Enrollment Update

The Jan. 30th report shows that headcount for Spring 2019 is up. BC’s headcount has increased to a total number of 20,89, while FTES has increased by 179 (2.6%).

Campus Center Groundbreaking

Last month, Bakersfield College hosted a groundbreaking to celebrate the construction commencing at the location of the future Campus Center/ABC Building. With the support of our community in Measure J, which passed in 2016, the planned student centered facility will include three levels of focused space to house various Renegade student services and administrative offices centrally located on campus.

BC’s Director of Student Life, Dr. Nicky Damania, emceed the event alongside a lineup of previous BC's Student Government leaders and past presidents including Alex Dominguez, 14-15 BCSGA President; Clayton Fowler, 15-16 BCSGA President; Rayven Acosta-Webb, 17-18 KCCD Student Trustee; Dezi Von Manos, 17-18 BCSGA President; and current BCSGA President, Ashley Harp.

Thank you to Trustees Kay Meek, Romeo Agbalog, Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, and retired Trustee Bill Thomas for attending the celebration.

Join Us at These Renegade Events

A Culture of Power
A Levan Center Presentation
Feb. 14, 2019 at 7:00PM
Levan Center

BC Women’s Basketball vs. West LA
Feb. 16, 2019 at 5:00PM
Gymnasium

US Army STEM Truck
Feb. 19, 2019 at 9:00AM
Renegade Food Court

BC Women’s Tennis vs. Canyons
Feb. 21, 2019 at 2:00PM
Indoor Theater

Harlem and Beyond
Presents Dr. James Chaffers
Feb. 22, 2019 at 8:00AM
Indoor Theater

BC Men’s Baseball vs. LA Valley
Feb. 23, 2019 at 12:00PM
Gerry Collis Field

BCSGA Power Luncheon
with Mayor Karen Goh
Feb. 25, 2019 at 11:00AM
Levan Center

Juvenile Justice Employer Panel
Feb. 27, 2019 at 1:00PM
Forum 102

Distinguished Speaker Series
Presents Clemantine Wamariya
Feb. 28, 2019 at 10:00AM
Levan Center

These events and more can be found online at bakersfieldcollege.edu and GoGades.com
Bakersfield College has been offering online courses for over 20 years, but this semester BC is offering 262 online sections and 53 hybrid sections. This is an increase of over 50 percent from Spring 2018.

This semester marked the first time that the College has topped 11,000 online seats, briefly crossing 10,000 enrollments during the first week of classes. Even with this tremendous growth in sections, online courses are at 92 percent of capacity. As the college grows to meet student demand, our focus will remain on quality courses and strong student support, to ensure success and completion for all of our students.

Accreditation Reaffirmed for 7 Years

On January 25, ACCJC marked the completion of the customary and comprehensive review of BC with a positive reaffirmation for the next seven years.

The College has earned three Commendations:

- Exceptional leadership and active engagement to advance student learning and achievement
- Proactive outreach and support of its students in the rural portions of its service area, including the communities of McFarland, Arvin, Wasco, Shafter, and Delano
- Exemplary and multifaceted professional development initiatives to lift all members of the BC Community through shared and inclusive learning.

The one District Commendation earned commends the Kern Community College District for its establishment of fiscal stability and financial transparency.

Bakersfield College received zero recommendations for compliance and zero recommendations for improvement, a rare feat in higher education. The full accreditation report for Bakersfield College is available to the public and is posted on the institutional webpage.

Automotive Tech Receives Master Level Accreditation Status

For the first time in BC’s history, the Automotive Technology program has been awarded Master Automobile Service Technology Accreditation, which is the highest level recognized by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). This achievement is due to the unique foresight of BC’s committed faculty working in partnership with local industry to bolster the program. Local dealerships, businesses, and commercial vendors participate in the advisory committee, donate equipment, and share their expertise which makes BC’s program one of the strongest in the country.

Students Aim to Transfer to HBCU’s

BC’s Umoja Community partnered HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) to inform students about their transfer opportunities. Students heard from a panel of community members who attended an HBCU about why they attended and what they gained from the experience. Student support communities, like Umoja, continue to inspire students to successfully complete their education and reach their goals.

Photo: Chancellor Kathleen Burke stands at the formal Exit Report in Oct. 2018