Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series

Second in series of six takes place on October 12th

Bakersfield, CA – The Bakersfield College Distinguished Speaker Series brings community leaders from around the world to Bakersfield, whose achievements have had national and/or international significance, to speak at Bakersfield College. The first series will include six speakers, each will host their own program. The events will take place throughout the remainder of the year and early 2018.

Second Speaker of the Series
The second speaker of the series, Ignacio Garcia, will demonstrate his program on Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Edward Simonsen Indoor Theatre. Ignacio Garcia, a Professor of Western & Latino history at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, will be addressing the tension of navigating the two seemingly contradictory socials groups of Chicano and Mormon. Professor Garcia recounts how his faith, acquired as a member of a Spanish-speaking Mormon congregation in the west side barrio of San Antonio, formed the basis for a lifetime of social activism and academic scholarship. His presentation “Becoming Brown in America: Octavio Romano, El Grito, the Chicano Movement & Me” focuses on why and how Mexican American youth in the 1960s became brown and Chicano and went into activism and the academy.

The Remainder of Speakers throughout the Series
The Distinguished Speak Series consists of six speakers from around the world that will come to Bakersfield College to discuss the significance of achievements. Following Ignacio Garcia, these speakers will be arriving at Bakersfield College on the following dates:

- Elizabeth Perez-Halperin – Wednesday, November 8th, 2017
- Michael Eric Dyson – Thursday, February 1st, 2018
- Anita Hill – Thursday, March 8th, 2018
- Lydia Otero – Thursday, March 22nd, 2018
- Kerem Sanga – April 12th, 2018
- Jim Ryun – Friday, May 18th & Saturday May 19th, 2018

Descriptions of the programs of each speaker, including the time and location, will be released as the events approach. For more information, please visit www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents.edu.

Bakersfield College offers a rigorous and supportive learning environment that fosters students’ abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills in order to engage productively in their communities and the world, while simultaneously contributing to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the communities it serves.

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