



MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

December 11, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

For my final newsletter for 2024 I wanted to share some important updates along with providing some informational items.

IMPORTANT: Kern CCD Board Meeting Date Changes

The December 12, 2024 Regular Board meeting has been rescheduled to **December 19, 2024**. The January 23, 2025 Board Retreat has been rescheduled to **January 30, 2025**.

Trustee Romeo Agbalog has retired from the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Kern CCD community, I would like to recognize Trustee Agbalog for his dedicated service as a member of the Kern CCD Board of Trustees. His efforts in championing Dual Enrollment programs have created lasting opportunities for countless students, including those striving to bridge the gap between high school and higher education. His passion for empowering young minds reflects his lifelong commitment to supporting pathways to success, whether through education or his extensive leadership within our rural communities.



As he transitions from his role on the board, we wish him continued success in his work. His dedication to advocacy, efficient governance, and fostering growth has left a meaningful impact not only on our educational institutions but also on the broader Kern County community. Thank you Trustee Agbalog for your remarkable contributions and steadfast commitment to public service.

Fall Supervisory Leadership Institute Cohort Graduation

This fall, we launched the Fall Supervisory Leadership Institute, a professional development program designed for managers who oversee teams across our district. Throughout the semester, participants engaged in comprehensive training on a range of leadership topics, including strategies for effective leadership, understanding a multi-generational workforce, conducting performance evaluations, and navigating employee contracts among other topics.



The graduation ceremony for the inaugural cohort took place on Wednesday, December 4th, at the Kern County Museum, celebrating the achievements of these dedicated professionals.

Congratulations to the graduates of our first cohort on this significant milestone in their leadership journey! We are excited to announce that the Spring cohort will commence their training on January 22nd.

Borel Fire Gift Card Distribution Event

On November 25th, a small group of participants from the Supervisory Leadership Institute traveled to Lake Isabella to collaborate with United Way and Catholic Charities. The initiative aimed to distribute essential items, including warm gloves, hats, socks, grocery and gas gift cards, pies, and hygiene kits, to those in need.

Thanks to combined contributions from our team and other organizations. Nearly all items were distributed within just a few hours. Despite the rainy weather, the community's response was overwhelmingly positive, and the team found the experience both rewarding and enjoyable. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this effort a success. Your generosity made a significant impact!



Bloomberg Briefing

The next Bloomberg Briefing will be January 29, 2025 at 3pm. This session will be a Question and Answer period with the Chancellor and our three college Presidents.



Registration **not** required. Link to webinar: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/89130164521>

Christmas Message

As the year draws to a close and we prepare for the upcoming Winter Break, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your dedication and hard work throughout this past year. Together, we've overcome challenges, celebrated achievements, and, most importantly, made a profound impact on the lives of our students and our community. Your commitment to our mission of education and empowerment does not go unnoticed. Whether you've been teaching, supporting our students, maintaining our facilities, or contributing in countless other ways, your efforts are the foundation of our collective success.

The Winter Break is an opportunity to step away from our daily responsibilities and focus on what matters most: our families, loved ones, and personal well-being. I encourage you to use this

time to rest, recharge, and create joyful memories with those closest to you.

As we look ahead to a new year filled with possibilities, I am excited about what we will accomplish together. For now, however, let's take this well-deserved pause to reflect on our successes and cherish the moments that bring us joy.

Thank you for being an integral part of this extraordinary community. I wish you and your loved ones a safe, peaceful, and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Bloomberg
Chancellor

