BCC Society of Scholars Graduation Ceremony

Berkeley City college Society of Scholars and the Undocumented Community Resource celebrated their ICONIC Class of 2022 graduates and their amazing accomplishments on Wednesday, May 18th. The celebration included icon shoutouts and graduates sharing some BCC memorable moments. The following students were recognized for their achievements:

IGNITE Icon Scholar: Alexis Fernando Argueta
IGNITE Icon Scholar: Andrea Nayeli Gonzalez
IGNITE Icon Scholar: Ivan Campos Gallardo
API L.E.A.D Icon Scholar: Lucky Issoonpisansiri
API L.E.A.D Icon Scholar: Ziyling Karida Li
UMOJA Icon Scholar: Treasure Boutan
UMOJA Icon Scholar: Starrlisah Stewart
PUENTE Icon Scholar: Ricardo Rivas
PUENTE Icon Scholar: Efrain Marcucci
UCRC Icon Scholar: Esther Cuan
UCRC Icon Scholar: Nashdelly Gutierrez

API L.E.A.D. Icon Scholar Karida expressed love and gratitude for the community and the close bonds and connections that they formed because of SoS. They will be transferring to UC Berkeley in the Fall. IGNITE Scholar, Jocelyne Santillan shared, “Thank you BCC for believing in me and getting me closer to my ultimate goal. I do this for my family and lastly, I do it for myself, thank you all!”

Congrats to our scholars for reaching this major milestone in their journeys and excited to see them thrive in this next chapter!

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Multimedia Art Animation, Game, & Motion Graphics Interactive Show

On Wednesday, May 18, the Multimedia Art department hosted its second student showcase of the year focusing on the achievements of its Video Game and Animation students. The event featured 3D and 2D animated shorts, video game levels, and art produced by current students, as well as works produced by students who were not able to show their work to audiences in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

Maquettes from the Character Design and Model Construction class were on display, as well as the exciting motion capture suits and LiveLink facial recognition software. It was a preview of projects to come integrating motion capture and facial animation into exciting computer animations and video games in production for the Summer and Fall semesters. “We want people to see what we’re doing, so they can see themselves doing it,” said Multimedia Department chair Mary Clarke-Miller. “We want to generate that sense of community and do stuff that they may have thought was out of reach. To be able to put on a motion capture suit that maybe was inaccessible outside of a private college or company is really meaningful to our students.” BCC looks forward to hosting many more MMart showcases in the future.

BCC Honors Newest Tenured Faculty

On Friday, May 6, Berkeley City College honored Math professor Mark Rinker, Art professor Lisa Crallé, and Counselor Elissa Jaw as its newest tenured faculty with a celebration at the Residence Inn in downtown Berkeley. Deans Chris Lewis and Lisa Cook, VP of Instruction Kuni Hay, and Tenure Review Facilitator Gabe Winer shared stories and praise about the inspiring and highly regarding faculty now joining the tenure ranks. BCC thanks everyone involved in inducting Rinker, Crallé and Jaw as our newest tenured faculty.
**BCC Umoja Rights of Passage**

The Berkeley City College Umoja program held its 4th annual Rites of Passage ceremony on Wednesday, May 11, celebrating current Umoja graduates and transfer students. The event started with attendees defining Rites of Passage, calling it “the ending of one journey and the beginning of a new journey” and “a reunion celebrating success and unity.” Current students and alumni shared their stories of success and honored their hard work and dedication to taking the next step in their journey, as well as leaving a gift for the altar at the Umoja village. Starrlisah Stewart left a tiger eye crystal, a token she carried with her that symbolizes inner-strength. “I’m so grateful,” said Stewart “I have learned to acknowledge my ancestors and I want to give thanks to be able to rise everyday because I’ve been able to work along and strive with amazing people in this community.”

**API L.E.A.D Student Success Panel**

On Wednesday, May 11, BCC’s API L.E.A.D. club hosted a Student Success panel discussion on Zoom as part of its APIA Heritage Month program. The panel included current students and alumni sharing their experiences in finding their path through education and career goals. Topics of discussion included preparing for job interviews, finding their community through clubs and student organizations, choosing a 4-year institution for transfer, and navigating decisions around majors and areas of study, and general advice for students still working on deciding their educational and career goals. The API L.E.A.D. club will close out APIA Heritage Month with a Cultural Festival in the BCC Atrium on May 26 during college hour.

**Pioneer Day at BCC**

BCC hosted representatives from Cal State University East Bay for Pioneer Day on Tuesday, May 17. The reception was for BCC students admitted for Fall 2022 semester.

Cal State East Bay Assistant Director of Outreach and Recruitment provided a sneak peak for students on what to expect for Orientation, Campus Life, Registration and programs available. The event was hosted in the Atrium and students were treated to a catered lunch. The event hosted students from all Peralta colleges and provided a valuable resource for students preparing their studies at CSU East Bay. It was also an opportunity to meet fellow transfer students and make connections ahead of starting their new academic journey. BCC is proud of what all the students have accomplished, and we wish them the best of luck in their next step!!
Upcoming Events & Services

Berkeley City College

Save the Date

Berkeley City College Graduation

05.26.22 Virtual Commencement
Live on YouTube
6 PM PST

05.27.22 Post Commencement Celebration
Merritt College
3 PM PST

API LEAD Invites You to Come and Join

API Cultural Festival
May 26th
From 12:15-1:15pm
In the Atrium!

Featuring:
BCC President Garcia
Food
Kahoot
And more!

RAíCES Peralta Latinx Graduation Celebration

"Aqui Estamos, No Nos Vamos, y Nos Graduamos"

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Cesar A Cruz

May 28, 2022
1:00pm - 3:30pm

This Concludes Our News For The Board