

Sonya Christian, November 8, 2018

The Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center Groundbreaking

Because of Kern County's support for voting Yes on Measure J in 2016, the first bond supported building construction project is now underway on the Panorama campus. On Monday, Nov. 5th, the Renegade Family, alongside a number of community leaders, celebrated the groundbreaking of the Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center.

Scheduled to be finished next Fall, the new VRC will be a space for the growing population of veterans at BC to receive the support they deserve throughout the transition from combat to college and completion.

Bakersfield College is fortunate to have the support of community leaders such as Mayor Karen Goh, Supervisor Leticia Perez, and Assembly Member Vince Fong who were all present for the event. Special thanks to Chancellor Tom Burke and Trustees Kay Meek, Romeo Agbalog, and Bill Thomas for your steadfast support of our student veterans. In the words of Paul Beckworth, "we look forward to this new home for our heroes."



Data Snippet: Who are BC's Student Veterans?

- 785 Identified Student Veterans
- 25% Female Veterans
- 50% Hispanic, 37% White, 3% African-American
- Over 50% are between the ages of 25-40
- 47% of Student Veterans graduate within 3 years
- Top three pathways include: Business, Pre-Nursing, and Psychology



Student Veteran Miguel Valle (R) standing beside Chancellor Burke

Upcoming Events

Veteran's Day

November 12, 2018

Campus Closure

International Education Week

Open House Meet & Greet

November 13, 2018 at 9:00AM

CSS 37

Mech Ag Grand Opening

November 14, 2018 at 11:00AM

Renegade Park

Gadfly Café on Suicide

November 14, 2018 at 12:30PM

Levan Center

BC Performing Arts presents

The Boys in the Band

November 14, 2018 at 7:30PM

Black Box Theatre

Black Holes Planetarium Show

November 15, 2018 at 7:30PM

William M. Thomas Planetarium

Men's BC Basketball vs. Porterville

November 19, 2018 at 4:00PM

Gym

Western Band Association

Championships

November 18, 2018 at 8:00AM

Memorial Stadium

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 22-23, 2018

Campus Closure

Ethics Bowl Scrimmage: BC vs. CSUB

November 27, 2018 at 4:00PM

Levan Center

Season of Light Planetarium Show

November 29, 2018 at 7:30PM

William M. Thomas Planetarium

Thank You Trustees Thomas & Storch

The Renegade community of faculty, staff, and students would like to thank our outgoing KCCD Board Members, Trustees Bill Thomas and Mark Storch for their dedication, commitment, and service to equity and access in higher education.



Trustee Bill Thomas



Trustee Mark Storch

BC in the Vineyards Project

In partnership with the Central Valley Farm workers Foundation, BC's Rural Initiatives team and outreach advisors visited 20 farmworker crews at local vineyards throughout North and South Kern.

Through their outreach to promote higher education, the BC team was able to reach over 1200 farmworkers, planting a seed of hope for higher education. Since their visits, over 150 workers have requested follow-up services to begin their matriculation.



Community Healthcare Needs *An Educational Perspective*

Bakersfield College recently partnered with CSU Bakersfield and Senator Andy Vidak to host a forum for discussion between healthcare professionals in our region and higher education faculty.

Bruce Peters, President & CEO of Mercy Hospitals, Sharlet Briggs, President & CEO of Adventist Health, and Dr. Jeet Singh, local Cardiology Specialist were just a few of the healthcare leaders in attendance.



During the morning, BC's Associate Dean of Instruction, Carla Gard shared her insight on BC's nursing program while KCCD Associate Vice Chancellor, Cindy Collier shared more about the vision and future of the healthcare workforce development in Kern.

Attendees discussed how we can partner through industry and education to ensure Kern County is being provided the programs necessary to prevent shortfalls in occupation employment.

BC Named Employer of the Year *at 2018 Mayor's HIRE Luncheon*

Bakersfield College is proud to be recognized as Employer of the Year for Large Business at the 2018 Mayor's HIRE Luncheon. The luncheon, which took place on October 16, 2018, celebrates local employees with disabilities, employers, and National Disability Employment Awareness month.

Originally founded by former Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall, current Mayor Karen Goh is continuing to champion and celebrate diversity within our workforce.

Bakersfield College staff, Daniel Gutierrez, was also nominated for Employee of the Year nominee while long-time volunteer on the Bakersfield College Workability Advisory Board, Howard Silver, was nominated for the Harvey L. Hall Humanitarian of the Year Award.



Tony Cordova, Sonya Christian, Mayor Karen Goh, Denise Crawford, and Liz Rozell