



Bakersfield College President's Report

to the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees

Sonya Christian - April 13, 2017

From Corrections to College

On March 30, 2017, The Opportunity Institute and Bakersfield College partnered to host the first meeting to Serve Our Formerly Incarcerated Students.

The Renewing Communities Project works with colleges and universities, in addition to community organizations and the courts, to serve formerly and currently incarcerated individuals with the goal of enrolling them in college and making those them productive members of society and reduce the rate of recidivism.

Mayor Karen Goh welcomed community partners and members of the justice system including CDCR, Lerdo Jail, and the Parole Dept. Chelsea Esquibias of Bakersfield College, Dr. Jacqueline Mimms of CSUB, and Lisa Stephens of Cerro Coso presented on their school's initiatives. The meeting allowed the community to partner with the colleges to build student success for our justice involved students. Thank you to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for attending and the continuous support.

Cesar Chavez Legacy Award Winner Chancellor Emeritus Sandra Serrano

On Friday, March 31, 2017, I had the privilege of introducing the recipient of the first Cesar Chavez Legacy Award, our Chancellor Emeritus, Sandra Serrano. With a strong legal mind, a compassionate heart, and passion for education, there was no one better suited to influence our higher educational community than Sandra. Her educational leadership is a gift; her work for the community at the local, regional, state and national levels is emblematic of education in service to others. Thousands of lives have been touched by her work.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 8:00AM

Renegade Pulse Health Fair
CSS Lawn, Main Campus

Friday, April 21, 2017 at 6:00PM

Noche De Cultura, Festival of Cultural Enlightenment
Outdoor Theater, Main Campus

Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 8:00AM

GardenFest 2017
Renegade Park, Main Campus

Thursday, April 26 - 29 2017 at 7:30PM

The Metromaniacs
Indoor Theatre, Main Campus

Friday, April 28, 2017 at 9:00AM

BC Law Day Conference
Indoor Theatre, Main Campus

Friday, April 28, 2017 at 10:00AM

Kern Transfer Promise Day
Levan Center, Main Campus

Friday, May 12, 2017

Bakersfield College Commencement Day
Various Activities and Celebrations
Complete Schedule To Be Announced

2017 BCSGA

Leadership Elected

The polls have closed for the 2017 Bakersfield College Student Government Association Elections. The leadership team and officials have been announced. Congratulations to all candidates!

- **BCSGA President-Elect:** Dezi Von Manos
- **BCSGA Vice President-Elect:** Lawrence Salcido Jr
- **BCSGA Director of Student Organizations:** Dontae Smith
- **KCCD Student Trustee:** Rayven Webb
- **BCSGA Senator-Elect:**

Erika Alvarez, Mustafa Barraj, Juan Francisco Cantu, Jose Manuel Cortez, Emmanuel Limaco, Jose E. Lopez, Brittney Lumsden-Ross, Ganae Romo, Nisha Sharma, and James



1st Annual Public Health Hackathon Takes Place at BC

Local students from both BC and CSUB came together in collaboration to create teams for the first annual BC Public Health Hackathon. This interdisciplinary competition engaged students and professionals from various backgrounds in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and non-STEM fields, local centers of higher education, community, industry, and the public. First place was awarded to “Down with Depression” for developing an app that gives accurate information on how to fight depression. Second place was awarded to “Safe Searches” for a website developed to give LGBTQ communities a resource to find supportive doctors. And 3rd place went to “MentalMapper’s” for an app that stimulates brain activity to improve cognitive functions for patients with neurological disorders. Events like these are a venue for students to show their skills and give back to the community.



Campus Facilities Update

The Maintenance and Operations Department has been busy completing projects over Spring Break. This week:

- Exterior light poles have been painted
- Artificial turf has been installed off the Haley St. Entrance
- Various trees around campus have been trimmed
- Asbestos is being removed from the old Health Center
- And power will be hooked up to the new M&O building on Friday, April 14th during the campus closure.



President's Whereabouts

- On March 23, 2017: Testified at the Senate Budget Committee along with a team from the State Chancellor's Office, including Chancellor Eloy Oakley.
- On March 24, 2017: Presented as a plenary speaker at CSSO
- On March 31, 2017: Attended the 1st Annual Cesar Chavez Legacy Breakfast and presented the first Legacy Award.
- On April 5, 2017: Co-presented a workshop for CEO's and Trustees on Accreditation Standards.
- On April 7, 2017: Participated on a panel to address the difficult Accreditation Standards.
- On April 12, 2017: Presented as a plenary speaker at the CCCIO Conference in San Francisco.

Accreditation Conference

The Kern Community College District and Bakersfield College attended the ACCJC Conference in Irvine, California. We were well represented with Trustee Bill Thomas, Chancellor Tom Burke, and Vice Chancellor, John Means, alongside individuals from the three campuses. There were focused sessions for CEO's and Trustees on Standard IV, including requirements with a special emphasis on IV.C.

The conference explored multiple ways in which we work together to ensure that each student's experience is life changing. Participating faculty learned a great deal about student learning outcomes and student achievement, including best practices in the field.

MESA STEM Pre-Health Conf.

Bakersfield College, in collaboration with UCLA's Médicos, Enfermeros y Dentistas Para El Pueblo (MEDPEP) and UCLA



Undergraduate Admissions, hosted the 1st Annual MESA Bakersfield College Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) and Pre-Health Conference on Saturday, April 1st, 2017.

Most MESA students are the first in their families to attend college and this one-day conference inspired students and offered them opportunities to network with different health/STEM professionals, health system agencies, college advisors, financial aid counselors, and student organizations who want to mentor students in these fields. Students were also encouraged to pursue the health care profession or STEM career that best matches their interest and talents.