

Sonya Christian, April 8, 2021

### COVID-19 Drive-Thru Vaccine Clinics at BC

After weeks of planning, preparation, and collaboration, BC held the first Johnson and Johnson Janssen drive-thru vaccination clinic on Sunday, March 21 with an allocation of 1,000 vaccines. BC's Nursing students, faculty, and staff were out in force, along with partners such as the Kern County COVID-19 Latino Task Force and Centric Health.

Before the first vaccination of the day, distinguished speakers joined us to kick off the event including Assemblyman Rudy Salas, Supervisor Leticia Perez, KCCD Trustee Romeo Agbalog, Chair of the Centric Foundation David Torres, and others.

Just 4 days later, on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, BC held their second drive-thru clinic to administer another 1,000 Janssen vaccines to eligible members of the public community.

### Upcoming Renegade Events

#### Distinguished Speaker Series

Features Barry Scheck

April 15, 2021 at 10:00AM & 6:00PM

**Live via Zoom**

#### Public Health Career Exploration

April 21, 2021 at 10:00AM

**Live via Zoom**

#### BC Honors Celebration

April 29, 2021 at 6:00PM

**Bakersfield Colleges YouTube**



### Save the Date for BC's 107<sup>th</sup> Commencement!

The Renegade Class of 2021 will be honored with a special virtual and televised graduation special on Sunday, May 16, 2021 on KGET/ Channel 17 and streamed live to the KGET Facebook and website.

### Dolores Huerta Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit Launches at BC

A special Zoom webinar featuring labor and civil rights activist, Dolores Huerta took place last month on March 25. The event included a conversation between Dolores Huerta and Dr. Taína Caragol, Curator of Latino Art & History at the Smithsonian Institution. The event kicked off the opening of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit which is now placed at the Wylie and May Louise Jones Art Gallery.

[A virtual tour of the exhibit is available on BC's website.](#)

## BC Ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in Degrees Awarded to Latinx among HSI's in California

The newly released [California Briefing on 25 Years of Hispanic Serving Institutions](#) by [Excelencia in Education](#) ranked Bakersfield College 3<sup>rd</sup> in the list of top institutions where Latinx students are earning certificates and degrees and 4<sup>th</sup> among institutions with the highest Hispanic enrollment in California. In recent years, the college has worked to intentionally align a myriad of initiatives focused on improving student outcomes, reducing achievement gaps, and increasing access for students using a Guided Pathways approach.



### Degrees awarded to Latinos

Institution
1. East Los Angeles College
2. Santa Ana College
3. Bakersfield College
4. California State University-Northridge
5. California State University-Fullerton

According to the report, there are 176 Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) in California. While, nationally, HSIs represent less than 20% of all colleges and universities, yet enroll 65%+ Latinx.

## \$1 Million Awarded to BC's CDC

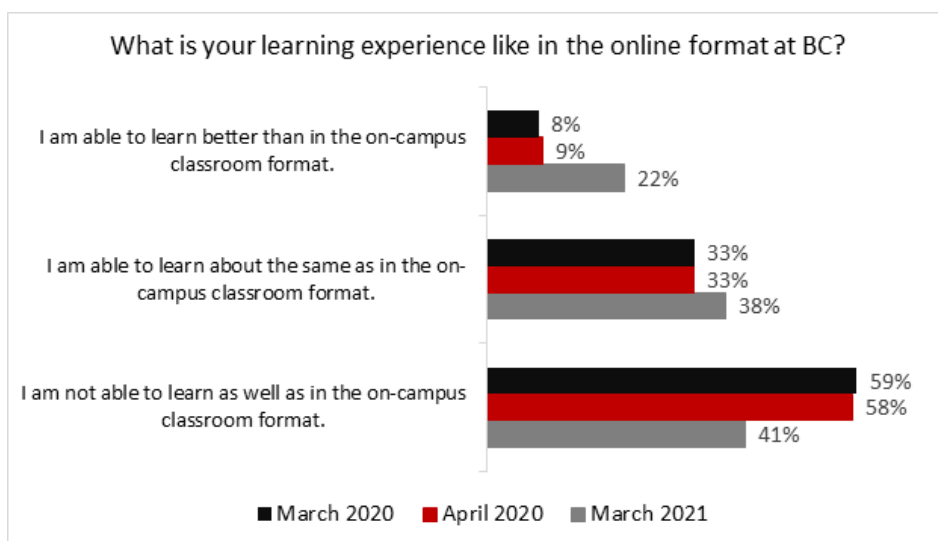
Bakersfield College's Child Development Center has been awarded \$1,121,840.00 as part of the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) grant, supporting student parents attending college with additional childcare hours and tutoring through BC's Child Development Center. Funding provided by the grant will be utilized over 4 years to provide extra childcare hours for student-families, update the playground, purchase a research base curriculum, update software, hire additional staff and more.

## BC Students Selected for Cal Humanities Journalism Fellowship

Bakersfield College has been selected, giving three Renegades the opportunity to participate in the 2021 Democracy and the Informed Citizen Emerging Journalist Fellowship program. With support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation through the Federation of State Humanities Councils, this statewide initiative is designed to support and amplify student journalists' voices and perspectives who are enrolled at California community colleges.

## Data Snippet: COVID-19 Survey Update

BC's Office of Institutional Effectiveness surveyed students and staff regarding their adaptation to online learning. A total of 1,026 students and 624 employees participated. Students at BC are adapting to online learning with the majority (60%) saying that they can learn as well online as in-person. At the same time, teachers are becoming increasingly proficient at online teaching even though a year ago approximately half had never taught an online section before.



## BC Celebrates Nursing Grads With YouTube Pinning Ceremony

On Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, friends, faculty, and the greater community joined remotely to celebrate the 106<sup>th</sup> Renegade RN Nursing Pinning celebration on the college's YouTube channel. The video premier honored more than 50 Renegade Nursing grads.



## BC's Performing Arts holds 1<sup>st</sup> Digital Open House Event

Performing Arts Faculty held an event focused on helping students learn more about BC's music programs. The event included information about BC's Performing Arts Center, various choral ensembles, the Commercial Music program, and music faculty offered attendees a special performance to close out the event.



## Mothers for Peace Webinar

BC launched its campus-wide Peace Initiative with a virtual seminar recognizing the role mothers play in building bridges and conflict resolution. Norma Rojas-Mora moderated the discussion while other featured speakers included anti-trafficking advocate Sandy Woo-Cater, Vince Fong's District Director Lauren Skidmore, Arvin Director of Human Resources and Community Development Pawan Gill, and Amazon Human Resources Manager Antrenette Carr.



## BC to Offer new Non-Credit Certificate through BC's LaunchPad

Bakersfield College is committed to offering efficient and low-cost solutions for the community to develop skills that lead to secure jobs. This month, BC's Back to College program is offering courses online that run between 2-4 weeks and stack back-to-back, giving students both traditional and non-traditional, the opportunity to earn a complete certificate in just a few weeks' time.

During the month of April, the program is offering Digital Marketing for Small Business.

