

Dean Elizabeth Brent passes away

Funeral Service is today

Funeral services for longtime City College of San Francisco faculty member and Dean of Outreach and Recruitment Services **Elizabeth Brent** will be held today, **Tuesday, January 3** at 12 NOON at the Bryant Mortuary, 635 Fulton St., San Francisco, (415) 861-4559. The funeral will be preceded by a visitation starting at 11 A.M.

Dean Brent passed away on December 25, 2005. She had worked for 26 years at City College of San Francisco in a number of teaching and administrative positions, becoming Dean of Outreach and Recruitment Services in Fall 2000.

Born August 8, 1942 to the union of **Elizabeth Brent Gobby** and **James Gobby**, Ms. Brent's family was the first African American family to settle in the Pittsburg, California area.

Ms. Brent earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Lone Mountain College, San Francisco, and a Masters in Social Work degree (MSW) from University of California Berkeley, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude.

During her tenure at City College, she has counseled in the San Francisco Assessment Center, the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) Department, the Women's Re-entry to Education Program (WREP), the Women's Resource Center (WRC) and the Career Development and Placement Center. In EOPS, where she began as an outreach recruiter and later became the Department's Coordinator of Outreach, she developed a comprehensive outreach plan, including public ser-



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vice announcements, public transit messages and posters, high school and comprehensive community outreach, and parent nights.

"I see my charge as Dean of Outreach and Recruitment Services as seeking to enhance the image of City College so that we will be a student's first choice for higher education, rather than a second or third option," she told *City Currents* at the time of her appointment.

Brent also taught Child Development and College Readiness Courses at CCSF and San Francisco State University (SFSU). She was Instructor/Coordinator for the Safe Start Program, a violence intervention program, in cooperation with City College's Child Development and Family Studies Department, SFSU, and five other Bay Area community colleges. Her instructional and counseling experiences have always included designing original curricula and other informa-

tional materials. In 1998 she was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among Community College Teachers*.

For two years, she was CCSF's Coordinator of Diversity Relations where she developed and disseminated diversity education resources and coordinated the College's diversity and anti-discrimination programs and Flex activities. Always an innovator for student support programs, she developed and implemented California's first program to address both the instructional and counseling needs of African American students — the African American Achievement Program (AAAP) — and served as its coordinator for five years. AAAP was selected by the State Chancellor's Office as an Exemplary Program. Ms. Brent also assisted in writing proposals for the Summer Bridge, the Transfer Opportunity (TOPS) and the Math Bridge Programs and the Transfer Center. Early in her career at CCSF, she served as the Gender Equity Coordinator. In addition, she created logos, stationary and brochures for the programs in which she was involved.

Ms. Brent also has served in the capacity of Acting Chairperson for the Departments of General Counseling and African American Studies. For six years, she was the Site Supervisor for the Southeast Campus, 1800 Oakdale Ave.

She is survived by two sons: **Brent Anthony Gobby** and **Christian Brent**; two nephews: **Victor** and **Vincent Jackson**; two god daughters **Meredith Hope** and **Carla Warmesley**; as well as a host of other relatives and many dear friends and colleagues.