

Renegade Roundup



Thankful for 2018

November 24, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

At this time each year, I often find myself asking “where did the year go?!” It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the news surrounding Measure J – but then I sit back and start to recall the incredible things that have transpired over the past 12 months.

I’m thankful that Bakersfield College is a place of transformation, excellence, achievement, hope, dreams, diversity, acceptance, and student support. I’m thankful that our campus is one without boundaries, where we reach out to serve students in our surrounding communities, bringing college closer to home so they, too, can obtain a college education.



I’m thankful for the countless stories of how our work is changing lives. Each and every day, I am amazed by the leadership and engagement of BC’s faculty and staff, especially in the way you serve our students providing seamless transitions and guided paths with pillars of light, support and hope. It is evident that you love our students and I’m thankful to work alongside you in serving them.

I spent a few moments reviewing weekly posts on my blog and as I see the photos of students, graduates, alumni, supporters, faculty, and staff, I am blessed to share that I truly am the happiest and luckiest college president ever. **There is so much to be thankful for.** May you all have a warm, peaceful, and happy Thanksgiving.

Enrollment Update

Spring 2019 registration is underway. As of the most recent report on Nov. 15th from Amber Anderson in the KCCD Institutional Research Office, BC's headcount has increased by 130 (1.4), total enrollments are up by 893 (3%), but FTES has increased by only 27 (0.7%). We have increased our section offerings by 9.3% and waitlists are still long. I am asking department chairs to partner with their deans to review enrollment patterns and make sure we have the right expansion of course sections.

| | Wk 2 Priority Sp18 | Wk 2 Priority Sp19 | | |
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| Bakersfield College | | | | |
| Current Headcount | 9,359 | 9,489 | 130 | 1.4% |
| Duplicated Enrollments | 28,754 | 29,647 | 893 | 3.1% |
| Waitlisted Enrollments ² | 2,106 | 2,301 | 195 | 9.3% |
| Current FTES ³ | 3,723.6 | 3,750.1 | 26.5 | 0.7% |
| Workload (FTEF) | 468.5 | 470.4 | 1.9 | 0.4% |
| FTES/FTEF ⁴ | 7.9 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 0.3% |
| Active Sections | 1,949 | 2,131 | 182 | 9.3% |

2018 Student Success Award

Bakersfield College received the 2018 state Chancellor's Student Success Award last Friday in recognition of our intensive focus on strengthening curricular alignment throughout the K-16 educational pipeline. The State Chancellor's Office describes the annual award as one which "honors college and/or district programs that demonstrate a commitment and significant progress toward achieving success and equity goals for all students."

This award is a testimony to the close partnership between California State University Bakersfield and Bakersfield College. BC and CSU Bakersfield's ability to work together to help starting freshmen at BC zoom through baccalaureate completion at CSUB in 4 years with 120 credits has been phenomenal.



Close-up of the 2018 Student Success Award given to Bakersfield College.

I want to give special thanks to the WARBA group including Matthew Garrett, Janet Fulks, Eleonora Hicks, Marisa Marquez, and Khushnur Dadabhoy and our Leading from the Middle team including Craig Hayward, Billie Jo Rice, Jennifer Johnson, Mark Osea, Brynn Schook, and Jonathan Schultz. We are so lucky to have you apart of the BC family, and thank you for your commitment to the students of Kern County.

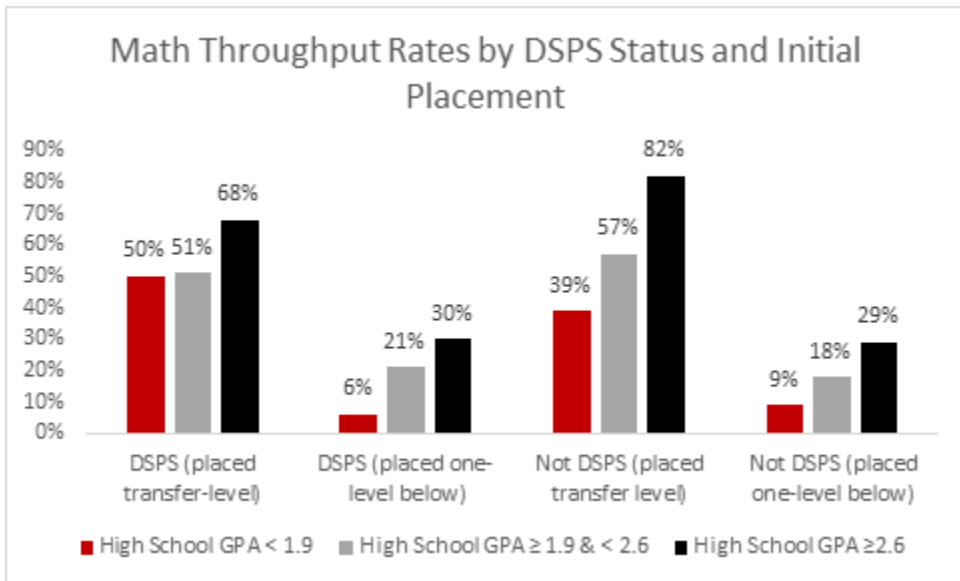
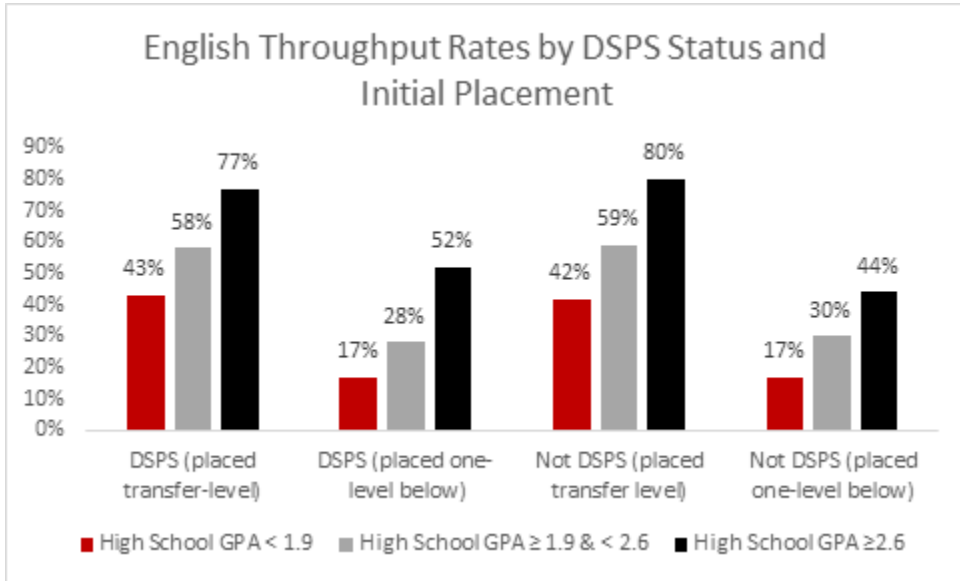


(Left to Right) Marisa Marquez, Khushnur Dadabhoy, Eleonora Hicks, Erica Menchaca, Karen Stout President and CEO of Achieving the Dream, Billie Jo Rice, Jennifer Johnson, Teresa McAllister, and Isabel Castaneda.

Data Snippet: English and Math Throughput Rates

As a result of conversations with Terri Goldstein, I asked the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to disaggregate data based on DSPS students as it relates to placement using Multiple Measures.

Students with disabilities (SWDs) who receive DSPS services experience the same pattern of increased completion of transfer-level math and English when they are placed according the default AB 705 placement rules.



STEM Students Conquering Momentum Points

Stephen Waller and the STEM completion team recently presented some very interesting student and pathway data, specifically about STEM students and their momentum points at College Council. This information is critical when we look at degree attainment, and also assists with ongoing programmatic improvement. We have 81 more STEM students this year than last, with a few contributing factors being Chevron's Project Lead the Way, MESA, and our faculty outreach. We have 4.8% more STEM students attempting 15 units than last fall, and 1.6% more attempting 30 units. Because of the courses available, placement and counseling, 13.6% students passed English and Math in Fall 2017, 2.7% more than the previous year. What I really loved seeing were the number of students who passed English and Math in their first year. This is outstanding!

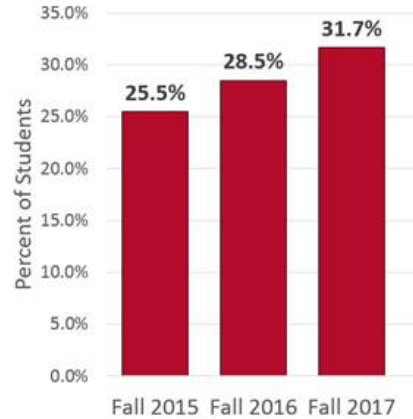
% STEM Students Passed ENGL 1st Year

Factors

Counseling
Dev Sequence
Placement

To Do...

Consider Science
Schedule Impact



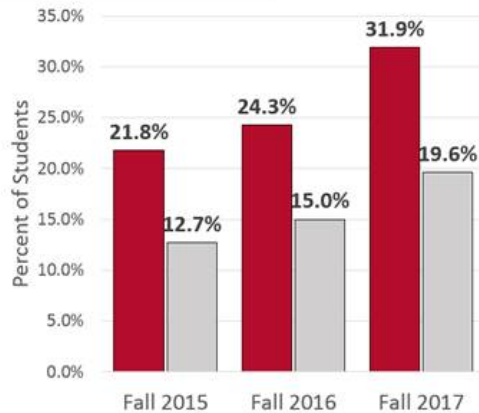
% STEM Student MATH in 1st Year

Factors

Placement
Counseling
Courses Sequence
Non-Pass Rates

To Do...

Pre-BC Math Prep
Seat Capacity
Pedagogy
Just-in-time Support



A Better BC Update

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Bakersfield College Veterans Resource Center groundbreaking ceremony. The turnout from community members, staff, faculty and students was AMAZING! I can't wait to see the first Measure J funded building completed next November!



Hammers have been pounding and construction is regular as we build A Better BC. The Veterans Resource Center is on schedule, and Bill Potter is even picking out colors. Wait, wait wait..... Bill Potter picking out colors.... Nan, where are you when we need you ☺

Wireless infrastructure is also on schedule, and I'm so impressed with the team setting up these access points. You would never even know they were there, until you notice stronger WiFi popping up across the campus. The entire project is scheduled for completion in February.

Our Science and Engineering team will be meeting with the building designers at the end of the month to discuss the new Science & Engineering design, and what will work best for our students. I can't wait to see the architectural renderings!

Fencing will be going up, which will result in the closure of the cement walkway north of Campus Center. The new path of travel will be the cement walkway next to the Admin building, north of the campus center. You can view the paths of travel on the website at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/abetterbc/construction-maps. Demolition will be occurring from November 15-February 18, however the hard demo with noise disturbances will be completed during Winter Recess. Tamara Baker will be sending out updates to everyone as needed. Check out some photos below of the demo happening in the Campus Center.



Demolition Prep in the Campus Center

The cafeteria is still open during this time, as is a portion of the courtyard. The Panorama Grill is scheduled to close on December 9 when it will move to the Huddle, and the catering kitchen will move across the street to the Mt. Vernon Commissary (formerly Tony's Pizza). Food Services will be up and running for the Spring Semester, with dining areas and food available for purchase in the Huddle, as well as the new Gades Grub food trailer!! The food trailer will provide hot food options while our regular Panorama Grill is shut down for construction. I cannot wait to share this trailer with the campus. Keep an eye out for photos and more information to come!



Last week the red curbing on Haley was extended for construction. The area that was extended is the entrance/exit for construction trucks who will be utilizing that road. The trucks need enough room to turn around, which is why this red curbing was extended. Please be mindful to adhere to the red curb when parking, and please reiterate this to our students. We don't want any injuries or damage to vehicles because they aren't parked properly.

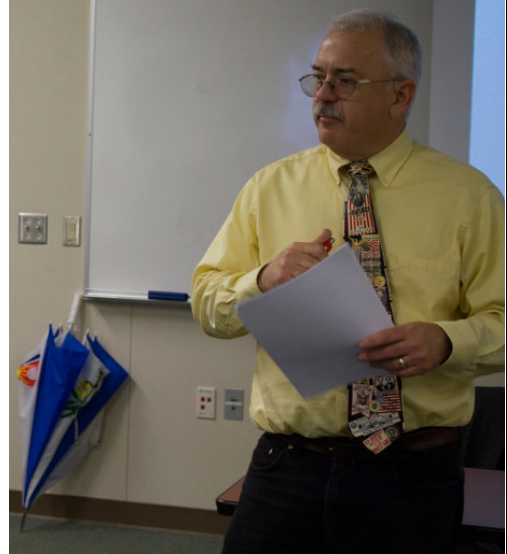
Maintenance & Operations Update

The Delano campus received a new roof on its main building, which is great timing with a hopefully wet winter heading our way. M&O will also be making some upgrades during Winter Recess (carpet, window coverings, etc.) and I'll make sure to share those photos once completed. Thank you M&O team!

The Transformation of Our Students

I received an email a few weeks ago from, Prof. John Giertz who shared that he has recently taught classes at Kern Valley State Prison. His story continued,

“One of my Argumentation students paroled out of the prison at about the same time I was beginning an 8 week argumentation class. Today, Chelsea was waiting for me. We met the student in the hall and it was the first time I really shook his hand and the only time I have been able to give him a hug. This is what this program is about, and I was fortunate to see a former inmate coming back into society. This is what education is all about. To witness a student navigate from one world to another and to be, just a small part of it. This is what all teachers live for. To see your student become involved in your class and to realize that the two of you are walking uncharted territory—together.”



Colleagues, this is why we do what we do. It’s powerful, it’s life-changing, and it’s important.

That’s all for now.
Until next time.....

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,

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