

Sonya Christian, October 11, 2018

2018 Accreditation Visit

During Oct. 2-4, 2018, our campus was visited by the ACCJC External Peer Evaluation team. Throughout the week, the evaluating team conducted over 175 interviews, examined over 750 pieces of evidence, and grew to know the BC Renegade spirit which is evident at the Home of the Renegades.

The campus community packed the Open Forums, where students, faculty, staff, and community members left standing room only around the perimeter of the room. They shared compelling stories about what BC means to them, how BC has made an impact, and how closely integrated BC is with our surrounding communities. To show their support, both Mayor Karen Goh of Bakersfield and Mayor Grace Vallejo of Delano attended to share with the evaluators the transformational impact BC has in the community.

The final outcome of the site visit is no coincidence. It is a direct result of the leadership and engagement which is so prominent on the BC campus. Chancellor Kathleen Burke, lead of the visiting team, stated in her closing remarks, "Throughout this process, we have recognized the Renegade pride and sense of family at this institution. This empowering environment drives your innovation."

Thank you to Trustee Bill Thomas for attending the Exit Interview and to our Board of Trustees and Chancellor Tom Burke for all the support throughout the accreditation process.

Upcoming Events

**Christina Sommers, Ph.D. as part of
the Distinguished Speaker Series**

October 11, 2018 at 7:00PM

Levan Center

**Kern Shakespeare Festival
presents "Measure for Measure"**

October 11, 2018 at 7:30PM

Outdoor Theater

**Kern Shakespeare Festival
presents "Julius Cesar"**

October 12, 2018 at 7:30PM

Outdoor Theater

Agriculture Career Expo
October 19, 2018 at 10:00AM

BC Huddle

**Art Exhibition: COLLECTOR
by Artist, Matthew Craven**
October 25, 2018 at 4:00PM

Wylie and May Jones Gallery

Levan Music Event:

Deep Cuts & Conversation
October 25, 2018 at 6:00PM

Levan Center

Homecoming Week Begins
October 25, 2018 at 6:00PM

Levan Center

TailGade & Homecoming Game

October 27, 2018 at 3:00PM
Game begins at 6:00PM

Huddle & Memorial Stadium

Bakersfield College Vet Week

November 3-8, 2018

Panorama Campus

VRC Ground Breaking Ceremony

November 3-8, 2018



BC's New Student Employment Lab

BC's Strong Workforce is supporting our students to meet the demand for a million more graduates to fill high demand, high skilled jobs with livable wages throughout California.

The Student Employment Lab, located in the FACE building, provides career related support including access to resume development, employment resources like Jobspeaker, and preparation for successful interviews.

In addition, resources are available from donations that students can utilize, such as paper and pencils to hygiene products and other items.

The Bakersfield College Student Employment Team is proud to be leading the way in bridging the gap between education and employment by sharing our model, tools, and resources with other Community Colleges throughout California.



Cindy Collier, Stephanie Baltazar, and Tony Cordova

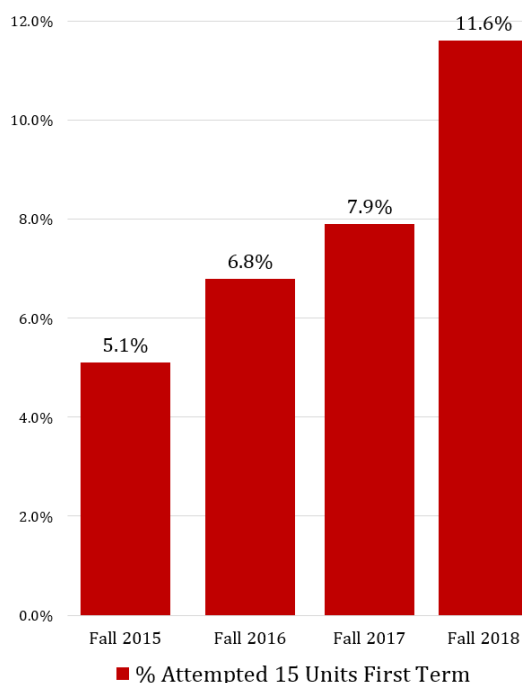
Remembering Cecil Bailey



Last month, BC's Archives recently announced Mr. Bailey's passing. It's important to recognize generous, faithful service to the college and the district. Cecil Bailey served as a committed member of the KCCD Board of Trustees for 20 years.

Momentum Points in Fall

BC's completion coaching teams are making an impact on the percentage of first-time students who are enrolling in 15 units and increasing their momentum points towards completion.



Bolstering the BC Veteran's Resource Center

Over the past five years, enrollment of student veterans at BC has grown by 40%. In 2013-14, the College served 565 student veterans while this year, enrollment numbers have reached 785. The top academic pathways for student veterans is Business, Pre-nursing, and Psychology.

Our data shows that 47% of student veterans at BC graduate within three years and we know this is because of our veteran services and personalized student support.

Last month, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors selected Bakersfield College as one of 29 community colleges to be awarded a share of \$4.9 million to further expand and bolster our VRC. These grant funds will go directly to assist our students as they work to achieve their academic goals and degree completion.

This award comes at an exciting time for Bakersfield College as we prepare to break ground on construction. Last November, the plans for renovations made possible by Measure J were revealed to our campus and community. This year, the Veterans Resource Center Groundbreaking Ceremony is scheduled to take place on Monday, Nov. 5th at 10:00AM in the Renegade Crossroads/Forums area.



Renegades Making a Difference

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) organized a local trash pick-up at the Mission at Kern County. Among devoting their time to studies and athletics, these Renegades are making time in their busy schedule to make a better Bakersfield.

