

From the Chancellor's Desk



Upcoming Events and Updates

February 26, 2023

Dear Colleagues:

Over the last year the Academic Senate Presidents and College Presidents have worked together to frame our work on pillar 4 of Guided Pathways - Ensure Learning. Our approach has been to strongly emphasize our teaching and learning practices. The Presidents of the three colleges have included a section on Ensure Learning in this year's State of the College

[Cerro Coso State of the College](#)
[Porterville College State of the College](#)
[Bakersfield College State of the College](#)

In our continued efforts to focus on the Ensure Learning pillar, I encourage you to participate in two upcoming events related to teaching and learning.

Chancellor's Seminar

Fueling Faculty Fires for Learning: How Side Projects Impact the Classroom Experience

February 28th, 4-5 p.m.

Many faculty engage in personal projects and interests that may or may not relate to their discipline subject matter, but nonetheless have an impact on their perspective toward their subject, their approach to classroom instruction, and their interactions with students. In this Chancellor's Seminar, there will be highlights of the activities of some faculty districtwide and we will hear them share their stories about their interests, how these interests have affected their approach to instruction, and the responses from students. Please register and join us for this exciting discussion!

The Chancellor's Seminar Series

Fueling Faculty Fires for Learning: How Side Projects Impact the Classroom Experience



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February 28, 2023 - 4:00pm



Teaching and Learning Exchange Festival

This event is open to all KCCD educators, including faculty, classified staff, and educational administrators with an interest in sharing their educational experiences and insights, building connections with others across the district, and collectively imagining the future of teaching and learning for students in the Kern Community College District. TALE FEST is an in-person only event and will be held in the Bakersfield College Campus Center Event Center, 3rd floor.

Have you heard the news?
TALE FEST is gonna rock away ALL your blues!

The Teaching-and-Learning Exchange Festival

Friday, April 14th 2023
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bakersfield College
Conference Center - East Side

For all Kern CCD Educators
Food and drink provided
No cost to participate
Space is limited*

Sponsored by the Kern CCD
Chancellor's Office and the
Office of Educational Services

Come with stories, leave with inspiration

TALE FEST 2023

*Bring your own Elvis

Our special guest for the event is Susan D. Blum, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Notre Dame, and author of books including UNgrading: Why Rating Students Undermines Learning (and What to Do Instead), "I Love Learning; I Hate School": An Anthropology of College, and My Word! Plagiarism and College Culture. Professor Blum will share an opening talk and facilitate discussions during the event on topics relating to the future of teaching and learning.

Food and drink will be provided, along with some surprises for participants.

All interested KCCD employees can sign up for the event via Eventbrite at the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-teaching-and-learning-exchange-festival-tale-fest-tickets-525870301227>.

A New State Chancellor

It's been an eventful week for me. On Thursday, Feb 23rd, I was selected by the Board of Governors to serve as the Chancellor for California community colleges. None of this would have been possible without the support of my KCCD colleagues and the work you have done to support our students.

I was moved by the remarks several members of our Kern CCD team made to the Board of Governors. I particularly wanted to recognize Kern CCD Board of Trustees President Romeo Agbalog:



“You have a roadmap for success. Chancellor Christian has the recipe to make it happen. What will make it taste good is that she will implement with care, with compassion, and with love. Congratulations, Dr. Christian; congratulations to the entire California Community College system. We all win today.”

Keep up with the happenings at KCCD by signing up for the weekly blog posts at <https://sonyachristianblog.com/>

The future remains bright at KCCD!

With much warmth and collegiality.

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