Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series – Temple Grandin

Seventh in series of nine takes place on February 12th, 2019

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 includes nine speakers, each will host their own program. The remainder of the events will take place throughout the next few months.

Temple Grandin

The seventh speaker of the series, Temple Grandin, will present her programs on Tuesday, February 12th at Bakersfield College. Grandin is the prominent author and speaker on both autism and animal behavior. Today she is a professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. She also has a successful career consulting on both livestock handling equipment design and animal welfare. She is a past member of the board of directors of the Autism Society of America. Articles about Dr. Grandin have appeared in Time Magazine, New York Times, Discover Magazine, Forbes and USA Today. HBO made an Emmy Award winning movie about her life and she was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2016.

Thinking in Pictures, Expanded Edition: My Life with Autism

Writing from the dual perspectives of a scientist and an autistic person, she tells us how that country is experienced by its inhabitants and how she managed to breach its boundaries to function in the outside world. This program will take place on February 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Levan Center on Bakersfield College’s main campus. In addition, the 2:00 p.m. program will be livecasted to the Delano campus.

Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior

Among its provocative ideas, the book, Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior, argues that language is not a requirement for consciousness and that animals do have consciousness applies the autism theory of "hyper-specificity" to animals. This program will take place on February 12, 2019 at 4 p.m. in the Renegade Park on Bakersfield College’s main campus.

Animals Make Us Human: Creating the Best Life for Animals

Drawing on the latest research and her own work, Grandin identifies the core emotional needs of animals. This program will take place on February 12, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Indoor Theatre on Bakersfield College’s main campus.

All programs are open to the public. For more information on this event and programs, please visit https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/event/distinguished-speaker-temple-grandin-phd-10am.

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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 below.

Following Temple Grandin, these speakers will be arriving at Bakersfield College on the following dates:

- Eric Schlosser, *From Fast Food Nation to Command and Control* – Thursday, April 4, 2018

For descriptions of the programs of each speaker, including the time and location, please visit [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents/dss](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents/dss).

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