

## *Renegade Roundup*



After the first two weeks of Fall 2020

September 8, 2020

Dear colleagues:

I was ready for the long weekend after two weeks of the semester in a, primarily, virtual format. Labor day.... the significance of this holiday feels especially poignant today as millions are experiencing unemployment while our nation's economy suffers due to COVID-19 public health protocols. I am grateful to the essential workers who continue to serve on the front lines - in our hospitals, our grocery stores, on construction jobs, and more. And I am grateful to each of our faculty and staff who have continued to work from home to serve our 40,000 students. Thank you, my dear colleagues.

### **President's Virtual Seminar Series:**

Today we start our regular all-campus virtual seminars where students, faculty and staff, come together as a family, staying connected while our physical campus is closed. I have been struck by the phrase "Renegade Family" as I see employees at BC supporting our students like family members. I see BC faculty and staff protecting our students, advocating for our students, sharing moments of sadness when tragedy strikes ... and we have seen our share of tragedy during this pandemic. Renegade Athletics has always been a beacon of support, leadership, empathy, and commitment.... I have seen this over the last eight years as president and I especially saw it magnified during this time of a triple crisis.

So, please join me today on Zoom at 4 p.m. for a very special All-Campus Virtual Seminar on how our student athletes and coaches are staying connected as we continue to shelter in place for the Fall 2020 semester.

## President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

BC Athletics During COVID-19



Sonya Christian



Todd Coston



Sarah Lopez  
Student Athlete,  
Women's Volleyball



Reggie Bolton  
Athletic Director,  
Dean of Kinesiology



Brett Clark  
Head Coach,  
Wrestling

September 8, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

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We'll hear from Renegade volleyball player Sarah Lopez, Athletic Director Reggie Bolton, and wrestling head coach Brett Clark.

[Register here.](#)

*After registering you will receive a confirmation email with your unique login to the webinar.*

### #RealTalk

Tune in tomorrow, Tuesday, September 8, as BC hosts another #RealTalk on Race in America, moderated by Danny Morrison. Guests include BC's Athletic Director Reggie Bolton and Coach R. Todd Littlejohn. You can watch this program even if you don't have a Facebook account at [www.facebook.com/dannymoshow/](http://www.facebook.com/dannymoshow/)

## #RealTalk on Race in America



**Reggie Bolton**  
Bakersfield College  
Dean of Kinesiology &  
Athletic Director



**Danny Morrison**  
Danny Morrison Media  
@DannyMoShow



**R. Todd Littlejohn**  
Bakersfield College  
Head Football Coach

Tune in [facebook.com/DannyMoShow](http://facebook.com/DannyMoShow)  
September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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### **ASPIRE Faculty Fellowship Program:**

The ASPIRE program targets post-graduate students interested in teaching at a 2-year college. Qualified fellows need to either be enrolled in the last semester of a qualified STEM graduate program, a recent graduate of the program, a Ph.D. candidate pursuing a STEM path or completing a postdoctoral program in a qualified STEM field.

Our first cohort is comprised of 12 fellows, mostly from STEM, who will actively participate in mentorship alongside a BC faculty member and gain exposure to the community college culture, including best practices for teaching and supporting our diverse student body.

#### *Rebecka Zepeda - Tenure Track Faculty for Biology*

Every week, we will be highlighting one of our 12 fellows for Fall 2020, starting with Ms. Rebecka Zepeda, a new Tenure Track Faculty for Biology at Bakersfield College. She will be participating in the ASPIRE Faculty Diversification program alongside her mentor Chad Newton.



Born and raised in East Bakersfield, California, Rebecka takes pride in serving her own community, especially as a first-generation Hispanic college student. After graduating from East Bakersfield High School, Rebecka went on to receive her B.A in Human Biology in 2014 and M.S. in Biology in 2016, both at CSU Bakersfield.

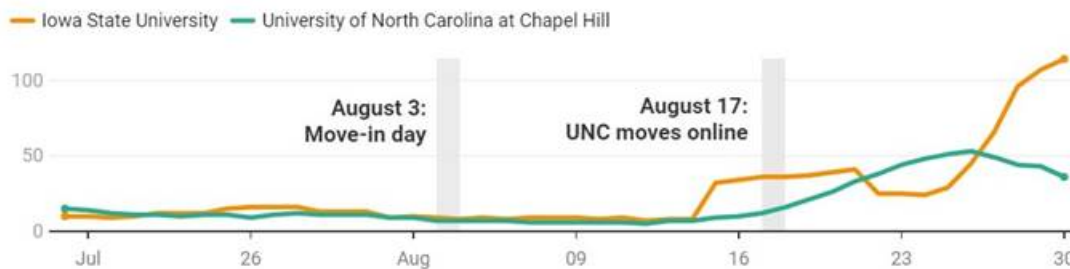
### **COVID-19 Updates**

As universities around the country work to continue serving students during the pandemic, The Chronicle of Higher Education is tracking how different institutions are handling the public safety of their students during this time.

[In an article published last Thursday](#), the Chronicle looked at three counties where COVID spikes coincided with students at a major university returning to campus for the fall semester. In Story County, Iowa and Orange County, North Carolina, which house Iowa State and UNC-Chapel Hill, respectively, new coronavirus cases began rising within 10 days of students moving into their dorms before the start of the fall semester. UNC abandoned its plan for in-person instruction and went online on August 17, which resulted in a decrease in daily new cases, but Iowa State did not, and cases continued to climb.

### Positive Coronavirus Cases in the Home Counties of Iowa State U. and UNC-Chapel Hill, July 18-August 30

The number of coronavirus cases jumped in Story and Orange Counties, homes to Iowa State U. and the U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, less than two weeks after the first day of dorm move-in (August 3). UNC decided to go all-online on August 17 and moved most students out of residential halls over the next week.



Note: Daily cases are a seven-day running average of new cases per 100,000 county residents.

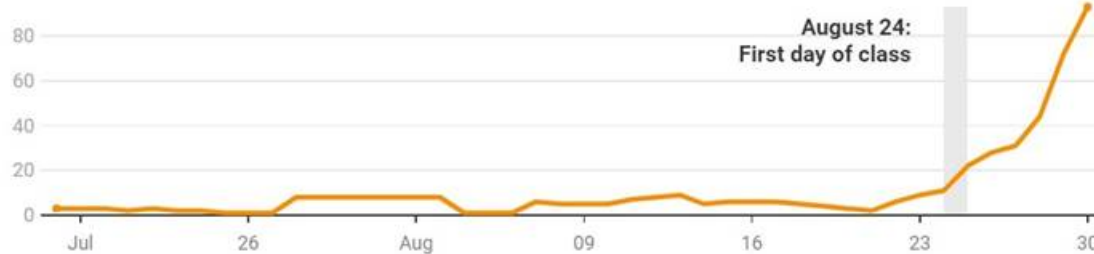
Source: USAFacts, the College Crisis Initiative at Davidson College, Ipeda, U.S. Census Bureau/American Community Survey data •

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At Whitman County, home of Washington State University, cases rose despite the campus moving to fully-online instruction before the start of the fall semester. University leadership attributes this to students returning to Whitman County for off-campus housing just before classes began on August 24.

## Positive Coronavirus Cases in the Home County of Washington State U., July 18-August 30

The number of coronavirus cases jumped in Whitman County, home of Washington State U., around August 24, the first day of fall classes. The university decided in late July to operate all online; however, many students are thought to have returned to off-campus apartments in the region.



Note: Daily cases are a seven-day running average of new cases per 100,000 county residents.

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In all of these cases, administrators are worried about students from outside of the area passing COVID-19 on to local residents. Washington State's case is an example that we should be prepared for unexpected spikes even when we adhere to best practices.

### Johns Hopkins Dashboard:

As of 12 p.m. on September 7th, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows the U.S. has surpassed 6.2 million total confirmed cases of COVID-19. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers from August 31.

	August 31, 2020	Sept. 7, 2020	Difference	Percentage
<b>World</b>	25,338,571	27,200,943	1,862,372	7.3%
<b>U.S.</b>	6,026,488	6,292,206	265,718	4.4%
<b>California</b>	704,085	740,245	36,160	5.1%
<b>Kern</b>	29,334	30,179	845	2.9%

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6ft apart 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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