

Sonya Christian, March 14, 2019

McFarland High Launches Early College

Bakersfield College and McFarland High School hosted a community wide launch event on February 13th at McFarland High. The event, for parents and the community, included remarks from supportive members of the community, high school officials, and both KCCD and BC administration.

Retired State Senator, Jean Fuller, emphasized how unique this partnership actually is. After searching across the nation, Fuller discovered that BC's Early College program at this scale of implementation is the first of its kind and McFarland High will be the first of its kind where higher education is no longer optional.

In fall 2019, all 280 incoming 9th grade students will enroll into one of nine pathways toward a college degree or certificate through Bakersfield College. VP of Instruction, Liz Rozell shared with the audience how much hard work has been done to align curriculum and systems for the benefit of these students. She joyfully led the entire auditorium in a chant of "We are BC! and We are Cougar-Renegades!"



And Trustee Romeo Agbalog shared with the parents in the room that as long as he's a trustee, he promises to ensure every child has not only the opportunity, but also the support they need to finish college.

Because of the success proven with the Early College model thus far, Bakersfield College has been invited to present in various forums.



Join Us at These Renegade Events

A Piece of My Heart

Presented by BC Theater Dept.

Mar. 14, 2019 at 7:30PM

Black Box Theater

"Served Like a Girl" Documentary

Mar. 19, 2019 at 6:00PM

Delano Campus

Exhume & Release: Poetry, Art, and Storytelling with Portia Choi

Mar. 20, 2019 at 6:30PM

Levan Center

Black Holes Planetarium Show

Mar. 21, 2019 at 7:30PM

William M. Thomas Planetarium

Rosie the Riveter Easle Event

Mar. 21, 2019 at 6:30PM

Gym Huddle

Adios Amor: A Documentary

Mar. 28, 2019 at 6:00PM

Indoor Theater

Dawn of the Space Age

Mar. 28, 2019 at 7:30PM

William M. Thomas Planetarium

LETS Teach Conference

Mar. 29, 2019 at 8:00AM

Indoor Theater

One Justice Record Clearance Clinic

Mar. 29, 2019 at 12:00PM

Levan Center

These events and more can be found online at bakersfieldcollege.edu and GoGades.com

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Women in Leadership

Each March, the Bakersfield College community observes Women's History Month with a comprehensive list of events and activities.

On March 1st, retired Senator Jean Fuller moderated a panel of local female leaders who shared with attendees their influences, challenges, and triumphs both professionally and personally.



2018 SCFA Scholar Athlete Team Announced

The Southern California Football Association (SCFA) announced the 2019 Scholar-Athlete Team which includes seven Renegades. The SCFA Scholar-Athlete Team acknowledges the hard work of student-athletes in the classroom. To qualify for the team, student athletes must:

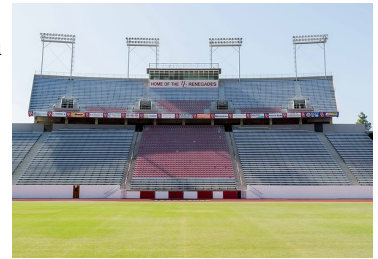
- Be an active member of an SCFA football team with two seasons of participation at the collegiate level
- Have successful completion of a minimum 36 units (27 must be academic, non-sport)
- Minimum 3.0 overall grade point average



Top Row (L-R): Jeremiah Johnson, Nathan De Jager, James Thomas
Bottom (L-R): Monolete Robinson, Andrew Magana, Carson Olivas, and Blake Brown.

Memorial Stadium Renovations Update

Beginning on April 1, Phase 1 of the stadium construction will begin to replace the track and turf. By breaking the timeline up into two phases, we will ensure that the BC football team will continue playing at Memorial Stadium for the upcoming seasons.



BC at Achieving the Dream 2019

For 15 years, Achieving the Dream has been working with colleges across the country to redesign the student experience to increase credential attainment and close opportunity gaps. In February 2019, a team from Bakersfield College was in full force at the ATD 2019 Conference in Long Beach, CA. BC led 4 sessions including:

- **Intentionally Infusing Equity Within Guided Pathways** by Lisa Robles, Armando Trujillo, Pedro Ramirez, Julian West
- **Building a Systemic Approach to Holistically Supporting Students** by Lesley Bonds, on behalf of Sonya Christian
- **Setting the Standards for Student Success** by Grace Commiso
- **Each One, Reach One: A High-Tech, High-Touch Approach to Maximizing the Effectiveness of Guided Pathways** by Amber Hroch, Manny Mourtzanos, Dan Hall