



Chancellor's Update

January 10, 2024

Colleagues,

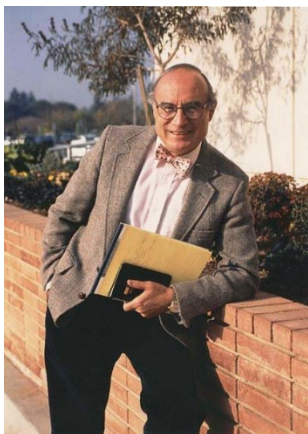
Welcome back from your Winter Break! I hope you stayed well and had some time to re-charge and enjoy time with your family.

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe it's 2024 and that it's been over 20 years since we dealt with the Y2K fiasco. I suppose there may be some in this audience that aren't old enough to know what I'm talking about. I'm looking forward to a great semester and the opportunity to hand over the reigns to our new chancellor. As indicated by the previous announcement, Dr. Bloomberg will begin his contract as the new chancellor on March 1, 2024.

Jack Hernandez Phronesis Award

I wanted to take a brief minute to remind you about the Jack Hernandez Phronesis Award. The Kern Community College District invites nominations for its third annual, 2024, District-wide [Jack Hernandez Phronesis Award](#).

Phronesis is the Greek word for "practical wisdom": the practical application of one's intellectual virtues. This distinguished award thus honors District Employees who have done an exemplary job of applying their scholarly training and skills beyond the classroom, beyond their college campus, in their community, for the betterment of society.



Nominees for the Jack Hernandez Phronesis Award must have worked full-time for the Kern Community College District for a minimum of 10 years, and they must have steadfastly shared their scholastic talents with their community at large.

To nominate someone, please provide: their Name, Department, and College Campus; their current CV; and a 300-500-word statement outlining the specific ways in which they have used their academic training to benefit their community. Nominations should be submitted by 5:00pm on Thursday, February 15, 2024 to ChancellorOffice@kccd.edu.

The recipient of the Jack Hernandez Phronesis Award will be the guest of honor, and the keynote address, at an elegant dinner in the Fall of 2024. The recipient will also receive a \$1,500 honorarium. The committee looks forward to receiving your nominations!

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Burke
Chancellor Emeritus and Interim Chancellor

