

## From the Chancellor's Desk



As we start April

April 2, 2022

KCCD Colleagues:

I hope you didn't miss our March 23<sup>rd</sup> Chancellor's Seminar on The Future of Teaching and Learning. It was part one of a three-part series. Listening to the faculty as they reflected on their experience teaching online through the pandemic was inspiring. They shared the "real" experiences of what they felt, saw, and the empathy they had for our students. The overarching message was, "We are in it together and we'll figure it out."



*Top row left to right: John Giertz (BC), Rebecca Baird (PC), Ethan Hartsell (PC), Bob Simpkins (PC).  
Second row left to right: Ed Kollmeyer (CC), Talita Pruett (BC), Sonya Christian, Todd Coston*

If you missed it, here are links to some of the segments:

[Bob Simpkins Remarks](#) (2:40)

[Panel Question 1](#) (7:15)

[Panel Question 2](#) (7:36)

[Panel Question 3](#) (9:44)

[Panel Question 4](#) (8:46)

[All links and past seminars](#)

Part two of the series will be April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, and will have another group of our outstanding faculty from across the district. This time they will be focusing on Pedagogy, Technology, and Modality and I'm looking forward to another robust conversation.

Please [register for the event](#).

## The Chancellor's Seminar Series:

### Future of Teaching and Learning

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 <p><b>Sonya Christian</b> KCCD Chancellor</p>	 <p><b>Bob Simpkins</b> Professor, Social Science Porterville College</p>	 <p><b>Jaelyn Kessler</b> Professor, Mathematics Cerro Coso Community College</p>	 <p><b>Alex Rockey</b> Instructional Technology Instructor Bakersfield College</p>
	 <p><b>Todd Coston</b> Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Planning &amp; Educational Technology</p>	 <p><b>Karen Oeh</b> Adjunct Anthropology Instructor Cerro Coso Community College</p>	 <p><b>Matt Andrasian-Jones</b> Faculty, Instructional Design Technology Bakersfield College</p>
			 <p><b>Elisa Queenan</b> Professor, Business and Economics Porterville College</p>

April 5, 2022 - 4:00pm



### Region selected for LEAP initiative

The Kern Community College District partnered with the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern on two proposed energy projects, the first on Microgrids, and the second on Carbon Capture and Sequestration. Both were selected to be included in a group of 22 projects across the nation for technical assistance from the US Department of Energy (DOE).

The local coalitions were chosen as part of the DOE's Communities Local Energy Action Program (LEAP), an initiative that provides supportive services valued at up to \$16 million to communities that have an economic dependence on fossil fuel industries and face high exposure to pollution and environmental hazards. The goal of the program is to develop a customized clean energy pathway to increase energy resilience, lower utility costs and create well-paying jobs in communities throughout the nation.

[KCCD LEAPS Announcement 5-min video - March 29, 2022](#)

## Bond Oversight Committee Update

The KCCD Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) met Thursday, March 31st to evaluate progress on KCCD's Measures G and J Capital Bond programs and also reviewed each program's annual Financial and Performance Audit reports.

Here are the members of the Committee: Matthew Anderson, Jesse Frederick, Diane Foucher, Rob Goff, Steve Murray, Gregory King, Paula De La Riva-Barrera (Chair).



I enjoyed Randy Rowles' update on the work related to Measure G and J and thought you might enjoy some highlights:

Measure G, passed by local voters in 2002, is nearly complete with nearly \$201 Million expended or under contract. Measure J was a \$502 Million bond approved by KCCD voters in 2016. Measure J has a very ambitious project schedule to bring critically needed facilities to each campus. Currently Measure J has completed 34 projects with another 31 projects in the construction or design phases totaling over \$265 Million. Photographs of projects at every college were shared with the BOC and they had great interest in several including Bakersfield College's future Agriculture Building, Cerro Coso Community College's Outdoor Physical Education Complex, and Porterville College's new Allied Health Building which just broke ground in February.

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That's all I have for now.

For more updates from our KCCD colleges, sign up for my blog at <https://sonyachristianblog.com/>

The future remains bright at KCCD.

With much warmth and collegiality

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