



BC President's Report

to the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees
 Sonya Christian - February 8, 2016

Bakersfield College Blasts Into Spring 2016 Opening Day -- With Force!

Kickoff to the New Year Awakens Renegade Pride

Bakersfield College launched its return to 2016 with a tremendously successful Spring 2016 Opening Day event Fri., Jan. 15 in the Simonsen Performing Arts Center. With hundreds of BC administrators, faculty and staff in attendance, this semester's presentation took a lighter, more playful tone than usual with the entire vision for BC's successful Spring 2016 presented in the style of the box office blockbuster "*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*."

BC's videographer Manny de Los Santos, with his newly acquired drone, shot an amazing 3-minute short film to kick off Opening Day, bringing the entire world of Star Wars to the Bakersfield College campus, featuring the Millennium Falcon taking off and circling over 1801 Panorama Drive as Imperial stormtroopers and R2-D2 strolled around campus.

The Star Wars theme followed into other videos featuring members of the BC team, some attired in full Jedi regalia, talking about some of the campus' amazing recent successes.

The assembled crowd were also among the first to take *The Renegade Promise*, a pledge made by every member of the BC family to position students on a path to reach graduation or transfer requirements within our promised 60-credit window.



BC Enrollment Surges Again

The Feb. 1 Enrollment Report shows BC's growth rate is once again up, boosting our Spring 2016 FTES by over 7% over Spring 2015. Even with this phenomenal growth at BC, the district-wide FTES, which is 5.5% over last Spring, is still under the growth target set. Our Instruction and Student Affairs teams are strategizing on late start sections at the Fresno Pacific University (FPU) location in the Southwest. Also, they are planning on a more comprehensive summer school for 2016. BC's Spring 2016 productivity is at 16.2 FTES/FTEF. Our target FTES/FTEF range remains between 17.0 and 17.5.

Bakersfield College	Point-in-Time Comparison ¹				Spring 2015 FTES as a % of the Eventual Term-End ²	Spring 2016 FTES as a % of Spring Target ³
	Spring - Census Day		Diff	% Chg		
(Westec Excluded)	Spring 2015	Spring 2016				
Current Headcount	17,308	18,574	1,266	7.3%		
Duplicated Enrollments	48,423	51,521	3,098	6.4%		
Waitlisted Enrollments ²	1,751	123	-1,628	-93.0%	\$15 Waitlist was purged late	
Current FTES³	5,994.8	6,440.8	445.9	7.4%	95.3%	95.4%
Workload (FTEF)	362.0	398.5	36.4	10.1%		6,749.2
FTES/FTEF ⁴	16.6	16.2	-0.4	-2.4%		Spring 2016 Target
Active Sections	1,602	1,711	109	6.8%		

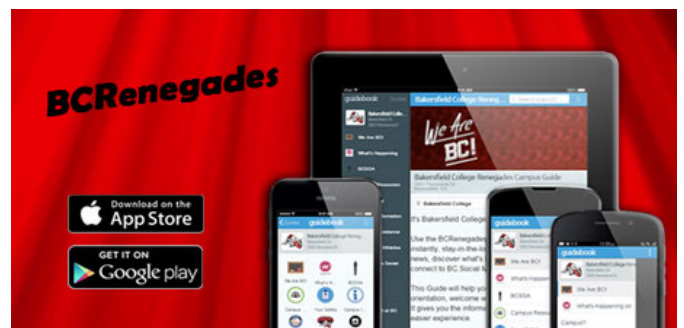
Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.
 Basketball: Men's/Women's vs. West L.A. College
 Gil Bishop Gym

Thursday, February 18, 9 a.m.
 Conference: Redesigning Community Colleges
 Indoor Theater

Thursday, February 18, 7 p.m.
The Dialogue
 Martin Luther King Jr. & Malcolm X face off
 Indoor Theater

It's Here -- the BC Renegades App!



Get the new BC Renegades app and stay up on the latest news, discover campus events and connect to BC social media. Download it now in Apple's App Store or on Google Play!

BC Hosts Kern Business Luminaries with a Brilliant Vision for the Valley

Whether you're titans of industry, learned academics or pre-schoolers on the playground, there's a simple rule that holds true -- talking through problems is usually the most effective path to workable, sustaining solutions.

Talking through problems was the theme back in December as BC served as host and partner to the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Vision for the Valley summit in the Simonsen Performing Arts Center Indoor Theater.

The fascinating half-day symposium assembled some of our area's most knowledgeable business, legislative and analytical minds to examine issues we all face every day -- issues around energy, water, agriculture, housing, transportation and their interlocking impacts on Kern County's economy. The summit's roster of insightful speakers crystallized the major trouble points around these complex issues making them all very clear and relatable to the engaged crowd.



The Energy, Sustainability and the Economy panel, for instance, brought together natural opponents -- conservationist advocate Victoria Rome with the National Resources Defense Council and Western States Petroleum Association vice president Tupper Hull -- for a spirited discussion of where the oil industry is headed, particularly focusing on its impact on Kern County.

Meanwhile, the Agriculture and Water Resources panel allowed State Water Resources Control Board member DeeDee D'Adamo to defend, explain and occasionally commiserate over the state's water use policies.

Finally, retired congressman and luminary BC alum Bill Thomas (above left, with former State Senator Dave Cogdill) held court during the closing Housing, Transportation and Land Use panel, giving his unique perspective on Kern County's unique transportation issues.

Events like Vision for the Valley point toward deeper ways of enriching the lives of every Kern County resident...and BC couldn't be happier to play its part.

Lil' Renegades Get Big Early Stars Money

Jan. 29 was a big day for BC's Child Development Center, the recipient of a prestigious FOUR-STAR rating from the Kern County Early Stars Program! The honor comes with a \$45,000 grant to help continue improving the quality care and instruction BC's littlest Renegades needs.

Congrats to Danell Ward and her incredible team for their hard work and dedication!



Renegade Football Stars Shine Bright on National Letter of Intent Day

February 2 has become known as National Signing Day as young athletes across the nation announced their future plans -- and a trio of Bakersfield College gridiron stars will be representing the Red and White beyond the valley as they transfer to four-year institutions.

With pens in hand, BC athletes Jordan Nichols, Dominic Frasch and Jarred Dorton each signed letters of intent, committing to continue their sports careers with three university football programs scattered across the United States.

Nichols, a 6'1", 235 lb. inside linebacker from Bakersfield's Frontier

High School, signed to join first-year coach Shay McClure at Dixie State University in St. George, Utah.



Meanwhile, Fresch, a 5'10", 175 lb. defensive back out of Garces High School, decided to stick closer to home, agreeing to a scholarship with the Cal Poly Mustangs in San Luis Obispo.

The move probably came as little surprise to most Renegade faithful -- Frasch's stepfather and uncle went to Cal Poly as did Frasch's grandfather, former BC athletic director Carl Bowser.

Finally, the hulking frame of Dorton, a 6'7", 300 lb. offensive lineman originally from Bakersfield's North High School, will be suiting up next season 2,300 miles away as an East Carolina Pirate in Greenville, North Carolina.

All three Renegades will complete their sophomore years at BC this semester before heading off to their new lives this summer. Congratulations!

