## EVENT NOTIFICATION: BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE ANNUAL COLLEGE GATHERING

Bakersfield College will host a full-day college gathering for faculty and staff on Thursday, August 22, 2019. For this one day only, campus will be closed to students and the general public.

In addition to President Sonya Christian’s annual State of the College address, various community leaders will speak on BC’s initiatives. Contributing to the conversation on Early College and high school students earning college credit, BC welcomes Senator Jean Fuller to moderate a panel discussion with:
- Barbara Grimm, founder and CEO of Grimm Family Education
- David Franz, Education Partnership Director, Shafter Learning Center
- Aaron Resendez, Superintendent of McFarland Unified School District

BC’s Director of Community Relations, Norma Rojas-Mora will moderate a panel focused on community health equity with local healthcare leaders and professionals including:
- Sharlet Briggs, President and CEO of Adventist Health
- Ken Keller, President and CEO of Memorial Hospital
- Dr. Jeet Singh, Cardiology Specialist

The full program will begin at 9:00AM in BC’s Indoor Theater on the Panorama campus (1801 Panorama Drive). **Approximate start times for some of the signature sessions:**
- 9:00 AM: President’s preliminary remarks
- 9:45AM: Panel on Early College and high school Students earning college credit
- 10:55 AM: Panel on health equity and community engagement
- 2:30 PM: President Christians message to the campus in light of the recent mass shootings in Gilroy, El Paso, and Dayton.

Bakersfield College's fall semester will officially begin August 24, 2019 with a majority of classes beginning Monday, August 26, 2019.

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*NOTE: 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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