

HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM BCC'S OFFICE
OF OUTREACH &
RECRUITMENT

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- **New! Venture Degree program for students with learning disabilities**
- **Come watch! BCC Bulldogs are indomitable on the court**
- **New Elementary Ed Degree!**

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BCC OFFICE OF OUTREACH

NEW — Venture Program @ BCC

This year, Bellevue Community College launched its pilot degree program **Venture!** This is an exciting new program for students challenged with learning, cognitive, and intellectual disabilities.

Venture is the **first** degree program of its kind in the United States and offers an **Associate in Occupational and Life Skills degree** at completion of program credits. The **Venture** program received accreditation last November for its AOLS degree; the first cohort of students will graduate in June 2008.

This new degree is designed for a previously underserved portion of our population—those with learning challenges who wish to pursue higher education. Until this year, no open door for the completion of a degree existed. Now, however, learners have the opportunity to fulfill their goals, and to share

the feeling of achievement and personal success that a college degree signifies. The degree is terminal, and does not transfer.

The BCC Venture Program combines three key areas: **Academics, Social and Life Skills**. This focus during the first three years of study culminates in the fourth and final year, completing with attention to **Workforce Development** and preparation for the **Field Experience**.

The **Venture** Program believes that individuals learn at different rates and learners can reach their full potential when given the opportunity. Students with

learning, cognitive, and intellectual disabilities historically have not been encouraged to nor expected to learn as much nor to earn as much as typical students. The **Associate in Occupational and Life Skills** is a rigorous college degree program whose time has finally come, and BCC celebrates this further opportunity to support success for all of our students.

To find out more about the very specific admissions process and/or to acquire an application packet, please contact Bellevue Community College's **Venture** office at venture@bcc.ctc.edu or (425) 564-2844.

Venture Students @ BCC!



Athletics @ BCC - M/W Basketball

All you sports fans are welcome to come watch some great college basketball at BCC!

The **BCC Men's Basketball** team continues their hot play of late and remain locked in second place in the NWAACC coaches poll, but claimed sole possession of first place in the Northern Division. The next home game is scheduled for

Friday, Feb 2, against North Seattle CC. Tip off is at 7:30 pm

The **Women's Basketball** team is faring just as well. They remain tied for first place in the region!

Next up, BCC will kick off the second round of league play with a trip north to Bellingham to take on Whatcom Community College on January 31. The

Bulldogs will return home to Bellevue to play North Seattle Community College on February 2. Both games will tip off at 5:30pm.

If you know a student athlete interested in sports @ BCC, find more information by visiting www.bellevuecollege.edu/athletics.

Center for Liberal Arts Fellow



Dr. James E. Maynard

Distinguished physician and world health policymaker **Dr. James E. Maynard**, former United Nations advisor to governments in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, has been named the **Inaugural Fellow** in the **BCC Center for Liberal Arts Fellows Program**.

The Fellows Program engages community scholars in fostering critical thinking and civic engagement among Bellevue Community College students. Dr. Maynard, a resident of Sammamish, will work with BCC faculty this year to develop curriculum on the history and work of the United Nations, particularly in the areas of international peace and security,

economic development, the environment and human rights. He will also deliver presentations not only to BCC students but also in the community and at regional high schools.

Dr. Maynard's first lecture, entitled "Sovereignty and the Responsibility to Protect," will take place Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m. in room D106. Dr. Maynard will examine issues surrounding humanitarian intervention in the face of international terror and genocide, with a special look at the ongoing armed conflict in the Darfur region of western Sudan.

Dr. Maynard, currently co-president of the Seattle Chap-

ter of the USA-United Nations Association, is one of only two foreign recipients of Indonesia's Hero of Health Medal. He spent 27 years with the U.S. Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control, where he directed a World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Reference and Research. He also has served as a United Nations advisor to governments in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, with extensive experience in Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam.

Information on all **Center for Liberal Arts** activities is available on-line at www.bcc.ctc.edu/liberalarts

Check out BCC's new Elementary Education degree option!

Early Learning and Teacher Education @ BCC

BCC has a new degree option! The **Associate in Elementary Education** is offered through a **Direct Transfer Agreement** with specific universities. Students receive their AA after 90 credits at BCC and are then accepted into the Elementary Education Major to complete their bachelor's degree. They then can pursue certification. This is a very exciting step for

BCC, as the college has had much interest in this degree program. We're pleased to be able to offer it.

The Early Learning and Teacher Education Program is planning to host a **Spring Open House**, with an Education panel and tour of the facility.

For more information, please contact the Chair of Early Learning and Teacher Educa-

tion, **Dr. Ruth Wilson**, at ruwilson@bcc.ctc.edu or (425) 564-2364.

Check out the program website too, at



Enrich your perspective through Studying Abroad



Study Abroad @ BCC

BCC offers our students the opportunity to develop a global point of view and an appreciation of diverse people and cultures through its **Study Abroad Program**. Students experience the richness of an-

other culture while earning up to 15 college credits! Knowledge of the host country's language is not mandatory. Classes include visits to museums, historical landmarks, local events, and much more. Students report that studying overseas has given them a deeper understanding of themselves and has been the

highlight of their education. Choices currently include: • **China in Summer Quarter 2007** • **Florence, Italy, in Spring 2008** • **London, England, in Fall 2008**.

For more information contact coordinator **Carol McKee** – phone (425) 564-4038, e-mail cmckee@bcc.ctc.edu.

Student Pluralism Day Planned @ BCC



Reaffirming BCC's commitment to pluralism, members of the Associated Student Government and various student clubs plan to host a **Pluralism Day** this Spring.

Student participation is valued @ BCC!

This event is a follow up to the two **Town Hall** meetings which took place during Fall quarter. The **Town Hall** meetings provided a forum for students to air concerns and ask questions of the administration of BCC.

In a later meeting, administrators had the opportunity to answer the students' concerns with

thoughtfulness, keeping in mind the goal of collaborative thinking for future decision-making.

During May 9th's **Pluralism Day**, the ASG will provide opportunities for participation and learning, with speakers' panels, activities, and a write-on wall in the cafeteria. The hope is for a better understanding of one another and of ourselves.

For more info go to www.bellevuecollege.edu/stupro.

BCC's Center for Liberal Arts sponsors many events to enrich the discourse of our students.

BCC's Hands on Democracy

These programs are free and open to the public.

Film Screening and Discussion – Sir, No Sir David Ziegler's 2005 documentary seeks to return to the historical record the pivotal story of the GI anti-war movement during the Vietnam War.

Learning that their reality was far different from the one being presented to the American public, many GIs began contributing to underground newspapers, planning demonstrations and refusing to continue in battle.

Toward the end of the conflict, some even turned on their own

officers, tossing grenades into their tents as they slept.

Hosted by **Scott Bessho**, Instructor of English and American Studies and **BCC Reads** Chair.

**Tuesday, January 30th
BCC Library, room D-126
10:30AM – 12:20PM**

“In Her Mother’s Shoes” Exhibit @ BCC

BCC Rotaract is co-sponsoring an International Exhibit called **“In Her Mothers Shoes.”** The exhibit will house an award winning photo-essay in the Seattle Times based on the moving and thought-provoking story of a Ruth Chimuonenji who lives in sub-Saharan Africa and is infected with AIDS. It tells her life story and her only

hope: that her children will not suffer through AIDS as she has. This exhibit will be on display during standard normal college hours **February 20-23 in the L-Building Lobby.** To review the Seattle Times photo-essay **“In Her Mother's Shoes,”** please visit: <http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/news/nation-world/aids/01.html>.

This is a wonderful opportunity to tell a story related to the AIDS epidemic to the our community and campus. The NW Microbicide Coalition will be host a panel of experts with a free lunch and information session on Microbicides. **Thursday, February 22 11:30-12:30 "L" Building Lobby.**





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Bellevue Community College is a comprehensive and innovative college that advances the lifelong educational development of its students consistent with their needs, interests, and abilities while strengthening the economic, social, and cultural life of its diverse community. The college accomplishes this purpose by providing high-quality, flexible educational programs and services that are academically, geographically, and financially accessible. Committed to teaching and learning excellence and employee growth and development, the college nurtures a supportive environment throughout its programs and services.

Some people talk about doing great things.
Others just do them.

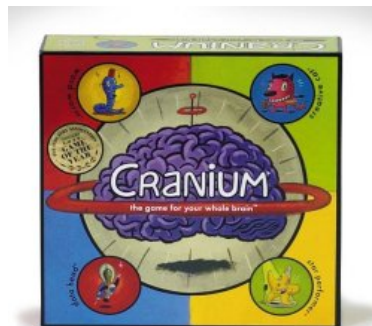
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Cranium® founder, Richard Tait, to speak @ BCC Foundation's 8th Annual Luncheon on April 25th

Richard Tait, founder and CEO of the Cranium game company, will be keynote speaker at the Bellevue Community College Foundation 8th Annual Luncheon on Wednesday, April 25. The event raises vital funds for scholarships and innovative, educational programming.

BCC Foundation Student Scholarship recipients will also speak. The program includes a performance by our school's award-winning *Celebration!* vocal jazz ensemble. Five hundred guests are expected



One of the many enjoyable
games from Cranium!

at the event which will be held at the Meydenbauer Hotel Exhibit Hall, located at 11100 NE 6th Street, Bellevue.

For more information on attending the luncheon, or to make a gift now, go to the website:
www.bellevuecollege.edu/foundation.