

## Renegade Roundup



After the first four weeks of Fall 2020

September 18, 2020

Dear colleagues:

Another busy week at the virtual Home of the Renegades!

Let me start by inviting you to two events that are happening back-to-back on September 22<sup>nd</sup> –

(1) Rural Heal webinar from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and (2) The President's Virtual Seminar from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Rural Heal Webinar, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Public Health Strategies: COVID-19 and the Central Valley**

My office received an inquiry whether students can be invited to this webinar. The answer is YES! I am looking forward to the information from faculty at UC Merced, Fresno State, and our own Charles Daramola from BC.

WEBINAR

**HEAL**  
RURAL HEALTH EQUITY AND  
LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIES:  
COVID-19 and the Central Valley

Featured Speakers



Dr. Sidra J. Goldman-Mellor  
Public Health Assistant Professor  
UC Merced



Dr. Dvera I. Saxton  
Anthropology Professor  
CSU Fresno



Dr. Charles Daramola  
Behavioral Science Professor  
Bakersfield College



Dr. Tania Pacheco-Werner  
Co-Assistant Director  
CSU Fresno CVHPI

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 | 1:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.  
Join us on Zoom

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WEBINAR



## PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIES: COVID-19 and the Central Valley



### Featured Speakers



Dr. Nancy Burke  
Public Health Professor  
UC Merced



Dr. Kathleen M. Murphy  
Pediatric ICU Physician  
Valley Children's Hospital



Dr. Edward Flores  
Sociology Associate Professor  
UC Merced



Mayor Rey León  
Elected Official  
City of Huron, California

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**President's Virtual Seminar. September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:00p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
*Learning Together with the Library*

I hope that you had a chance to read the piece that our library faculty picked for us - [“The Overdue Awakening by Justin Worland.”](#) If you have not, bookmark it for your weekend read. We are in for a treat as the author of this article, Justin Worland himself will be joining us.

## President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

#BCLearns  
Library Learn Together  
Project



Sonya Christian



Todd Coston



Kirk Russell  
Department Chair,  
BC Library



Mindy Wilmot  
Reference Librarian,  
BC Library



Oliver Rosales  
BC Professor  
of History



Justin Worland  
Writer,  
Time Magazine  
**BAKERSFIELD  
COLLEGE**

September 22, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

### **Beautiful Bakersfield Awards**

Bakersfield College has been nominated for several awards for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Beautiful Bakersfield awards. Please mark your calendars and plan to tune into the pre-recorded event airing on KGET-TV-17 and streaming online Saturday, October 24 from 8-9:30 p.m. The winners will be announced during the program. Congratulations to the nominees:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
Corporation of the Year	Bakersfield College
Architecture	BC VRC
Arts & Culture	BC Performing Arts
Education	Umoja & MESA
Health	Rural HEAL
Renovation	BC Memorial Stadium
Young Professional	Lesley Bonds

### **KHSD Students Attend First Early College Pathways Course**

This week, 354 students from Kern High School District attended their first course from our KHSD Early College Pathways program. About one third of these students are incoming 9th grade students who are beginning a pathway that will lead to the completion of a degree in Industrial Automation, Psychology, Administration of Justice, or Public Health. The rest of the students are 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who are getting a head start on their college education and will graduate from high school with between 9 and 45 college credits.

I welcome this new cohort of KHSD Renegades and look forward to seeing them graduate with their associate's degrees in 2024. For more details about our collaboration with KHSD, [read this article by Ema Sasic in the Bakersfield Californian](#).

### **Renegade Creativity Highlighted in First Edition of the Grapevine Journal**

In an email on Monday, **Naomi Rutuku** announced [the first edition of The Grapevine Journal](#), a collection of Bakersfield College student work. Thank you to Naomi, **Rae Ann Kumelos**, and **Keri Wolf** for celebrating our students' creativity.

## COVID-19 Updates

Under the new four-tiered system established by [Governor Newsom’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), Kern County technically meets the guidelines to move from the purple or “widespread” tier to the red or “substantial” tier if it maintains the same case rate and test positivity rate over the next few weeks. However, some suggest [those rates are being artificially inflated](#) for our low testing numbers.

In response, [the Kern County Board of Supervisors approved a plan](#) to give county employees paid time off beginning January 15 if they take six COVID-19 tests between now and the end of the year.

Here is an excerpt: “Any county employee who receives six coronavirus tests between Tuesday and the end of the year will receive eight hours of paid time off beginning Jan. 15. The county is encouraging other cities throughout Kern to adopt similar policies, which could result in a boost to local testing numbers.”

While it’s good news that Kern County’s rates are going down, we won’t see the impact of Labor Day weekend reflected in the data until at least next week, and we should continue to exercise caution.

### **Positivity Rates from Covid19.CA.gov:**

[The State of California's COVID-19 county reporting dashboard](#) has been modified to fit the new guidelines announced in August. The new dashboard examines metrics over a 7-day period, whereas the previous dashboard looked at statistics recorded over a 14-day period.

A table with the comparison of test positivity rates from several counties on the monitoring list is below.

	Sept. 17, 2020*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	7.7	4.2%
Kern County	6.7**	7.5%**
Kings County	8.9	7.5%
Fresno County	7.8	7.5%
San Bernardino	6.8	7.4%
LA County	9.1	8.1%

\*Dashboard updated every Tuesday. Data reported on 9/15

\*\*Kern County remains in the “widespread” tier, likely due to low testing

**Johns Hopkins Dashboard:**

As of 1:30 p.m. on September 17th, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows the U.S. is approaching 200,000 COVID-19 related deaths. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers from September 10 - 7 days ago.

	Sept. 10, 2020	Sept. 17, 2020	Difference	Percentage
<b>World</b>	27,860,000	29,992,968	2,132,968	7.7%
<b>U.S.</b>	6,360,000	6,662,256	302,256	4.8%
<b>California</b>	746,191	773,125	26,934	3.6%
<b>Kern</b>	30,573	31,158	585	1.9%

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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