### News

**Luncheon Session Held for Former Foster Youth at Cal State East Bay**

By Anna Connelly

A new and great luncheon was held last Wednesday in the studio of the library at Cal State East Bay to benefit foster youth. The event was hosted by the National Foster Parent Group in order to network with and to get to know other foster parents.

Kevin Bronson, program coordinator for Renaissance Scholars Program, understood the problems and undertook the task that these youth have in getting into college and college-going degree programs because he was once a foster youth himself.

“Even if a person normally wouldn’t think of going to college, it’s now a reality for these kids,” said Bronson. “They have been on their own since they were young children. It’s a reality that they will have to go to college if they want to succeed.”

Beyond Bronson, other speakers at the event included Alicia Stefano and Sean Cullenward. Stefano, a Renaissance Scholar herself, understood the challenges that these youth have in pursuing higher education. In fact, Bronson said that at least 50% of the homeless population is foster youth.

The Renaissance Scholars Program is a bridge to college for former foster youth that provides them with scholarships, housing assistance, mentoring, work experience, and resources.

“My hope is that in response, both personal and professional, within the foster care and education systems will allow for a peace of mind,” said Bronson.

“I just needed to hear somebody tell me that I could do it,” said Stefano.

“I will provide them a shoulder to lean on or cry on if they can’t find it. I will help them with whatever they need to do to support and refer them when they are in need but aren’t necessarily anxious so they don’t feel the need to come to us or talk to us in the first place,” said Bronson.

Stefano said the Youth Community theater program for foster youth, has put both legacies to weapon against crime and violence. The program helps these young adults in future success through college experiences.

“Eighty-three people on the Hayward front lines have been identified as foster youth through a foster youth program through the [previously mentioned program]”

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### Registration Hold Are New Winkst for Winkst

By Nikila Way

On 14 East Bay students took the Winkst Skills Test (WST) in Fall 2007, compared to 1,500 students who registered last year. The test was created to help students register for the Winter quarter. It is a way to make sure the students are registered before they start the quarter.

“In this way, students can enroll in courses without knowing the enrollment status of the class. This way, students can enroll in a class before they need to complete their course requirements.”

### Settlements

Attorneys Walkout at Cal State East Bay, Other CSUs

By Joe K. Sunghee

A settlement agreement was reached last Thursday between the California State University Teachers Association and the California State University campus community on both the campus fee and the course fee.

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### Bottom Line Is Black Ink for New Dublin Tattoo Parlor

By Tessa, Teen pop up

The New Dublin Tattoo Parlor is the newest tattoo parlor in the area and plans to be a part of the community. They are located at 1261 Main Street at Capp Street. The parlor is open every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The parlor offers tattoos to people of all ages. They offer a variety of tattoo styles, including custom designs.

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