BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE LIBRARIAN NAMED AS RECIPIENT OF ACRL CJCLS EBSCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEARNING RESOURCES PROGRAM AWARD

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) has named Bakersfield College librarian, Laura Luiz as the recipient of the 2019 Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS) EBSCO Community College Learning Resources Program Award as a recognition of her efforts to increase student engagement in the 2018 midterm elections with the Get Out the BC Vote program.

In October, ahead of the 2018 midterm election, the Get Out the BC Vote program was a multifaceted program which addressed voter registration, a breakdown of understanding the ballot, and encouraging students to become informed voters. The program took place throughout BC campuses in both Bakersfield and Delano with workshops and guest speakers discussing topics such as fake news and news literacy. Luiz also created a LibGuide (available at http://bakersfieldcollege.libguides.com/GetOutBCVote2018) for faculty and students to use prior to the midterm elections. Get Out the BC Vote will continue and be expanded for the 2020 election.

The $750 award and plaque, recognizing significant achievement in community college programs, will be presented to Luiz at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. Luiz received her B.A. from California State University-Fresno and her M.L.I.S. from San Jose State University.

For information regarding the ACRL CJCLS EBSCO Community College Learning Resources Award along with a list of past award recipients, please visit http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards/achievementawards/learningresourcesaward

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