



BERKELEY STAFF ASSEMBLY

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Mentorship Team Receives the Chancellor's Award

The Berkeley Staff Assembly's Mentorship Program Team has won a Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award for 2005. The team is being recognized by the Chancellor's Staff Advisory Committee [CSAC] for its successful launch of BSA's highly popular and rapidly growing mentoring system. Team members Kathryn Day, Terry Downs, LeeFogue, Kim Guilfoyle, Annette Lewis, Jill Martin, Paul Riofski, and Hadidjah Rivera created the program as part of BSA's long-standing commitment to career development on campus. Mentors and mentorees have shown strong interest in the program, illustrating that the program provides an important service to campus since the demise of such resources as the internship and CDOP.

New Mentorship Cycle Begins

There was an excellent turnout of at the recent mentorship get-acquainted reception. Both potential mentors and mentorees were excited about the prospects of working with each other. The energy level was very high and people did a great job networking, which, of course, is one of the skills that participating in the mentorship program develops. The current mentoring cycle is now fully underway, with new applications being taken through November. The second year of the program will begin in January 2006.

BSA Partners with Other Campus Organizations

Members of the BSA Coordinating Committee spent their first several meetings of this cycle brainstorming about their vision for the organization's direction this year. It was decided that partnering with other campus organizations to share information, support each other's efforts, and sponsor shared events were desired goals. To that end, BSA is participating in meetings of the Council of Staff Organizations (CSO) and the Council of Ethnic Staff Organizations (CESO). Elizabeth Gillis, Coordinator of the Campus Community Project, also met with the Coordinating Committee in November to discuss the campus Staff Diversity Project, scheduled to launch in Spring 2006. Additionally, BSA signed onto a CESO letter to Chancellor Birgeneau in support of diversity.

New Member Luncheon

In October BSA hosted the new member welcome luncheon welcoming those individuals who are new to the BSA organization and providing the opportunity for BSA leadership to inform the gathering of the many activities BSA will be involved with this year on behalf of staff.

Celebrating the Holidays

BSA has again partnered with the Black Staff and Faculty Organization to co-sponsor the food, toy, and gift drive for the holidays. This initiative benefits at-risk children, families, and elderly adults in the Berkeley area and follows a highly successful drive last year, when nearly two tons of food was donated along with hundreds of gifts.