

## Renegade Roundup



Spring 2021 Opening Week

January 10, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

Happy New Year!

Please join us on January 12, 13 and 14 starting at 9 a.m. each day to hear from leaders from across the campus and district. Check out the highlights

Day 1: Jan. 12, 2021	Day 2: Jan. 13, 2021	Day 3: Jan. 14, 2021
BCSGA President Gian Gayatao	KCCD Chancellor Tom Burke	Academic Senate remarks from Steven Holmes
Jessica Wojtysiak from the Future of Learning Seminar Series	Jennifer Johnson, Erica Menchaca and Jessica Wojtysiak on Competency-Based Education	Sonya Christian and Arizona State University President Michael Crow on "The Fifth Wave"
Brent Wilson and Jordan Rude on the Assessment Committee	Erica Menchaca, Mark Osea, and Billie Jo Rice on the Curriculum Committee	Accessibility Report from Matt Jones, John Means and Andrea Thorson
CSEA Remarks from Tina Johnson	BC cheer performance and tribute to Becki Whitson	Energy Technology Transfer and Workforce Development
Ruth Bader Ginsburg Tribute from Olivia Garcia	Project HireUP	Levan Faculty Colloquium and Levan Center for the Humanities
"Resilience" - A performance by the BC Renegade Chorus	"Blessed" - a performance by the BC Choirs	"Tchaka" - A performance by the BC Chamber Singers

### BC Website Survey

The Bakersfield College web team and the Marketing and Public Relations department are looking for student and faculty feedback about the [Bakersfield College website](#). Your

input will help the team make the right decisions as they look to improve the needs of students, faculty, staff and our community.

[Fill out the BC website survey](#) page by Wednesday, January 13 to let the team know your thoughts about Bakersfield College's online strategy and more resources that could be added to the page.

### **Resilience and Contact Tracing Courses**

In Spring 2021, we're continuing our series of free non-credit courses to provide the community with resources in the fight against COVID-19. There are five sections of the Infectious Disease Contact Tracing course available between January 19 and February 22. We also have a section of the psychological resilience course that starts on January 11 with Isaias Hernandez.

To register for these non-credit courses if you're a first-time student to BC, [visit the Student Information Desk](#) to start your journey at the Home of the Renegades.

### **Governor Announces Budget for 2021-2022**



Governor Newsom announced a \$227 billion state spending package during [the budget briefing announcement on Friday, January 8](#), which includes \$250 million in financial aid grants for community colleges, as well as \$23 million to encourage enrollment growth, \$20 for professional development, and \$15 million in support of open-source textbooks for students.

The governor also announced \$353 million for workforce development, including \$250 million to improve linkages between higher education and employment through apprenticeships, the [High Roads Training Partnership](#) program, and other work-based learning opportunities. To stimulate the economy, the governor’s office is also proposing a \$600 stimulus to 4 million Californians, as well as extending the eviction moratorium and additional grants and fee waivers for thousands of small businesses.

[The Chancellor’s Office for California Community Colleges released a joint analysis](#) to accompany Governor Newsom’s budget briefing, which notes that the budget was able to prevent immediate cuts to our state’s 115 community colleges by deferring \$1.5 billion in funding for the next academic year. The Chancellor’s Office is hoping that additional projected federal discretionary funding will help minimize the impact of the deferrals scheduled at the start of 2021-2022. [Chancellor Oakley also released a brief statement on the 2021-2022 budget](#), praising its support for community college public health programs, student assistance and infrastructure to close the digital divide.

## COVID-19 Updates

### Kern County Public Health Vaccine Schedule

[The Kern County Public Health Department announced a tiered vaccination schedule on their website](#) that explains the framework for expanding access to the vaccine. Currently, the county is in Tier 3 of vaccine phase 1a, which means that virtually all health care workers in the county are eligible, including all hospital and primary care employees, and in-home support services, as well as laboratory and pharmacy staff. The next step of the vaccine schedule is Phase 1b, which opens treatments up to all individuals 65 and older, as well as at-risk individuals who work in education, child care, emergency services and food and agriculture.

### Blueprint For a Safer Economy Dashboard

[The State of California's Blueprint For a Safer Economy dashboard](#) has been modified to fit the new guidelines announced in August. A table with the comparison of test positivity rates from several counties on the monitoring list is below.

	December 27, 2020		January 10, 2021*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	80.7	13.3%	74.1	15.0%
Kern County	77.6	17.7%	60.6**	20.7%**
Kings County	75.9	12.0%	58.8	14.2%
Fresno County	82.4	15.9%	62.3	17.0%

<b>San Bernardino</b>	149.4	22.5%	122.8	22.1%
<b>LA County</b>	106.0	14.3%	107.9	17.8%

\*Dashboard data updated on January 5

\*\*Kern County is under a regional stay-at-home order based on ICU capacity

### Johns Hopkins Dashboard

As of 4:30 p.m. on January 10, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows that there are more than 90 million confirmed COVID-19 cases worldwide since the start of the pandemic. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers since December 13.

	<b>Dec. 27, 2020</b>	<b>Jan. 10, 2021</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>World</b>	80,587,536	90,180,310	9,592,774	11.9%
<b>U.S.</b>	19,031,403	22,374,351	3,342,948	17.6%
<b>California</b>	2,072,665	2,670,962	598,297	28.9%
<b>Kern</b>	64,810	78,832	14,022	21.6%

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6ft distance separation, and wash your hands to slow down the spread and reduce the strain on our healthcare systems and providers.

That's all for now.  
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,  
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