

## Renegade Roundup



After the first six weeks of Fall 2020

October 4, 2020

Dear colleagues:

Just a reminder to inform your students about the late start 8-week semester starting on October 19<sup>th</sup> and ask them to go to the virtual Student Information Desk (SID) if they need help with enrolling or with Financial Aid.

### KCCD Announcement About Spring 2021

In an email on Wednesday, September 30, Chancellor **Tom Burke** announced that for Spring 2021 “the majority of instruction and support operations will continue in the current online and remote environments ” for the Kern Community College District.



An excerpt from his message below:

*The majority of instruction and support operations will continue in the current online and remote environment. A limited number of instructional courses and support functions will be provided in-person for students to continue their progress to degree. Understanding this decision is disappointing to some, it was made in the interests of maintaining the health and safety of our students and employees.*

*The College Presidents will continue to communicate their specific operational plans to their campus community. We are optimistic that with the progress of potential vaccines and treatments KCCD can return to campus operations in fall 2021. We will continue to share information and planning details as soon as they become available.*

### Energy TT&WD Webinar

## Energy Technology Transfer and Workforce Development Webinar

# THE FUTURE OF KERN COUNTY: Energy Opportunities to Secure the Economic Vitality of our Region

Please join us on Wednesday, October 7 at 10 a.m. for our first Energy Technology Transfer and Workforce Development webinar on energy opportunities impacting the future of Kern County. Featured speakers include Dr. David Mooney from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Lorelei Oviatt from Kern County Planning and Natural Resources, along with other local dignitaries and experts in traditional and alternative energy around Kern County. [Visit the webinar registration page](#) to sign up and receive more information.

### Library Learning Together Project #BCLearns

In an email on Monday, **Mindy Wilmot** announced our next #BCLearns Library Learning Together event for Thursday, October 15 at 4 p.m. We'll be discussing two videos: diversity consultant Verna Myers' TED talk titled "How to Overcome Biases? Walk Boldly Toward Them", and the New York Times "A Conversation About Growing Up Black".



Here's the email below:

*Grace Van Dyke Bird Library's second campus-wide "Learning Together" event will take place on Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 p.m. as part of President Christian's virtual seminar series. The next discussion will be on two short videos. The first is a TED talk from diversity consultant Verna Myers titled "[How to Overcome Biases?: Walk Boldly Toward Them](#)" which encourages viewers to recognize their biases in order to overcome them.*

*The second video of our discussion will be "[A Conversation About Growing Up Black](#)" from the award-winning New York Times "Op-Docs" series. African American young men candidly discuss the daily challenges they face.*

*Our discussion on the 15<sup>th</sup> will provide time for us to learn, reflect, and increase understanding.*

*Please remember to [view the Libguide "Race and Cultural Competence"](#). Submissions from across campus allowed us to include a variety of perspectives on issues of race and*

equity. As has been mentioned before, our hope is that with ongoing input from the campus community this guide will grow during the year.

Our first event was a huge success. We thank you for your participation, and we look forward to seeing you on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bill Potter Community Voices**

If you'd like to know everything about what BC is up to with our Measure J construction, you should check out [Bill Potter's Community Voices piece](#), which is titled "Building A Better BC while students learn online".

A segment from the piece is quoted below:

*"The Maintenance and Operations Team here at BC does a great job keeping our facilities up-to-date for our students, but higher education in the 21st century is year-round. Under ordinary circumstances, the days of school campuses not being used for three months in the summer and a month over winter break are long gone, and that creates challenges for us. My team has taken advantage of this unfortunate situation and worked really hard to build the BC that they've always envisioned and that our students deserve. We can't wait until you can see A Better BC for yourselves."*



Thank you, Bill, for keeping the community informed about Measure J!

### **Panorama Creative Music Summit**

The next virtual performance in this year's Panorama Creative Music Summit continued on Wednesday with bassist **Gary Rink**, who is also the store manager of Bakersfield Sound Co. on Rosedale Highway. Check out his performance and interview [on the BC Jazz Studies Facebook page](#).



Thank you to **Josh Ottum** and **Kris Tiner** for giving BC students the opportunity to interact with people in the music industry. On October 5, they'll have indie singer-songwriter **Daze Bazan**, who released five albums over a 25-year career with the band Pedro the Lion.

### **COVID-19 Update**

#### ***COVID-19 Testing on Panorama Campus***

On Thursday, COVID-19 testing on the Panorama Campus continued for a second week with a free mobile testing site on the corner of Haley and University. This program is a partnership with the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Kern County Public Health, and the clinic uses the less invasive "self-swab" test.

If you think you should get tested for COVID-19, [visit the registration link](#) and bring the appointment voucher with your reference number to the clinic. The Mobile Testing unit also accepts a limited amount of walk-up participants.

#### ***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. 25, 2020		October 2, 2020*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
<b>California</b>	6.4	3.6%	7	3.4%
<b>Kern County</b>	6.3**	7.2%**	7.3	5.8%
<b>Kings County</b>	8.5	7.2%	7.2	4.1%
<b>Fresno County</b>	6.5	6.3%	6.2	4.9%
<b>San Bernardino</b>	6.0	6.7%	7.7	5.7%
<b>LA County</b>	7.7	7.0%	7.3	2.9%

\*Dashboard updated every Tuesday. Data reported on Sept. 29

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

**Johns Hopkins Dashboard:**

As of 7:30 a.m. on October 2nd, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows the global cases approaching 35 million. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers since September 25 - 7 days ago.

	Sept. 25, 2020	Oct. 2, 2020	Difference	Percentage
<b>World</b>	32,381,243	34,346,896	1,965,653	6.1%
<b>U.S.</b>	7,015,242	7,280,182	264,940	3.8%
<b>California</b>	801,006	822,775	21,769	2.7%
<b>Kern</b>	31,865	32,184	319	1%

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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