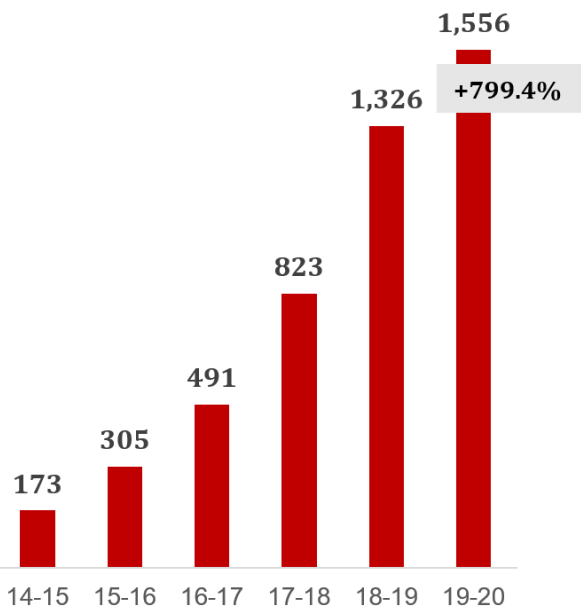


**BC Recognized as a Champion of Higher Education**

California Secretary of State Alex Padilla and Michele Siqueiros of the Campaign for College Opportunity recognized Bakersfield College with the 2020 Champion of Higher Education Award for our work on improving transfer rates for our students. The award was part of a virtual event celebrating the tenth anniversary of SB 1440, the law that created the first ADT and paved the way for 280,000 community college students in California to transition to four-year universities.



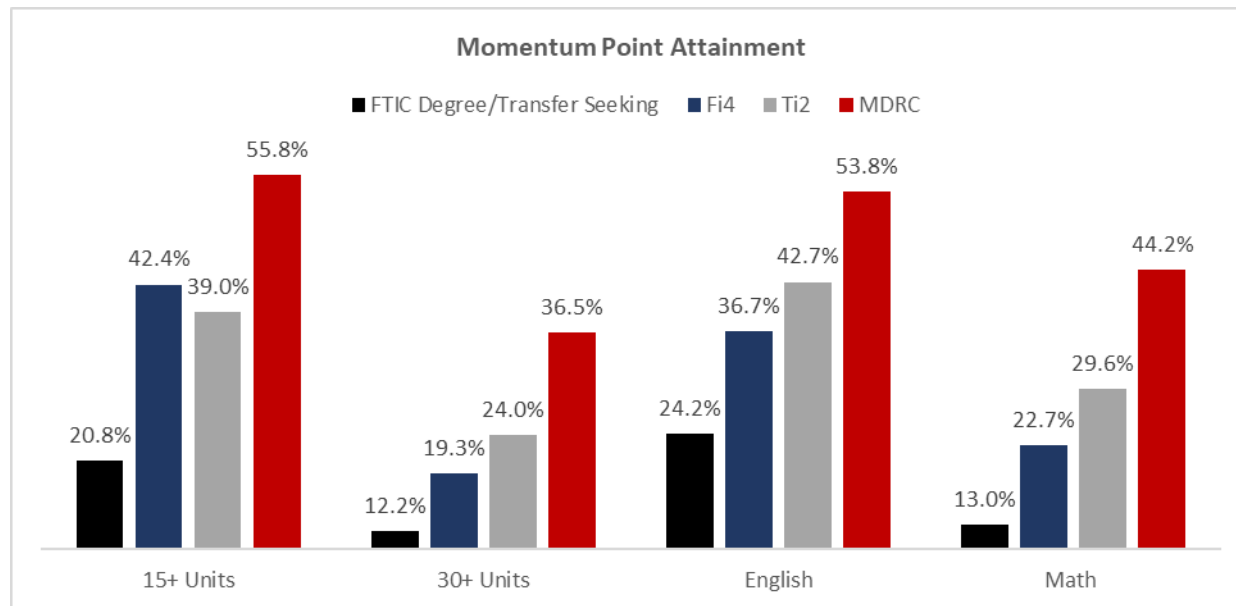
In May 2020, BC saw its largest ever graduating class, having increased ADT completion by 800% in 6 years.

We have also sustained our work to close the ADT completion gap among Latinx students. We have now achieved and sustained parity in our Latinx ADT completion to enrollment, with Latinx students representing 70% of all ADT completers last year. We also quadrupled Black student degree completion in five years.

BC's massive improvement in student transfer rates has been aided by our **Kern Promise** program, which offers students guaranteed admission to a four-year university. BC's Kern Promise team.

## Data Snippet: BC's Kern Promise Advances Transfer Readiness

Bakersfield College's 2,000 Kern Promise students in the Finish in 4, Transfer in 2, and MDRC programs are leading the way for completion of Associate Degrees for Transfer. When compared to all first-time, degree/transfer seeking students, Kern Promise students significantly outperform their degree/transfer seeking peers in achieving the momentum points.

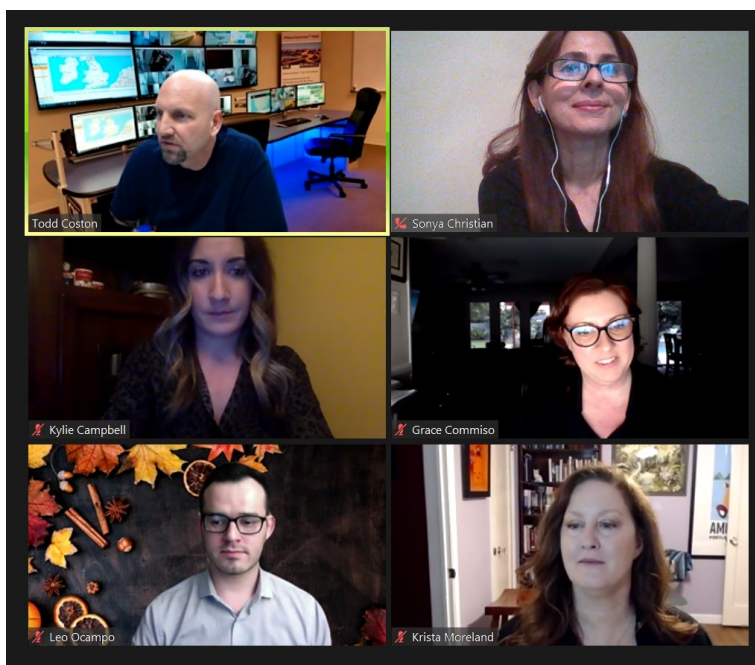


## Virtual Seminar on Strategic Direction #2: Student Progression & Completion

Bakersfield College held the second virtual seminar of our Strategic Directions series helping us gear up for the renewal of our three-year Strategic Plan this spring. The Strategic Directions team is already engaged in a campus-wide effort to solicit input on the future of BC's work.

This session focused on Student Progression and Completion, and the speakers covered the following strategies to advance student equity and achievement:

1. Early College
2. Enrollment Management
3. 8+8 Week Courses
4. Starfish
5. The Student Information Desk



## #BCLearns—The Future of Learning: ACCJC Conversations Among Thought Leaders

The Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) hosted a series of conversations with thought leaders throughout the world of higher education and policy titled “The Future of Learning.” The conversations were spread out across eight sessions over the course of four days.

**ACCJC** presents an online seminar series

**The Future of Learning:  
ACCJC Conversations Among Thought Leaders**

Save the Dates  
December 2, 3, 7, & 8, 2020  
2 PM - 4 PM (PST)

**Sonya Christian**  
Chair  
ACCJC

**Stephanie Droker**  
President  
ACCJC

The speakers covered topics such as: the social construction of learning, humanizing online learning, competency-based education, and microcredentialing and badging.

 <p><b>Tia Brown McNair</b> Author of “From Equity Talk to Equity Walk”</p>	 <p><b>David French</b> Author of “Divided We Fall”</p>	 <p><b>Natasha Jankowski</b> Author of “Degrees That Matter”</p>	 <p><b>Cecilia Rios-Aguilar</b> Author of “Funds of Knowledge in Higher Education”</p>
 <p><b>Deb Bushway</b> Author of “A Leader’s Guide to Competency-Based Education”</p>	 <p><b>Wayne Skipper</b> CEO of Concentric Sky</p>	 <p><b>Michael Crow</b> Author of “Fifth Wave: The Evolution of American Higher Education”</p>	 <p><b>Sam Clark and Connie Jiang</b> Students from Deep Springs College</p>

Over 1,000 attendees from ACCJC colleges in California, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands, as well as faculty and staff from state universities and various community college partner organizations participated. In support of the event, BC partnered with ACCJC, the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the University of Hawaii system, the Pacific Postsecondary Education Commission, Independent Colleges, and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.

## California Community College's Women's Caucus

Women leaders in the California community college system have launched a new caucus to celebrate their contributions and advocate for women in higher education. The California Community College Women's Caucus held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, November 17.

**Trustee Gomez-Heitzeberg** encouraged women to join the caucus' free directory to take advantage of networking opportunities and hear stories from other women in education.

In my remarks as chair of AC-CJC, I compiled data about women's representation on community college accrediting boards.

**MAKING IT OFFICIAL**  
(DR. ERIKA ENDIRJONAS & TRUSTEE NAN GOMEZ-HEITZBERG)

- Core Commitments
  - Supporting Leadership Development
  - Advancing Career Opportunities
  - Recognizing Accomplishments
  - Expanding the Leadership Pipeline
- Pay Equity
- By Laws

Dr. Erika Endirjonas      Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg

[Visit the Women's Caucus website](#) for more information about this exciting collaborative.

## Becoming Us Premiere

On November 30, Bakersfield College Performing Arts premiered a virtual concert on YouTube directed by Jennifer Garrett and collaborative pianist Patrick Bender.

The performance features the BC Choir, Chamber Singers, and Renegade Chorus. Guest artists include BC voice instructors Caley Mayhall, Christina Parnell, and Ken Burdick, as well as BC flute instructor Tracy Harris.

Bakersfield College  
Fall Virtual Choir Concert  
November 30, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.  
Presented on YouTube

**becoming us**

Dr. Jennifer M. Garrett, director  
Patrick Bender, collaborative pianist

Featuring:  
The Bakersfield College Choir,  
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Guest Artists:  
Caley Mayhall, soprano  
Christina Parnell, soprano  
Ken Burdick, tenor  
Tracy Harris, flute

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## Learning Together Series

The Bakersfield College library team hosted the third #BCLearns Library Learning Together event engaging the campus community in conversation around the [Library's resources about race and cultural competence](#).

**President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series**

#BCLearns Learning Together Series

Sonya Christian  
Todd Coston

Kirk Russell  
Department Chair, BC Library

Mindy Wilmot  
Reference Librarian, BC Library

Paula Parks  
Professor English

Nick Strobel  
Professor, Astronomy

November 19, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

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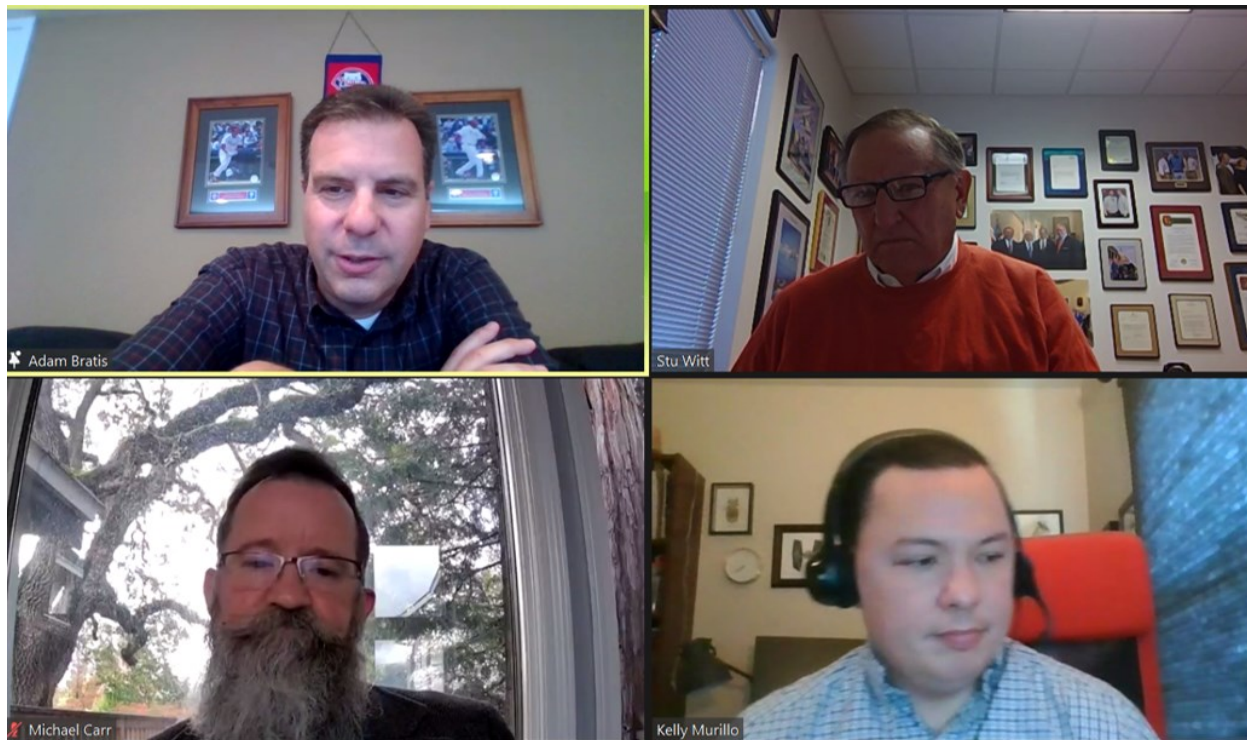
Paula Parks and Nick Strobel shared their thoughts about two reports on equity in higher education. The Learning Together series will continue in spring 2021.

## Energy Technology Transfer & Workforce Development (TT&WD) Webinars

Bakersfield College's interdisciplinary partnership in energy is building traction throughout the community. BC hosted our second webinar on the Future of Fuels last month.



We had a great panel of experts in research, policy and implementation of biofuels moderated by Stu Witt, the former CEO of Mojave Air and Space Port. Adam Bratis from the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) shared some information about research around bioenergy, using organic plant material to create everything from fuel to carbon fiber. Kelly Murillo from SoCalGas gave an overview of all the different technology used in processing clean biogas. Michael Carr is a manager of West Coast policy for Shell Oil company, and he shared some ongoing trends in carbon management.



Visit our [Energy TT&WD website](#) to read more about our partnerships and projects underway.