Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series
Seventh in series of nine takes place on February 6, 2020

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. This series will include nine speakers, each will host their own program. The events took place throughout 2019 and will continue through early 2020.

When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir
The seventh speaker of the series, Patrisse Khan-Cullors, will present her program on Thursday, February 6th at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 7:00 PM at the Panorama Campus. The first two programs with take place in the Levan Center, while the 7:00 PM program will be held in the Indoor Theatre. In addition, the 2:00 PM program will be livecasted to the Delano campus.

Khan-Cullors’ story asks us to remember that protest in the interest of the most vulnerable comes from love. Leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement have been called terrorists, a threat to America. But in truth, they are loving women whose life experiences have led them to seek justice for those victimized by the powerful. In this meaningful, empowering account of survival, strength, and resilience, Khan-Cullors and Bandele seek to change the culture that declares innocent black life expendable.

In 2013, Patrisse Khan-Cullors co-founded the global movement with the viral twitter hashtag #BlackLivesMatter which has since grown to an international organization with dozens of chapters around the world fighting anti-Black racism. She’s received many awards for activism and movement building, including being named by the Los Angeles Times as a Civil Rights Leader for the 21st Century.

The Remainder of Speakers throughout the Series
The Distinguished Speaker Series consists of nine speakers from around the world that will come to Bakersfield College to discuss the significance of achievements. The schedule of remaining speakers is listed on the following page.

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Following Patrisse Khan-Cullors, these speakers will be arriving at Bakersfield College on the following dates:

- Elaine Weiss, *The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* – Thursday, March 19, 2020
- Dr. Tony B. Iton, *Building Healthy Communities* – Thursday, April 2, 2020

For more information, please visit [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents/dss](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents/dss).

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