BC Awarded $100,000 for “Energizing Humanities in California's San Joaquin Valley”

BC has been awarded $100,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to complete a three year project titled, “Energizing Humanities in California’s San Joaquin Valley.” Complementing the local legacy of energy production, Energizing Humanities in California’s San Joaquin Valley examines the concept of energy broadly from historical and literary perspectives, as well as the intersection of humanities with music/performing arts. The three leading faculty involved with this project are Oliver Rosales, History; Andrew Bond, English; and Josh Ottum, Music.

Enrollment Update

Fall 2017 enrollments are looking very strong. Bakersfield College has 417 FTES this fall compared to last fall, an increase of 6.5%.

However, our productivity ratio has gone down from 15.7 FTES/FTEF. The district as a whole is at a 5.8% FTES growth this fall compared to last fall. I want to thank each and every one of you for your commitment in meeting the needs of our community.

BC Athletics - The Knight Club

Bakersfield media and Renegade fans alike were offered two distinct surprises at Tuesday’s Football Media Day.

BC Athletics announced a first ever VIP Gameday experience called “The Knight Club” which is a way for Renegade fans to support all 20 Renegade athletic teams and athletes while receiving unique benefits such as complementary parking, hospitality, vouchers, and more.

Information on joining The Knight Club is available at www.gogades.com.
In the fall of 2016, Bakersfield College hired 520 student employees. Of those students, 179 (34%) were returning employees and 341 (65%) were new hires. The average GPA for student employees in fall 16 was 2.91. In order to gain perspective into the students’ experience as employees of the college, a survey was deployed, followed by a focus group. Student focus groups were conducted and below are a few quotes:

“My job gave me many opportunities to get involved. It has forced me out of my comfort zone to being seen in the public eye” (Focus group, Student B).

“I would recommend campus employment [to others]. Other places don’t care about school work as BC does. I learned a lot, this is my first job and helping others in this job makes me feel good about myself. It offers the opportunity to interact with faculty and staff on a personal level” (Focus group, student D).

Overall, students claimed that campus employment helped them to maintain oral, written, and critical thinking skills while also developing a sense of identity and commitment to the campus. One student identified that their current position is their first job (student D) and they have learned to grow professionally while also engaging with their role as a student.

Completion Coaches

Over the past few months, we have had two great summer institutes for faculty and it has helped us advance the guided pathways work by developing coaching communities around ten meta majors and eight affinity groups. They are:

**Meta Major Completion Communities:** (1.) Arts and Humanities, (2.) Social & Behavioral Sciences, (3.) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, (4.) Health Sciences, (5.) Industrial & Transportation Technology, (6.) Public Safety, (7.) Business, (8.) Agriculture, Nutrition, and Culinary Arts, (9.) Education, and (10.) Personal & Career Exploration.

**Affinity Completion Communities:** (1.) African American Initiatives, (2.) DREAMERs, (3.) Foster Youth, (4.) Veterans, (5.) Athletes, (6.) EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs, (7.) DSPS, and (8.) The Kern Promise.

Save the Date

For Fall 2017 Opening Day

Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 8:00AM

Edward Simonsen Indoor Theater