

Renegade Roundup



In appreciation of our classified staff

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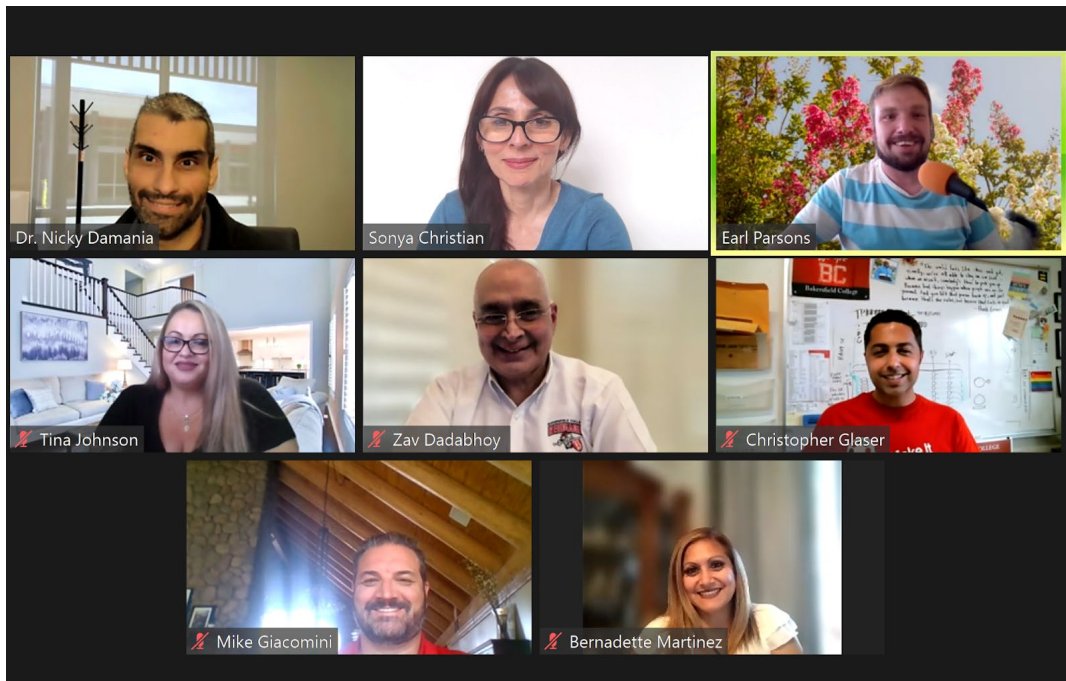
Dear Colleagues:

Happy Classified School Employee Week!



I hope you're having a blessed and relaxed end to the semester. On Classified School Employee Week, I wanted to take a second to give my heartfelt thanks to all of the classified staff at Bakersfield College during a year that tested us more than any in recent history.

In 1986, California Senate Bill 1552 established the third week of May as Classified School Employee Week, and ever since, schools across the state take that time to honor the ways our classified employees go the extra mile in everything they do. On May 6, the Kern Community College District Trustees adopted a resolution recognizing this week as Classified School Employees Week, continuing the annual tradition of celebrating our staff's contributions to higher education in Kern County.



Classified staff shared strategies for reopening during the All-Campus Virtual Seminar on April 13.

Throughout the pandemic, all of our staff have stepped up to serve our students and the community in unprecedented ways, whether it was through the Student Information Desk, providing students with Chromebooks, continuing the Renegade Pantry, or facilitating our vaccination clinics. As we've started the conversation about returning to the physical campus, staff have been diligently working hand-in-hand with faculty and administrators to think through the safest and most effective ways to reestablish our in-person services in preparation for Summer and Fall.



BC showed classified staff their appreciation with an ice cream social.

The dedication, perseverance and initiative of BC's classified staff are the core of our campus. You are our educational advisors who skillfully guide our students on the educational pathway. You are our campus safety officers who keep an eye out for the wellbeing of our students. You're our maintenance and operations staff who meticulously care for our facilities and educational spaces. You're our office support members who schedule meetings and make sure all of the college's necessary paperwork is taken care of. You are among the very first representatives of the BC community that our students meet, and your warmth and kindness are what invites them to join the Home of the Renegades.



On behalf of the faculty and administration of BC, I want to express how all of us in the Renegade family deeply appreciate all you do. Thank you, classified staff!

Let's all remember to take care of each other by staying safe: wear a mask, keep the 6ft distance, wash your hands -- let's slow down the spread.

That's all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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