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**Sandra Serrano, Chancellor
 Kern Community College
 District**

**Message from the
 Chancellor**

As our attention turns to “end of year” activities, I take this moment to thank each of you for changing lives each day for thousands of students, many of whom enrolled with no plan for their future - at least not until you inspired them to dream, to learn, and to achieve. There are many accomplishments for which you can be proud, yet I know your greatest satisfaction comes from making a positive difference in someone’s life. For your efforts, I recognize and applaud your commitment to teaching and learning.

At this time I also want to recognize the years of dedicated service provided by our colleagues who have or will retire this year:

Faculty

BC	Anna Allen	17 1/2 years
	Jack Brigham	17 years
	Patti Brommelsiek	9 years
	Mita Dhariwal	38 years
	George Driver	23 years
	Jerry Haner	23 years
	Keith Haycock	32 years
	Carolyn Logan	33 years
	Alexa Martinez	34 years
	Carolyn O’Nesky	15 years

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BC	Rondi Bradford	9 years
	Patti Coffman	15 years
	Dianne de la Fontaine	27 years
	Barbara Higgins	6 years
	Jo Moore	16 years
	William Schroeder	23 years
	Carolyn Turner	30 years
	Silvia Zardenta	35 years
PC	Guy Marler	9 years

These retiring colleagues and friends have devoted themselves to their career, students, colleagues, and community. Join me in extending them thanks and best wishes. Each of them deserves a long and healthy retirement doing things that make them happy.

In closing, I encourage you to celebrate your successes, as well as implore you to strive to improve upon the past, so that generations to come will know that the best education is being offered at their local community college – Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College – in the Kern Community College District.

Educational Services Update

Institutional Research—Marc Beam

This month each college will have graduation ceremonies to celebrate students earning degrees and certificates. In that spirit, the District Institutional Research office recently updated the awards tables for the last eleven years. A summary of degrees and certificates awarded for 1995-96 to 2005-06 is available at <http://www.kccd.edu/Educational%20Services/Institutional%20Research/Default.aspx>. You will see a few changes in the data.

There are 38 awards recently granted for prior years. Colleges submit their annual awards data each September, although students apply for certificates and degrees throughout the year. This means that some awards are conferred after the data is submitted to the State. Since awards are a standard performance measure for accountability (i.e., ARCC), it is essential that the District report this data accurately and timely. The process is being reviewed and the District plans to assemble working groups to improve data integrity and reporting.

The other change you may notice is the unduplicated count of students by gender and ethnicity. In the last 11 years, more than 1,300 students have earned multiple awards within the same year. Those students are now counted only once in the demographic section of the report. On average, most graduates are females—61% at

Bakersfield College, 66% at Cerro Coso, and nearly 70% at Porterville College. The ethnic distribution at each College also varies. In general, graduates at each College reflect their student bodies (although the number and the percent of Hispanic students earning awards is increasing District-wide). For example, this year at Bakersfield College 38.4% of graduates are Hispanic, 9.3% at Cerro Coso Community College, and 50.6% at Porterville College.

The most common major at each College is Liberal Arts—a general studies program designed to prepare students for transfer to a four-year college or university. After Liberal Arts, the top majors are Registered Nursing (BC) and LVN (PC), Child Development (all three Colleges), Psychology (BC), Social Science (CC and PC), Business and Business Administration (BC and CC), and Psychiatric Technology (PC). Emerging majors are Architectural Drafting/CAD and Communications (BC), and Psychiatric Technology and Mental Health/Substance Abuse (PC). Detailed reports are available from the College research offices.

Business Office Update

The Budget Allocation Model (BAM) Task Force issued its final report to the Chancellor. The new allocation model will be utilized for developing the 2007-08 budget. District allocations to the Colleges for 2007-08 are currently under development.

Finance for Banner Web training was conducted at Porterville College and Bakersfield College. In addition to training on how to use the tool for budget monitoring, staff were also trained on how to process approvals and non-labor budget transfers. Training at Cerro Coso Community College is being scheduled for either late May or early June. Training for District Office staff is scheduled for May 18.

Information Technology Update

Campus and District IT realize the importance of providing wireless networking services to staff and students across the District. To address this need, IT managers from each of the three Colleges and from the District Office have agreed to deploy wireless technology via a common platform and have developed a plan to pilot, test, and begin implementing robust and easy-to-use wireless networking services. Putting this plan into place has started with the receipt of loaner equipment at the District Office from Aruba Wireless. Our selection of Aruba as the vendor was based on a very extensive process and evaluation that the CSU Chancellor's Office undertook over the last two years and culminated in selecting Aruba as their vendor of choice for wireless networking. Installation and testing of Aruba equipment at the District Office will take place in May and IT

expects to have the District Office (2nd Floor) fully operational with wireless networking in late June or early July. Following the District pilot test and implementation, each College will begin to prioritize their wireless networking needs and plan for a phased deployment as appropriate funding becomes available.

Facilities Planning and Projects

Porterville College Library

The progress of the Library is starting to show signs of growing out of the ground. Footings have been poured and the structure footprint is visible with the rebar protruding up from the footings. Underground plumbing and electrical is in process. The contractor has experienced delays in delivery of the underground electrical ductwork. This is expected to be delivered in May. After placement of the electrical ductwork, the concrete slab will be poured. It is expected in the next month the following items will be worked on:

- Finalize footings
- Continue underground plumbing and electrical work
- Start masonry walls



Delivery of the structural steel is expected within the next 45 to 60 days after which erection of the steel will follow. The contractor is currently 15 days behind schedule and the District has requested a recovery schedule. There will be no change orders or claims except for a pending time extension under review by the contractor that was disputed by the District as presented. AP Architects and the District Construction Group are visiting the site weekly to review progress and keep the project on task.

Cerro Coso Main Building Security System

This project was awarded at the last Board meeting. The contractor has started pulling wires and home runs for the security systems which includes: Intrusion alarm for the entire building, card access at primary entrances, and video surveillance at key exterior points. The

systems should be operational within 60 days or less. No delays have been experienced and the contractor is on schedule with no change orders to date. OMA Architects will be visiting the site periodically to confirm compliance with construction documents.

Cerro Coso Fine Arts

The project was approved by DSA in early April. The project will be bid as soon as the architect, HED, completes plan corrections requested by College staff and the District Facilities department. The District has requested the architect to complete the plans for bidding as soon as possible to minimize any further delays. The construction budget has been established by the District as \$3,460,000. A meeting was held in April with the architects, HED, College staff, the District Construction Group, and District Facility Planner. This was a final meeting to review the plans prior to bidding. College and District staff reviewed the plans and noted issues for the architect to resolve which are in progress as well as reviewed proposed alternates for the bids. The alternates were approved and will be implemented by the architects. It is expected the project will be bid in June and awarded, if within budget, at the July Board meeting with construction to follow.

Final Proposed Projects (FPP's)

The District is currently working on FPP's for submission to the California State Chancellor's Office later this year. The list of projects has been recommended by the Chancellor's office to move forward to FPP status, which is required prior to eventual funding as State-wide funds become available. These projects are anticipated to be included in the 2008 State-wide Capital Outlay Bond. They are as follows:

- BC Fine Arts Modernization, \$8,919,000
- BC Maintenance and Operations Facility, \$6,216,000
- DC Learning Resource Center, Academic Center, \$12,510,000
- CC Main Building Remodel for Efficiency, \$16,550,000
- PC Allied Health Facility, \$10,900,000

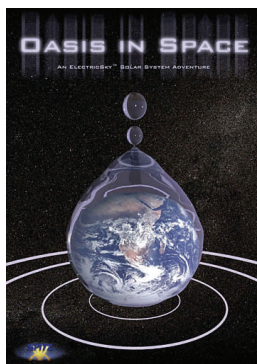
The projects represent over \$55 million in projects for the District representing the three Colleges and the Delano Center. If this bond does not pass, these projects will not move forward.

2008 State-wide Bond

As a District, we have a major stake in the State-wide Bond proposed for 2008. The Chancellor's office will recommend projects to be included on the bond based upon FPP's submitted by the District. The District is expecting four of the aforementioned projects to be funded, and the fifth tagged on the tail-end of the bond proceeds. The District must garner support soon for the proposed bond election.

College Updates

Bakersfield College



Planetarium Shows

Back by popular demand—Black Holes at Bakersfield College. If you did not catch it the first time, the recently remodeled William M. Thomas Planetarium at Bakersfield College will be holding a repeat showing on May 12. Detailed information on the Planetarium show can be found at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/planetarium.

Fifty Years of Nursing

For the last 50 years, Bakersfield College has been training Registered Nurses who work in Kern County's hospitals and other health care facilities. Bakersfield College recognized those professionals for their excellence in nursing with a special event on May 2. The free event kicked off National Nurses Week with a commemorative presentation by Bakersfield College Nursing Program Director Cindy Collier, tours of Bakersfield College skills lab, special "brain foods" to help students prepare for exams, opportunity drawings, prizes, and scholarships. All Bakersfield College faculty, staff, and graduates were invited, as well as hospital directors, practicing professionals, and retirees.

Radiologic Pinning Ceremony

The Radiologic Technology Program Completion Pinning Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007. The ceremony will be held at the Standard School Auditorium located at 1200 North Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony is free and tickets are not needed.

Alice Explores Americaland at Bakersfield College

Alice in Americaland is a dark comedy that incorporates singing and dancing. This adult take on Alice in Wonderland encounters Alice, The Red Queen, The Mad Hatter—all the zany characters from the book. You won't look at American pop culture the same after this play, performed May 3-5 and again 10-12 in the Indoor Theater at Bakersfield College. Showtime is 8 p.m.

Student Salon Opens at Bakersfield College Gallery

The Wylie and May Louise Jones Gallery was pleased to present the 2007 Bakersfield College Student Salon exhibit. The exhibit was presented April 18 - May 10.

Softball and Baseball Teams Head for Playoffs

Bakersfield College continues its 2006-2007 athletic domination with the softball and baseball teams who are heading for playoffs. The women's softball team finished

2nd in regular season play, and began their playoff run on May 5. The men's baseball team continues with a strong season.



Women's Softball Team

BC Archives Receives High-Profile Award

The Bakersfield College Archives has received the 2007 Archives Appreciation Award for their contribution to the preservation of archives material. Members of the Archives Association, including Acting Director Jerry Ludeke and Chair Greg Goodwin, will accept the award.

Pops and Other Things

The 2007 pops festival brought together several groups for an exciting evening on May 9. The choir joined the concert band and orchestra in the Outdoor Theatre. They did some film and pop music selections. Also the culinary arts program offered dinner.

Marketing and Public Relations Recognized

The California Schools Public Relations Association will recognize Bakersfield College's Department of Marketing and Public Relations with two awards in May. The RegiFest events of 2006 will receive an Award of Excellence for Special Events. The 2006 Annual Report will receive an Award of Merit.

Graphics and Marketing Recognized

Congratulations to the Bakersfield College Graphics and Marketing Departments for their recent 3rd place award from the Community College Public Relations Organization's PRO Awards for the 2006 Bakersfield College Annual Report. The 2006 Annual Report was written by Amber Chiang, designed by Debby Moberg, featured photography by the Renegade Rip staff photographers, and was printed in the Bakersfield College Graphics Center.

Porterville College



Dr. Antonia Ecung

Dean Receives Doctorate

Dean of Learning, Antonia Ecung, can now be called, "Dr. Ecung." She has just been awarded her Ph.D. after a long and arduous pursuit making her the eighth person with that distinguished educational credential at Porterville College.

Community Activities

Porterville College hosted a tasty community event and a series of informational lectures on May 2, 2007, at the Campus Quad, at the annual "Multicultural Food Fest." This popular campus event featured food from many different countries and cultures prepared by students. Samples of the culinary treats were offered to visitors free of charge.

Series of Lectures

May 4 – "Porterville in the 1930s" presented by Porterville historian Jeff Edwards, PC Theater.

May 7 – "John Maynard Keyes: The Depression Destroyer" presented by PC Professor Jeff Keele, in the Student Center Conference Room.

May 8 – "First Contact: One Man's Great Adventure," a slide presentation of Bill Richardson's expedition to New Guinea in 1938, presented by PC Professor Richard Osborne, in the Student Center Conference Room.

May 9 – "Our Immigrants from Within: What They Have Suffered" presented by PC Professor David Bezayiff, in the Student Center Conference Room.

All lectures were open to the community free of charge. The series and the food fest were sponsored by the college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, and the faculty group Cultural and Historical Awareness Project (CHAP).

Thirty-Eighth Annual Academic Scholarship & Awards

This year \$70,500 was contributed by 85 donors for 63 deserving PC students. The top winner this year was Flora C. Torres with \$5,000. Salvador Gallegos and Matthew Bright received \$4,750 each. Other big winners were Hannah Pedraza with \$4,500 and Dustin Castor with \$2,250. Recent retiree, Professor Ellen Medley, Business Education, presented the First Annual Ellen Medley Business Scholarship for \$600.

The evening began with a donor appreciation dinner sponsored by the Porterville College Foundation in the Student Center Conference Room before the main event where students were highlighted before their families for their academic accomplishments.

Legislative Update

Community College Initiative —The Secretary of State has advised that the Community College Initiative has qualified for the next statewide ballot, which is February 5, 2008. Thank you to the California Federation of Teachers, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, the Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, the Community College League of California, and all of our community college supporters who, during their free time, took steps to accomplish this historic feat.

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