BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL JESS NIETO MEMORIAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 – Thursday, April 25, 2019

Bakersfield College will host the 3-day Jess Nieto Memorial Conference for Chicano Studies on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 through Thursday, April 25, 2019. Programming for the first and third days will take place at the Levan Center, while the second day of the conference will be in Forum 101. The conference recognizes the life and service of Dr. Jesus "Jess" Gilberto Nieto to Bakersfield College and the community. Dr. Nieto was one of the first Chicano faculty members at Bakersfield College and a pioneer of the College’s Chicano Studies curriculum.

Octavio Barajas, Adjunct Faculty of History and MEChA Faculty Advisor at Bakersfield College said, "We are overjoyed about the positive response to this event. This year, we have extended the conference to three days to reflect and accommodate the interest from both the public and BC students. The planning team is grateful for the tremendous support for the Nieto Memorial Conference for Chicano Studies".

The event is free and open to the general public. RSVP’s are appreciated and can be submitted at https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/dreamers/jess-nieto-memorial-conference-registration.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- **4/23:** Chicano Art Exhibit featuring Professor Diego Monterrubio and BC’s advanced Art students Belinda Lopez Rickett and Jorge Guillen.
- **4/23:** Special Musical Performance by the Bakersfield College Jazz Ensemble and acclaimed Latin Jazz musician and BC alumnus, Louie Cruz-Beltran at 5:30PM
- **4/23:** Keynote Speaker, Sean Arce, Ph.D. XITO: Xicanx Institute for Teaching and Organizing at 6:30PM
- **4/24:** Film Screening of The Rise and Fall of the Brown Buffalo at 6:00PM
- **4/25:** Student Prize Winning Presentations of the Norman Levan Hispanic and Native American Culture Award at 6:00PM

NOTE: Conference activities take place in various campus locations on different dates. Please check the Bakersfield College website for location and the full day agenda.