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**Bakersfield College’s Arvin Information Meeting**

*Expanding Educational Access in Arvin*

**Tuesday, May 21; 5:00pm – 6:30pm**

**Event:** Bakersfield College’s Arvin Information Meeting  
**Date:** May 21, 2019  
**Time:** 5:00pm – 6:30pm  
**Where:** Arvin High School Auditorium, 900 Varsity Road, Arvin  
**Audience:** Open to the Public

Bakersfield College will be holding an informational meeting at Arvin high school on Tuesday, May 21st from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Attendees will learn about the new Early College partnership between Bakersfield College and Arvin high, as well as a report on the proposed BC campus in Arvin. The campus will be built utilizing funds from Measure J, the voter approved $502.8 million dollar bond that was passed in November 2016.

The Early College program was unveiled earlier this year in McFarland, and is expanding to Arvin. Early College is an innovative strategy that gives Kern County high school students an opportunity to earn an associate degree or certificate while in high school.

At present, Bakersfield College does not have a dedicated building in the city of Arvin. While the College’s partnership with the local Arvin High School has been successful and beneficial to the community, the next major step forward is the establishment of a rural campus in Arvin.

“Bakersfield College is committed to expanding local access for students and the community in Kern County’s rural locations,” said Bakersfield College’s Delano Campus Executive Director Abel Guzman. “Bakersfield College remains focused on the strategic goal of bringing higher education and increased access into the community of Arvin. Both the Early College program and the new location will empower students by providing local, high-quality education, which can transform lives and this community,” he added.

The event is open to the public, and Bakersfield College is excited to share information on its commitment to expanding access to education in the city of Arvin.

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.

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