



# Bakersfield College President's Report to the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees Sonya Christian - September 8, 2016

## BC holds dedication, ribbon-cutting for Aera STEM Success Center

On Tuesday, September 6, Bakersfield College dedicated the Aera STEM Success Center. This dedication marked the culmination of a dream that began in early 2013. It was believed that the creation of an innovative, modern, and technologically advanced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) neighborhood framework, with a new concept in a high-tech, high-touch environment, would promote not only success in STEM for Bakersfield College students, but also increased access to STEM education.

STEM students persist in STEM majors and attain higher academic success when connected in a learning community of their peers. Feedback from a Bakersfield College STEM Focus Group indicated that students knew they wanted to major in a STEM field prior to entering college; however, once on the campus they felt disengaged from much needed guidance for educational planning and academic support.

In the Aera STEM Success Center, students will have easy access to the Director of the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program, dedicated STEM Counselors, CSUB Transfer Specialist, and peer tutoring. This center also provides spaces for study, tutoring, team projects, computer access, and teleconferencing capabilities. However, the Aera STEM Success Center at Bakersfield College is not just about creating an academically-successful environment, but will also provide



the professional development opportunities for students to create professional characteristics which will help them succeed in STEM careers. The Aera STEM Success Center at Bakersfield College will provide a higher level of expertise than possible in classrooms, by developing skills through internships, webinars, and data interaction.

Aera Energy's generous support of this project is a reflection of their commitment to STEM education in our community.

Thank you to trustees Romeo Agbalog and Kyle Carter for speaking at this event.

## Renegade Signing registration event held at Delano Campus

Various hands-on workshops were held to get hundreds of students registered at the Delano Campus. A special thank you to Gustavo Enriquez, Richard McCrow, Abel Guzman, and the entire team in Delano who have been working diligently for some time now on getting dual enrollment courses up and going in the Delano Joint Union High School District. Their efforts have also been to get more dual enrollment courses offered in Arvin High School.

Events were held at CCHS, Arvin High School, Delano High School and RFK High School to welcome both students and families to Bakersfield College. These "mini convocations" greeted students, answered parent questions, and most importantly made it clear that as of that evening, they were all now BC Renegades!

### Coming Events

Saturday, September 10, 5 pm  
New Faculty Reception  
Fireside Room

Saturday, September 10, 6 pm  
Football vs. Chaffey College  
Memorial Stadium

Wednesday, September 28, 2:30 pm  
Movies for Mental Health  
Fireside Room

Friday, September 16, 9 am  
McFarland Movie and Panel Discussion  
Indoor Theatre

# Headcount, FTES increase while waitlisted enrollments see decrease

The September 6th enrollment report shows increases in headcount, duplicated enrollments, and FTES for Bakersfield College from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016.

The current headcount is 19,949, an increase of 4.1% over Fall 2015. The duplicated enrollment is 56,457, an increase of 3.7% over Fall 2015. Current FTES is 6,869.9, an increase of 4.4% over Fall 2015.

Waitlisted enrollments saw a decrease. Current waitlisted enrollment is 221, a decrease of 12.3% from Fall 2015.

Bakersfield College (Westec Excluded)	Point-in-Time Comparison <sup>1</sup>			
	Fall - Census Day			
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	19,167	19,949	782	4.1%
Duplicated Enrollments	54,449	56,457	2,008	3.7%
Waitlisted Enrollments <sup>2</sup>	252	221	-31	-12.3%
<b>Current FTES<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>6,581.4</b>	<b>6,869.9</b>	<b>288.5</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
Workload (FTEF)	389.1	422.3	33.2	8.5%
FTES/FTEF <sup>4</sup>	16.9	16.3	-0.6	-3.8%
Active Sections	1,700	1,881	181	10.6%

There are 181 active sections at Bakersfield College, an increase of 10.6% from Fall 2015.

# Student Involvement Festival welcomes students back to campus

BC Student Government Association and the Office of Student Life have tackled the first two weeks of fall with passion and enthusiasm in getting students involved in campus activities.

The 2nd Annual Student Involvement Festival was a huge success, as was evident by the large turnout of BC students and businesses that were present. Many local businesses recruited for volunteering, displayed employment opportunities, gave out free prizes, and provided an opportunity for job networking. Many students found the information helpful, since many of the businesses were major specific.

Students engaged in campus activities throughout the week by making plush bears decked out in Renegade pride, filling candy straws, listening to DJ Platinum, The Mentalist, and live band Epic Proportions during their time at the Campus Center. The first two weeks



were wrapped up with the Student Involvement Festival which brought in over 72 booths for students to visit between departments, student organizations, and outside vendors.

# First baccalaureate cohorts receive Orientation and Welcome

Bakersfield College held the first Orientation and Welcome for the Lower Division and Upper Division Enrollment Cohorts for the baccalaureate program. Baccalaureate counselor Cynthia Quintanilla arranged for speakers from Student Life, Financial Aid, and CTE Job Development. It was informative and included a time for a facilities tour and socializing.

The first edition of the Bachelor of Science Degree, Industrial Automation, newsletter was also published, on August 24.

The newsletter is a communication tool for students and includes articles such as Courses in 2016-2017, Faculty and Staff, New Automation Lab, and Comparison to a 4-year University.