

Renegade Roundup



After the first five weeks of Fall 2020

September 26, 2020

Dear colleagues:

Hard to imagine that we have already completed five weeks of the semester. Enrollments patterns have been erratic during this very unusual semester with BC being primarily online for instruction and student services. Billie Jo, working with the deans, department chairs and the counseling department, has put together a comprehensive late start 8-week semester starting on October 19th. Please inform your students about this opportunity and ask them to go to the virtual Student Information Desk (SID) if they need help with enrolling or with Financial Aid.

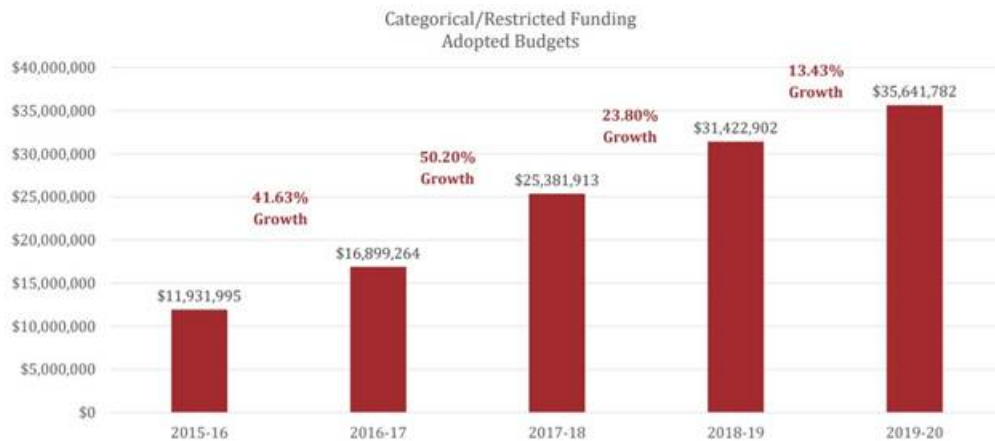
College Council meeting on September 23rd:

This semester, I am trying to be diligent in including College Council items in my Renegade Roundup. At our second College Council meeting for the semester we started by discussing enrollment trends and student completion.

Grace Commiso (faculty chair of AIQ) and **Jessica Wojtysiak** (admin chair) presented the AIQ report which included their work with the Assessment committee to create Institution Set-Standards around student learning. They also previewed a survey that **Craig Hayward** put together about BC students and COVID-19 that will be making its rounds through various shared governance committees around the campus over the next few weeks.

We also had an update from the chairs of the Budget Committee, **Teresa McAllister** (faculty chair) and **Mike Giacomini** (admin chair). There is no information yet on the potential impacts of this recession on state revenues, but faculty and staff have been proactive in finding funding through grants and other sources to make sure that we can serve our students regardless of the state's fiscal outlook. Thank you!

CATEGORICALS



The Budget Committee presented on BC's growth in categorical funding.

Speaking of grants, **Cindy Collier** shared the details of our Title V grant (\$3 million in funding over five years) focused on the expansion of our Health Sciences programs. **Carla Gard** presented the Nursing program's Vision for Expansion, adding 90 RN students and 40 LVN-RN students to the program while reaching out to rural students for our nursing assistant training programs. They're also expanding externships, including a partnership between Dignity Health and students in the Umoja Community. We're also adding a perioperative course to the curriculum and adding certificates in medical coding, an Associate of Science degree in Health Information Management, and collaborating with Calbright on health information technology courses. Public Health lead faculty member **Charles Daramola** closed out the Health Sciences with an update on the expansion of the program offerings, which include Early College courses at McFarland High, Wasco High and the Kern High School District. He's also working on a wellness and behavior change program that looks at ways to improve blood pressure, weight, BMI and attitudes toward health.

Central Valley Health Experts Speak at HEAL Webinar

WEBINAR

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PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIES:
COVID-19 and the Central Valley

BC's Rural Health, Equity, and Learning (HEAL) Collaborative hosted a webinar on Tuesday about how COVID-19 and other health crises have affected residents in the rural areas of the San Joaquin Valley. Titled [Public Health Strategies: COVID-19 and the Central Valley](#), the webinar included the following speakers below:

- **Dr. Nancy Burke**, Public Health Professor at UC Merced
- **Dr. Sidra J. Goldman-Mellor**, Public Health Assistant Professor at UC Merced
- **Dr. Dvera I. Saxton**, Anthropology Associate Professor at CSU Fresno
- **Dr. Edward Flores**, Sociology Associate Professor at UC Merced
- **Dr. Charles Daramola**, Public Health Professor at Bakersfield College
- **Dr. Tania Pacheco-Werner**, Co-Assistant Director at CSU Fresno Central Valley Health Policy Institute
- **Mayor Rey Leon**, Mayor of Huron, CA
- **Dr. Kathleen M. Murphy**, Pediatric ICU Physician, Valley Children's Healthcare & Hospital

COVID-19 Testing on the Panorama Campus

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, [Bakersfield College](#) partnered with the [Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#) to host drive-thru COVID-19 testing on the Panorama Campus.

Kern County Public Health and the Latino COVID-19 Task Force also collaborated on the self-swab COVID-19 testing site, and the collaboration hopes to bring more sites to the community so that more people are able to get tested.



BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE



A Better BC Update: Bill Potter Presents to Kern EDC



Bill Potter provided the latest updates on our Measure J construction projects to the Kern Economic Development Corporation at their meeting on Thursday morning.

Presenting during the public comment phase of this meeting with business and industry leaders throughout Kern, Bill shared the photos from the completion of the Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center and shared progress on our other projects that are in construction, final review and design.

The main building of the Campus Center is scheduled to be completed in December 2020, and the adjoining cafeteria area and courtyard will be finished by April 2021. We poured some of the first concrete on the new Science and Engineering building a few weeks ago, and that project is anticipated to be finished by the end of next summer.

Many members of Kern EDC, including Kern County Superintendent of Schools **Mary Barlow**, praised BC for hiring local contractors on our Measure J projects, as well as connecting contractors who are interested in public works with projects that they can bid on.

For more information about all of our Measure J construction projects, [visit the A Better BC website](#).

Culinary Chefs in Face Shields

Our Culinary Arts students are staying safe while learning how to make beautiful, delicious food. **Cindy Collier** sent me a few photos of our student chefs in their masks and face shields in the kitchen. Thank you to **Suzanne Tangeman** and the Culinary Arts team for being innovative in making sure our students stay on the pathway to their culinary education.



ASPIRE Faculty Internship Program Highlight: Beenne Anglin

Beenne Anglin is from a French and Haitian background. Ms. Anglin was born in Haiti and moved to the United States with her family when she was five years old. She is entering her second year as an adjunct faculty at Bakersfield College in the Psychology department, and she is being mentored by professor **David Rohac**.



One of her recent accomplishments include the completion of her PhD in Industrial-Organizational Psychology from Grand Canyon University. While she describes this journey as a difficult feat, she shared that she is “happy to have finished that race.” Currently, she is in the process of editing and publishing her dissertation.

Ms. Anglin is enjoying her experience at BC, teaching statistics and research methods. Her hope is to eventually become a full-time tenured professor/researcher.

COVID-19 Update

As part of a push to get Kern County to move from purple to red in the state’s four-tiered reopening system, the [Public Health Services Department is encouraging residents to get tested for COVID-19](#). In addition to events like the drive-thru testing on the Panorama Campus on Tuesday, [Mechanics Bank Arena and the Bakersfield Condors launched a “Tickets for Tests” initiative](#). Kern County residents who test between now and November 15 will be entered in a contest to win two tickets for every event planned at Mechanics Bank Arena for 2021.

Kern County currently meets the metrics to move to the second, less-restrictive level of Governor Newsom’s Blueprint For a Safer Economy, but continues to be held back due to its low testing rates. If you feel you may have any of the common symptoms of COVID-19, which are similar to the flu but can include a loss of taste and other adverse side effects, please get yourself tested as soon as possible using any number of services available through the county and healthcare providers.

LA Times: College reopenings add 3,000 new cases per day

[Michael McAuliff of the Los Angeles Times](#) reported on a study tracking cell phone data to reopening schedules at 1,400 colleges, comparing them against county infection rates. For the 900 colleges in the survey who planned reopenings, 3,000 new COVID-19 cases per day were added across the United States, according to the preliminary study posted

Wednesday. Just reopening one university added 1.7 new infections per 100,000 every day, and teaching classes in person at one university added 2.4 daily cases per 100,000.

The research examined data from July 15 to Sept. 13, but does not name specific institutions. While many media reports have been blaming the COVID-19 spike in college towns on partying by students, the authors of the study attribute the increase to students ignoring safety protocols. However, the study was not intended to place blame but to give universities a framework for how to plan their reopening strategy, which will be the subject of the group's next study.

Here's a quote from study co-author Ana Bento, an infectious disease expert and assistant professor at Indiana University's School of Public Health.

"In order for you to open online, hybrid, or meet face to face, there needs to be a different combination of strategies that allows you to catch [cases] early so you're able to control community spread, which is the biggest problem here."

Blueprint For a Safer Economy Dashboard

[The State of California's Blueprint For a Safer Economy 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		Sept. 25, 2020*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	7.7	4.2%	6.4	3.6%
Kern County	6.7**	7.5%**	6.3**	7.2%**
Kings County	8.9	7.5%	8.5	7.2%
Fresno County	7.8	7.5%	6.5	6.3%
San Bernardino	6.8	7.4%	6.0	6.7%
LA County	9.1	8.1%	7.7	7.0%

*Dashboard updated every Tuesday. Data reported on Sept. 22

**Kern County remains in the "widespread" tier, likely due to low testing

Johns Hopkins Dashboard:

As of 12:30 p.m. on September 25th, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows the U.S. has surpassed 7 million positive cases of COVID-19. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers since my last Roundup on September 17.

	Sept. 17, 2020	Sept. 25, 2020	Difference	Percentage
World	29,992,968	32,381,243	2,388,275	8%
U.S.	6,662,256	7,015,242	352,986	5.3%
California	773,125	801,006	27,881	3.6%
Kern	31,158	31,865	707	2.3%

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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