

Renegade Roundup



End of week 2

January 29, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

Hard to believe that we have already wrapped up two weeks of Spring 2021. Here are a few updates for you.

Revealing Institutional Strengths and Challenges (RISC) Survey



BC's dean of institutional effectiveness, Dr. Craig Hayward, is coordinating a major survey to help us better understand the student experience at BC. Our Office of Institutional Effectiveness will be providing reports based on this data to all units of the College, allowing us to better support students in their academic journey.

In a few days, all BC students will receive an email invitation to participate in the Revealing Institutional Strengths and Challenges Survey (RISC). I am writing to ask for your help by completing this short survey. With the results from the RISC we can learn valuable information about your experiences and better support your academic success here at BC.

Paul Umbach, co-founder of the RISC survey, will be in contact with you by email (research@risc.college) inviting you to participate in the survey. It will take less than 10 minutes to complete, and your responses are confidential.

Thank you for taking time to complete this important survey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact BC's director of institutional effectiveness, Sooyeon Kim, at sooyeon.kim@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

Vaccines are rolling out



Left: Trustee Nan-Gomez Heitzeberg receives a COVID-19 vaccine from BC student Ariana Nahjmabadi.

Right: Prof. Pam Kelly gets her COVID-19 vaccine at a pharmacy.

If you get your vaccination, snap a photo and send it to Earl Parsons and help us get the word out.

BC Receives Approval for Vaccination Site

Bakersfield College has now officially received approval as a site to administer COVID-19 vaccinations in Kern County. BC staff will utilize the gymnasium and the Student Health Center as potential areas for scheduled vaccinations with the help of community physicians and BC LVN students.

While we are still in the process of receiving our first batch of vaccines, we will be expanding our partnerships with community health organizations and exploring opportunities to sustainably scale up immunizations. Currently, all individuals 65 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Kern County.

Feb. 2 Virtual Seminar Series with Michael Saag

President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

COVID-19 Forum:
Vaccinations



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February 2, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

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Our first seminar at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2 features guest speaker Dr. Michael Saag, a Dean of Global Health at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. BC pre-med student Ian Spark and public health student Cassandra Sweeney will ask Dr. Saag a series of questions about his Washington Post article titled "[Even With a Vaccine, This Virus will Take Time to Conquer](#)", which describes how the body's immunization process takes time to develop the "memory" of how to fight a new infection. Thank you Dr. Joe Saldivar and Dr. Charles Daramola for helping recruit our students. Thank you Earl Parsons for programming this event.

[Visit the webinar registration link](#) for information on how to attend the virtual seminar with Dr. Saag.

Budget Open Forum



During the Budget Open Forum on Jan. 25, members of BC’s Budget Committee reviewed the outlook for the 2021-22 budget based on the governor’s January budget.

Renegade Fitness



Fitness trainer Casey Babcock is hosting a Renegade Virtual Fitness clinic every weekday of the Spring 2021 semester to help students and staff keep themselves healthy during another predominately-online semester. The first session of Spring 2021 started on January 19, and Renegade Virtual Fitness will continue Monday through Friday from noon to 1 p.m. until May 7.

Renegade Virtual Fitness is hosted by BCSGA on [Zoom](#), [Facebook Live](#), [Twitter](#), [Twitch](#) and [YouTube](#).

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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