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City of Berkeley Launches the Berkeley Promise



In partnership with Berkeley City College, Berkeley Community Fund, and Berkeley Unified School District, City of Berkeley held a “soft launch” of the Berkeley Promise Friday, December 8th. The inaugural cohort, of 23 students who received the Berkeley Promise Scholarship, were honored in the Auditorium to a crowd of city and community leaders, including Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Superintendent Donald Evans, Chancellor Jowel Laguerre, and PCCD Trustee Karen Weinstein.

The Berkeley Promise is a lot more than a scholarship. Scholars receive assessment, orientation, and counseling services from BCC while still in high school, a tuition-free semester at BCC, a \$1,500 scholarship over two years to attend BCC, monthly group mentoring, tutoring, and incidental expenses support. When someone becomes a Berkeley Promise scholar, they join our academic family that encourages and supports them through their entire journey.

Those who complete degrees or transfer requirements at BCC receive either scholarships to help them attend a 4-year college or university (\$4,000/year x 2 years), guaranteed transfer to Cal State University if they earn a 2.5 GPA while at BCC, one-on-one mentoring while in college, and assistance applying to the UC system, or support with placement in a trade/Career Technical Education pathway, vocational training, job search support, and access to internships.

For more info, go to:

<https://www.berkeleypromise.org/>



Live Week Fall 2017



During the week of November 27th, the Berkeley City College Counseling Department in partnership with the English and ESOL department, hosted Live Week Fall 2017. Live Week is a week full of fun and informative workshops for students to attend and build their knowledge around

topics spanning from self care and student life to college and career advising. BCC counselors teamed up with BCC faculty from departments including Multi Media Arts, English, Campus Life, the Library, EOPS, Learning Communities, Wellness Center, and Financial Aid to develop and bring all workshops to students. As Live Week coordinators shared, “It’s really a great opportunity to connect with students to bring them additional learning content outside of their regular classes.” This year, students were able to attend workshops on all of the above and it was a hit! In addition, there were workshops on civic engagement, scholarships and financial aid, undocumented student support (see photo), EOPS, CAFYES,

Umoja and even a session exploring search engine racism! Next semester, BCC Counselors hope to bring students more workshop topic options that will expand their knowledge and continue to promote their personal, professional, and academic development. A special thank you goes out to Susan Truong, Saba Gebre, Fatima Shaw, and Norma Guido Flores for coordinating Live Week Fall 2017 workshops!

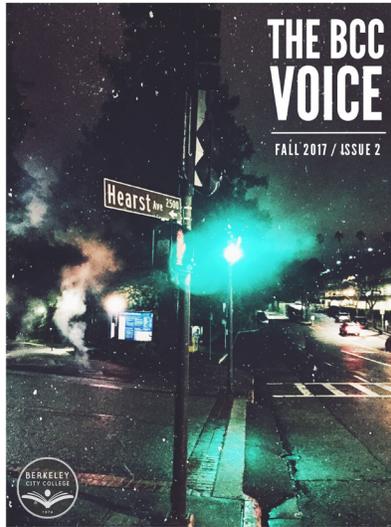


Rejoice—It’s the BCC Voice

The BCC Voice newsletter celebrated its fall 2017 issues with an end-of-semester release party in the Berkeley City College atrium. An audience gathered for the open mic, which offered a platform for the brave to share their voices. Students and faculty who performed poems, read stories, and offered extemporaneous speeches were rewarded with generous applause from the crowd.

Read current and past issues of the BCC Voice online: <https://bccvoice.net/>. The most recent issue can be viewed at: <http://pub.lucidpress.com/BCCVoiceFall17-2/> and the new special edition online-only Interview Issue at: http://pub.lucidpress.com/BCCVoiceFall17-3_interview/

The BCC Voice is written and produced by Berkeley City College students in Hollie



Hardy’s English 14 and English 15 non-fiction writing classes. Students interested in journalism are encouraged to sign up!

Newly Elected President

Marcus Stewart was recently elected as the next ASBCC president to serve the Community for the rest of 2017-2018 academic year. A business major, Stewart’s goals while in office are “to help campus life evolve in a way that integrates the student body, while providing equal opportunities to all students whether they be in student council or not.” Stewart is also working on upgrading the student website and providing more modern content that attracts incoming students and boosts the overall graduation rate at BCC.

Look out for future opportunities to serve in a variety of leadership positions on campus. AS applications (for all positions) will reopen Spring 2018. BCC will always need you!

Remembering One of Our Own



Last month, the BCC library held a memorial and a zine library dedication for Ara Jo, a former BCC student who passed in the GhostShip Fire, just over a year ago. Jo was a driving force in the East Bay zine scene and in bringing zines to BCC. She not only coordinated of the annual East Bay Alternative Book and Zine Fest held at BCC from 2010-2015, but also acted as resident zinester on campus. Jo brought zines into classrooms and taught students skills related to self-publication.

During the ceremony, librarians, zinesters who collaborated with Ara, and Ara’s friends celebrated her life and legacy, dedicating the zine collection to Ara Jo to recognize her contributions to campus and community.

Intel Extreme Masters

Students were invited to attend the Intel Extreme Masters event at Oakland Oracle Arena. They were provided passes for both days of the event and were given the opportunity to tour backstage to learn how a game competition is put together and streamed out live on Twitch.

Not only did they get to see the professional gamers in action, they had fun participating in the Virtual Reality Demos, and various competitions around the Area. Earl Sahagun walked away with a new router.



calendar/deadlines

Holiday break

Sat, Dec 23, 2017–Tue, Jan 2, 2018

Martin Luther King break

Sat, Jan 13–Mon, Jan 15

Spring 2018 semester begins

Mon, Jan 22

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