in their classes, and are on track to transfer to good schools and keep up that pace. Berkeley City College is a very tight-knit community, and you see those types of students everywhere."

—Ahyan Malik
Stanford, Computer Science



"I come from a low-income, first-generation immigrant background, so the financial barrier is a huge restraint for me when it came to applying to universities. Thanks to this generous scholarship, I no longer have any financial restraint and can fully focus on my academics and thrive."

—Navaneet Baniya
Stanford, Political Science



"A really, really cool thing that's very special about Berkeley City College is the English department because it is structured to be the most advantageous place for students who want to go to Cal."

—Michael Battisto
UC Berkeley, English Literature

BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE WEST

Berkeley City College will mark the opening of its new West campus building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 10, 2026. Located adjacent to the main campus in Downtown Berkeley, the six-story, 60,000-square-foot facility expands the College's academic and student services space to better support instruction and student engagement.

The building includes 15 classrooms, faculty offices, student services, a Wellness Center, an expanded Learning Resource Center, dedicated spaces for Society of Scholars learning communities, and an outdoor rooftop patio. Designed to support a variety of instructional and student support needs,

the facility also incorporates sustainable design features and is LEED Gold Certified. The Downtown Berkeley Association awarded Berkeley City College the "It's Our Downtown" award for Design Excellence and Community Engagement.

The opening of BCC West reflects Berkeley City College's ongoing efforts to meet the needs of a growing and diverse student population. The new facility provides additional space for teaching, learning, and student services while supporting the College's mission to provide accessible, high-quality education for the community.



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ENROLL TODAY!

1 Complete Your Application

Visit [CCCApply.org](https://cccapply.org), select Berkeley City College as your campus, and complete the application. You will receive an email within 24 hours with your Peralta Student ID # and Email with login credentials for the student portal.

2 Meet with a Counselor

Complete online orientation and self-placement at www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/orientation-and-placement. Once completed, make an appointment with a counselor at www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/counseling.

3 Register for Classes

Login to the Peralta student portal and navigate to Campus Solutions to register for courses and pay your fees. Navigate to "Manage Classes" and "Class Search and Enroll." Find the courses that you would like to take, add to your cart, and proceed until you are fully enrolled in the course.

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The Annual President's Award recognizes one administrator, faculty, and classified professional who demonstrate the highest level of support in alignment with Berkeley City College's Mission, Vision, and Values. President's Award recipients also demonstrate synergy and teamwork within the college community that promotes innovation and collaboration.



Matthew Freeman
Faculty Recipient



Dana Cabello
Classified Professional Recipient



Kayla Oh
Administrator Recipient

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