

Renegade Roundup

Turning our attention to Summer 2020

May 16, 2020

Dear Colleagues, now that we have wrapped a remarkable semester at BC, let's turn our attention toward summer and fall 2020.

Here is a video message requesting faculty to nudge students to enroll in classes this summer and fall <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MA4ymhrEBes&feature=youtu.be>

Let's [keep our students on path toward completion](#). Please refer to my May 14 roundup for opportunities for students to enroll this summer and into fall, including:

- 4-week classes beginning Monday, May 18
- Summer Bridge to BC
- Early College Summer 2020 opportunities for high school students

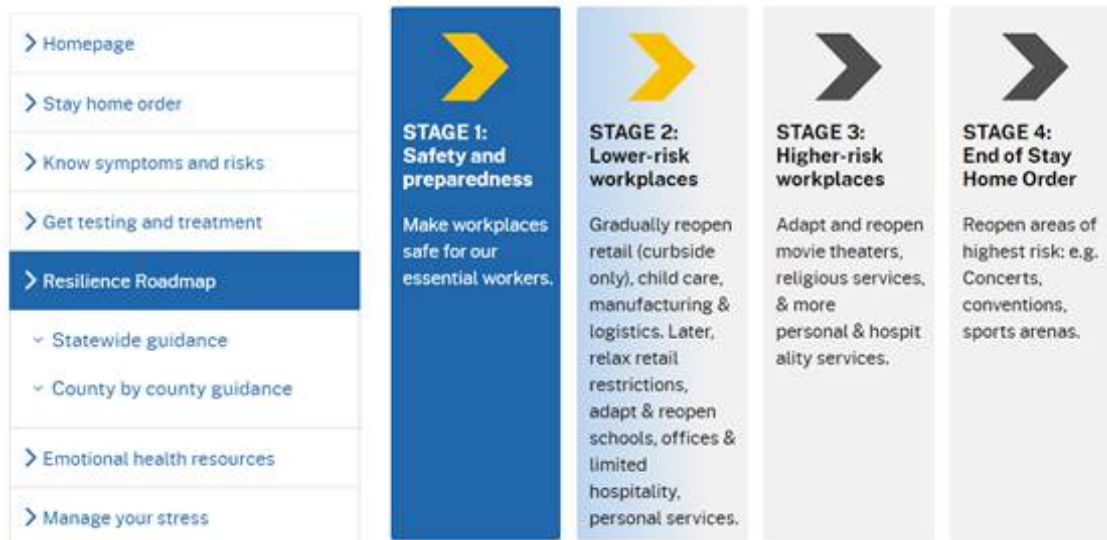
Our enrollment date from May 13th shows BC down in enrollments.

Bakersfield College	Point-in-Time Comparison ¹							
	Summer - 4 Weeks After Open Reg				Fall - 4 Weeks After Open Reg			
	Summer 2019	Summer 2020	Diff	% Chg	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	11,809	10,287	-1,522	-12.9%	14,892	12,456	-2,436	-16.4%
Duplicated Enrollments	17,164	15,779	-1,385	-8.1%	44,506	37,357	-7,149	-16.1%
Waitlisted Enrollments ²	1,171	1,116	-55	-4.7%	4,878	2,737	-2,141	-43.9%
Current FTES ³	1,779.5	1,477.3	-302.2	-17.0%	5,519.3	4,936.6	-582.7	-10.6%
Workload (FTEF)	149.1	159.2	10.1	6.8%	472.5	537.7	65.2	13.8%
FTES/FTEF ⁴	11.9	9.3	-2.7	-22.2%	11.7	9.2	-2.5	-21.4%
Active Sections	767	802	35	4.6%	1,999	2,116	117	5.9%

COVID Dashboards

Effective Friday, May 8, California began moving into Stage two of its reopening. Some counties have submitted local variance attestations to move more quickly through the stages by proving they have met the criteria for accelerated reopening Governor Newsom has established in his [Resilience Roadmap](#):

- No more than 1 case per 10,000 people in the last 14 days
- No COVID-19 deaths in the past 14 days
- Minimum daily testing of 1.5 tests per 1,000 residents
- At least 15 contact tracers per 100,000 residents
- County or regional hospital capacity to accommodate a minimum surge of 35%



Kern has not met two of the key criteria. Here is how Kern stacks up:

Criteria	Kern
No more than 1 case per 10,000 people in the last 14 days	5.27 cases per 10,000
No COVID-19 deaths in the past 14 days	17 deaths in the past 14 days

Source: <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>

In addition, Kern has seen a 34.5% increase in hospitalizations related to COVID-19 in the past 14 days. The CDC recommends a 14 day decrease in hospitalizations before reopening.

In his daily briefing earlier this week, Newsom specifically mentioned unique circumstances in Kern, including the high rate of infections and deaths due to an outbreak in a single, state-run nursing home. Though he has committed to work with Kern to discuss an accelerated movement through stage 2, we have not yet heard the details of the agreement and Kern remains subject to the terms of the Stay-at-Home order.

As of today May 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows over 4.5 million confirmed COVID-19 cases worldwide. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers from my last Renegade Roundup.

	May 10	May 16	Difference	Percentage
World	4,077,594	4,586,915	509,321	12.5%
U.S.	1,320,362	1,450,269	129,907	9.8%
California	66,826	76,942	10,116	15.1%
Kern	1,264	1,573	309	24.4%

The [IHME Dashboard](#) updated its projections again on May 12, showing a projection of 147,040 total COVID-19 deaths in the United States (5,832 of them in California) by August 4, 2020 - a large jump from the about 72,000 it projected in late April.

Celebrating our People

This week, we joined in community to celebrate our traditional closing day over four days - our very first [Closing Week](#). As is the tradition at BC, at Closing Day, the president recognizes individuals and groups who have played a leadership role the preceding year. When I sit down every spring to finalize this recognition, I start with a long list signifying that leadership, courage, and a call to action are part of the fabric and culture of Bakersfield College.

As I prepared my remarks to introduce to the campus to the recipients of this year's President's Leadership Awards, I found myself reflecting on what has unexpectedly become the most unusual year of my 8 years as President. How is it that in just two weeks we transitioned nearly 2,500 courses to a virtual format? And how is it that we managed to maintain our sense of community despite going months without seeing each other in person? It is because of our people – our faculty, our staff, our administrators, and most importantly, our students.

Congratulations to the full list of recipients for the 2019-20 President's Leadership Award:

Academic Technology	Paul Beckworth (announced fall 2019)
District and Campus IT	Public Safety Completion Coaching Community
Carlos Barbaran	COVID-19 Core Response Team
Budget Committee	Student Affairs
Project HireUp	Jennifer Johnson
Nursing Department	Todd Coston

Today I'd like to highlight the Academic Technology team. Their efforts helped us move to a fully virtual campus nearly overnight. Check out [this video](#) of their recognition.



I also want to take a moment to thank our very own BC essential workers who have taken great care of BC while most of us have been working from home.

Although we have not been on campus, the grounds are still manicured, our plants are still alive and well, and our athletics fields are polished.

A special thank you to the Maintenance & Operations team, including Martha Gonzalez and Ofelia Hernandez, for keeping our physical campus beautiful!

That's all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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