



# Bakersfield College President's Report to the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees Sonya Christian - May 5, 2016

## Achieving the Dream awards financial empowerment grant to BC

Achieving the Dream and Bakersfield College announced that BC will receive \$25,000 over a two-year period to expand and strengthen financial empowerment activities designed to strengthen students' money management skills and knowledge. Bakersfield College is one of the five community colleges in the ATD network that are receiving grants to expand student financial empowerment efforts.

The grant, funded by OneMain Holdings, Inc. and administered by Achieving the Dream, recognizes that students' ability to manage their money, including financial aid, plays a significant role in students' ability to persist and complete their studies. Bakersfield College is one of the five community colleges in the ATD network that are receiving grants to launch or expand student financial empowerment efforts.

The Student Financial Empowerment Project will increase the effectiveness of financial literacy throughout Bakersfield College campus and the community. Improving the flow of communication by educating our campus population using webinars and classroom training modules with employees' orientation will accentuate commitment. The ultimate goal is to reduce students' overall financial debt and increase their budgeting capabilities.



*Connie Garza, Claudio Felix and Jennifer Achan*

At the end of the two-year time period, ATD will release a toolkit informed by the participating colleges' experiences launching or expanding financial empowerment efforts to help additional colleges seeking to launch or expand their own efforts to build students' financial skills and knowledge. Each college also will develop and report on two measures of impact relevant to its specific activities.

## BC team presents Renegade Promise at Kern County Alliance

On Thursday, April 28, Kristen Barnes, CEO of the Kern Community Foundation, invited a team from Bakersfield College to present the Renegade Promise to a group of Kern County educators.

The story of the Renegade Promise is a story of collaboration and partnership, a story about adaptation, a story about saying "yes" rather than "no", a story about making this happen despite the odds.

The heroes in this story are the faculty, staff and administrators from KHSD, BC and CSUB who have been laser focused on moving students through our educational pathways faster and not compromising their learning; on the contrary, enhancing their learning.

## Coming Events

Thursday, May 5, 6 p.m.  
Chicano/Latino Commencement Celebration  
Bakersfield College Gym

Friday, May 6, 6 p.m.  
Student Honors Celebration  
Outdoor Theatre

Tuesday, May 10, 6 p.m.  
Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony  
Indoor Theatre

Friday, May 13, 7 p.m.  
Bakersfield College Commencement  
Memorial Stadium

# Pre-Law Program has first graduates; holds conference

The Pre-Law Program honored its first graduates at a celebration on Monday, April 25. The first class included three students who completed the recommended courses for the Pre-Law Program, which helps students matriculate more easily from BC, to a 4-year university, and finally to a participating law school.



We are estimating that the program, in its second year, will increase to at least 15 graduates in 2017.

On Friday, April 29th, over 200 students from local high schools came to Bakersfield College for the Law Day Conference. The conference highlighted the many career opportunities a student of law has, including judge, mediator, paralegal, secretary, consultant, educator, corporate attorney, court administrator, governmental administrator, politician and lawyer.

# BC shows slight enrollment increase for summer, fall

The May 6th enrollment report shows a slight increase in FTES for summer and fall. BC is up 1.8% for Summer 2016 and 0.8% for Fall 2016, with the district as a whole up 1.2% for Summer 2016 and 0.6% for Fall 2016.

Bakersfield College	Point-in-Time Comparison							
	Summer - Second Week Open				Fall - Second Week Open			
	Summer 2015	Summer 2016	Diff	% Chg	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	7,536	7,788	233	3.1%	12,852	12,914	162	1.3%
Duplicated Enrollments <sup>1</sup>	10,385	10,829	484	4.5%	38,894	37,285	385	1.1%
Walked Enrollments <sup>2</sup>	1,043	999	-44	-4.2%	4,305	4,149	-156	-3.6%
Current FTES <sup>3</sup>	1,200.2	1,263.2	22.0	1.8%	4,644.4	4,678.7	35.3	0.8%
Weekend FTES <sup>4</sup>	88.8	95.0	16.4	18.5%	371.3	388.8	17.3	4.7%
PRECEPT <sup>5</sup>	14.2	13.0	-1.3	-9.2%	12.5	12.0	-0.5	-3.7%
Active Sections	388	487	92	23.3%	1,804	1,871	87	4.2%

The fill-rate for Bakersfield College (excluding open-entry sections or sections requiring special approval to enroll) is currently 68%.

The fill-rate in online sections is 86%.

# Board of Governors members visit Bakersfield College campus

On Tuesday, April 26, two members of the Board of Governors, Arnoldo Avalos and Connie Conway, visited the Bakersfield College campus.



KCCD Trustee Romeo Agbalog and Vincent Stewart, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, were also able to join.

The group attended the annual President's Breakfast for local high school counselors and administrators. That event allows BC to connect and share the advances made on our previous year's goals.

*Arnoldo Avalos, Connie Conway, Sonya Christian, Romeo Agbalog, Vincent Stewart*

The group also took a campus tour, where they were able to connect directly with faculty and students in the sciences, music, CTE, and other disciplines.