



President's Bulletin

To: BCC Faculty, Staff, and Administration
From: Dr. Deborah F. Budd

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Farewell and Best Wishes to Departing Colleagues

- **Best Wishes to Dr. Carlos Cortez, Paula Coil, Mostafa Ghous, Fatima Shah and Jackie Vo**

All have contributed immense support to our students and have demonstrated time and again their commitment to transforming lives.

- **Dr. Carlos Turner Cortez, Dean of Academic Pathways, Workforce Development and Student Success**, has been named President of Continuing Education for the San Diego Community College District. He will assume the post in July. Carlos's spirit, knowledge and inspiration have greatly benefitted our college community. Since joining BCC's administration in July 2013, he has worked with faculty and counselors to lead the development and expansion of BCC's Learning Community Cohort Programs. These now include Berkeley City College Scholars, First Year Experience (FYE), Learning English for Academic Purposes/English as a Second Language (LEAP), PACE Pathways (Program for Adult College Education), Personal Initiative and Social Transformation (PERSIST and PERSIST to College) for underserved adults and high school students.

Carlos's experience in teaching, from K-12 through higher education, also contributed to BCC's development of an exemplary Student Equity Plan. He worked with Dean Brenda Johnson and the Student Equity Planning Committee to create the plan as well as an implementation timeline. We have learned much from him. The college's ability to serve our students for many years to come has significantly progressed because of his talent and many contributions to our college community.

- **Ms. Paula Coil, Transfer and Career Information Center Coordinator**, retires from coordinating BCC's Transfer Center on June 30 after 16 years as a Classified Staff Member. She joined Vista Community College in 1999 as Assessment and Orientation Coordinator and continued in that position at Berkeley City College. In 2008, she assumed the role of Coordinator of the college's Transfer and Career Information Center. Her calm and effective approach to working with others has made it possible for thousands of BCC students to understand and master the transfer process, successfully apply for admission to the universities they choose, and thus transform their lives. She also has made strong connections with local, statewide and national university representatives who regularly visit BCC to inform prospective transfer students of the steps they must take to enter the world of university education.
- **Mr. Mostafa Ghous, Director of Student Activities and Campus Life**, will leave his post on June 30. In his work with the Associated Students of Berkeley City College (ASBCC) and with the college's many student clubs, Mostafa guided leaders of the college's student government and Student Ambassador Corps; directed the rewriting of the ASBCC's constitution; helped to coordinate and direct the many student-centered events which were held on campus; and helped to coordinate student outreach activities at BCC.

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- **Ms. Fatima Shah, Extended Opportunity Program and Services Coordinator**, begins a new job at City College of San Francisco on July 1. She will be assistant director and counselor for City College's EOPS Program. She began as a student at Berkeley City College, transferred to UC Berkeley and then went on to earn a master's degree in counseling, all the while working with underserved students in BCC's EOPS program as a peer adviser, student assistant, staff member, and finally as coordinator of the program. Fatima's story is an inspiration to those who have come to the college and as a result, have experienced life transformations and thus have reached their goals. Fatima's empathy, understanding and compassion for others has motivated many students to continue their education, no matter what obstacles they may face. Congratulations, Fatima, on your accomplishment. We wish you well.
- **Ms. Jackie Vo, Financial Aid Specialist**, moves to College of Alameda on July 1 to become the Financial Aid Coordinator there. It is a well-deserved step up for Jackie, whose knowledge and understanding of funding systems and protocols will provide critical support for the many students who need financial assistance to reach their education goals. During her time at Berkeley City College, she has worked with Loan Nguyen, BCC's Financial Aid Coordinator and members of the college's financial aid team to provide many of our students with the guidance necessary to ensure a smooth journey through often complex processes. She will continue her excellent work at College of Alameda. Congratulations, Jackie!

As we move to fill these positions, Berkeley City College will continue to provide comprehensive services to our students and our community. My best wishes for a wonderful summer. I look forward to working with you this fall.

Sincerely,



Dr. Deborah Budd, President