BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE REMEMBERS BETTY YOUNGER

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. - Bakersfield College (BC) was saddened to hear of former Bakersfield College Renegade and local artist Betty Younger’s passing this week at the age of 88. Mrs. Younger and her husband Milt Younger were strong supporters of Bakersfield College and even created and donated the sculpture “Circle of Friends” that stands on campus near the Grace Van Dyke Library. The sculpture was given to BC in honor of Jim Young, Kern Community College District Chancellor from 1978-1999.

Mrs. Younger attended BC and recalled that Grace Bird purchased one of her paintings. Her aunt, Hattie Hoenshell, was a chemistry teacher at Bakersfield Junior College in the days before women were prevalent in the workforce, especially the sciences.

“She will be missed by Bakersfield College and the greater community, but her art and her influence will remain,” said BC President, Sonya Christian. “She will always be a friend of the Renegades.”

Bakersfield College provides opportunities for students from diverse economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds to attain Associate and Baccalaureate degrees and certificates, workplace skills, and preparation for transfer. Our rigorous and supportive learning environment fosters students’ abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills in order to engage productively in their communities and the world.

Photos on following page include:
(1) KCCD Chancellor Sandra Serrano, Jim Young, Milt Younger, Better Younger, and BC President Sonya Christian
(2) Art sculpture titled “Circle of Friends” on the BC Panorama Drive campus
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