

Renegade Roundup



A Better BC

March 13, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

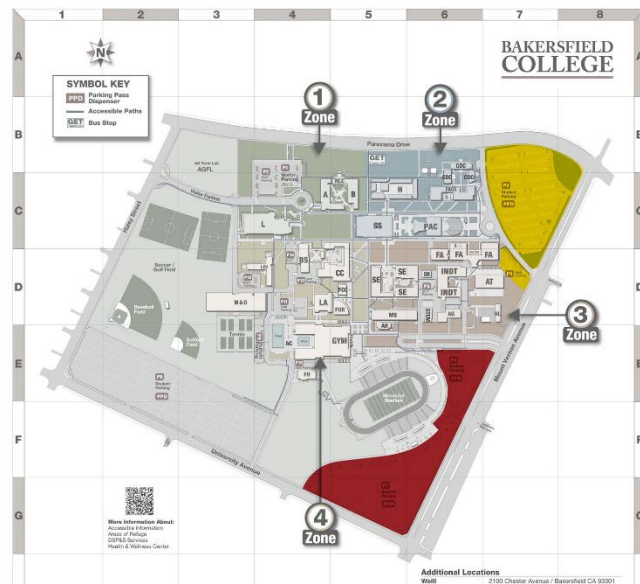
Over the next few years, the Bakersfield College campus will transform with revitalized new facilities and necessary improvements thanks to your support in passing Measure J. With the end-goal in mind, provisional phasing and an accelerated plan for construction continues to evolve. As a starting point on our collaborative path to the future of BC, we are about to break ground on the first set of projects – parking lot improvements.

Starting March 12, 2018

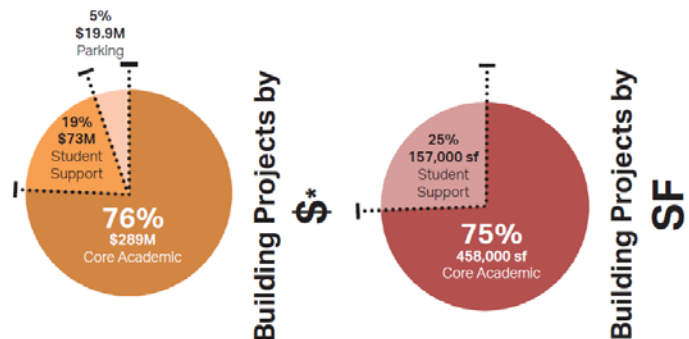
After receiving student and neighborhood feedback, we are improving on-campus parking and have prioritized our largest student lot first. Starting on March 12, the lot surrounding the East and South side of Memorial Stadium will close for the first renovation.

Here is our timeline for the first two phases:

- March 12, 2018 - April 27, 2018
Lots P6 and P7 closed (shown in red)
- April 30, 2018 – May 31, 2018
Lots P3 and P4 closed (shown in yellow)



As you know, construction will be a year-round process and I assure you that every effort is being made to minimize student and neighborhood disruptions while accelerating our timeline to make things happen.



Transforming a Campus

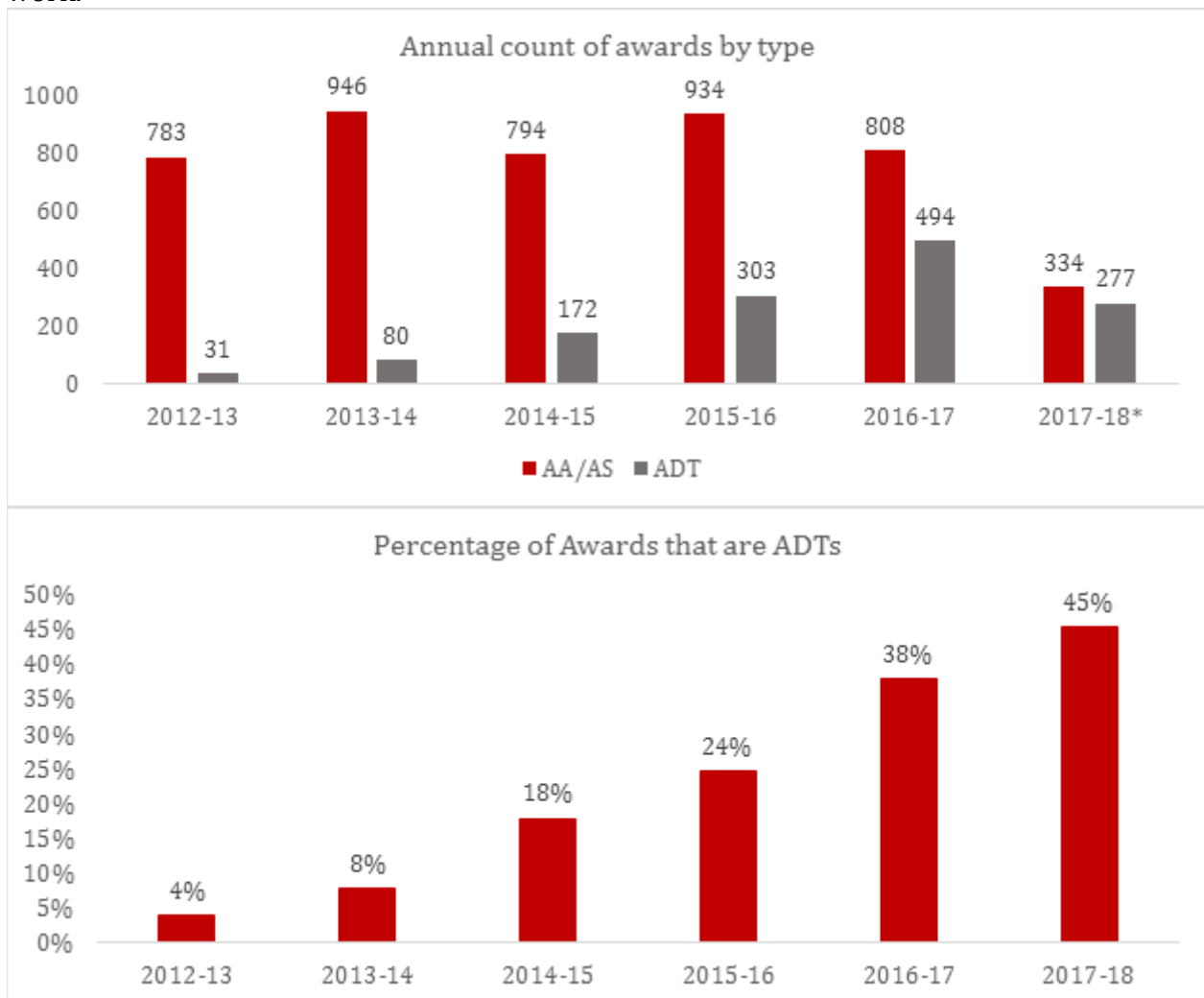
Updating and improving the various facilities and campus locations will keep Bakersfield College on track to continue our tradition of providing students, families, and our community with high quality, affordable education and job training for years to come.

A website is being established at

<https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/abetterbc>, which will provide regular communications and information regarding campus construction.

Trending Student Success

Due to our recent hard work to align courses and programs with the CSU system, an increasing number of students are able to transfer. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness has provided the data showing the growing number of students effected by this incredible work.



Governor's Budget

Governor Brown has made two significant and notable mentions in the 2018-19 budget as it relates to community colleges.

First is a new fully online community college targeting working Californians with no degree or credential, and the second is a new outcomes-focused funding formula. The full budget summary says, *“To provide underserved working students with scheduling flexibility and more accessible learning options, the Budget proposes the creation of a fully online California community college. This community college will create and coordinate accessible, flexible, and high-quality online courses and programs. A critical part of the college’s efforts will be ensuring working students have the support they need to succeed in their programs. Technology-enabled student supports will be shared and scaled at campuses across the system to boost capacity and improve student outcomes.”*

In regards to the funding formula, it acknowledges that an enrollment-only formula fails to capture the comprehensive mission of CCCs and the counter-cyclical nature of college enrollment. The budget summary states the proposed formula incorporates the following core components:

- Base Grants (50% of formula) — District base grants based on FTES enrollment.
- Supplemental Grant (25% of formula) — Supplemental grants based on the number of low-income students that the district enrolls reflecting two factors: (1) enrollment of students who receive a College Promise Grant fee waiver (formerly known as the BOG Waiver) and (2) enrollment of students that receive a Pell Grant.
- Student Success Incentive Grant (25% of formula) — Additional funding for: 1) the number of degrees and certificates granted and 2) the number of students who complete a degree or certificate in 3 years or less, 3) funds for each Associate Degree for Transfer granted by the college.
- Hold Harmless Provision—During the first year of implementation, districts would be held harmless to 2017-18 levels

The full [Governor's Budget Summary is available online](#), but it is clear to see how important the pillars of The Guided Pathways system is to student success and completion. Working hard on student success and support optimizes throughput for our students from the moment they become a Renegade through onboarding and Summer Bridge, to their student support services, academic development, and coaching communities, all the way to receiving their degree or certificate and crossing the commencement stage.

What we do is educate, and what that means for our students is life changing. #WeareBC!

Black History Month at BC

Over the course of the past month, we celebrated Black History with numerous events on campus and in the community. We kicked off with inspirational gospel music at the Campus Center Stage on the first of the month. We welcomed Distinguished Author, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson to campus on Feb. 8th to a packed Indoor Theater with overflow in the Fireside Room and in Delano. Another popular event included the Transformational Policing Open Forum which discussed “bridging the racial divide” with guests Lyle Martin, Chief of BPD; Scott Kimble, Chief of McFarland Police; Ron Seldon, of CA Highway Patrol; Jose Moreno of FBI; and Scott Spielman, District Attorney. Most recently, we welcomed President of CSUB, Dr. Horace Mitchell to campus as he shared his life story and career with BC students.

Special thank you to the AAI Committee including Steve Watkin, Paula Parks, Julian West, Valerie Robinson, Tommy Tunson and more for coordinating and hosting the various events which have enriched our experiences this past month.

Did you know in 1977 actor Ossie Davis, a civil right activist and humanitarian came to Bakersfield College to speak to students, staff, and faculty about higher education and its connection to social change? Odella Johnson recounted the day in an article which has been posted to our website about African American history Month. Odella wrote, “While we recognize, celebrate, and rededicate ourselves individually and collectively as faculty, staff and students of Bakersfield College to become positive change agents who brighten, enlighten, and touch lives, we commemorate Davis, Robinson, Bradford and so many other faculty, staff, and students who have made a difference here. No banners, trumpets, or accolades will be hung, sounded, or exclaimed to honor our gifts and talents: this institution stands as a testament to what we all have contributed.”



[Read more online on our page dedicated to African American History Month.](#)

It is an exciting time to be at BC.

With Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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