The Bakersfield College Distinguished Speaker Series brings community leaders from around the world to Bakersfield, whose achievements have had national and/or international significance, to speak at Bakersfield College. This series will include nine speakers, each will host their own program. The events will take place throughout the remainder of the year and early 2020.

The Gift of Anger and Other Lessons from My Grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi
The second speaker of the series, Arun Gandhi, will present his program on Monday, September 30th at 11:00 a.m. in the RFK Auditorium, located on the Delano campus. Born in 1934 in Durban, South Africa, Gandhi is the fifth grandson of India’s legendary leader, Mohandas K. “Mahatma” Gandhi. Growing up under the discriminatory apartheid laws of South Africa, he sought eye-for-an-eye justice. However, he learned from his parents and grandparents that justice does not mean revenge, it means transforming the opponent through love and suffering.

In his program, Gandhi will discuss the real potential with anger and how it is best to respond by channeling this powerful energy to motivate ourselves toward positive and constructive action. Discover vital and extraordinary life lessons from one of the most important and influential philosophers and peace activists of the twentieth century—Mahatma Gandhi—in this poignant and timely exploration of the true path from anger to peace. The ten vital life lessons strike a universal chord about self-discovery, identity, dealing with anger, depression, loneliness, friendship, and family—perfect for anyone searching for a way to affecting healing change in a fractured world. In the current troubled climate, in our country, and in the world, these lessons are needed more than ever before.

The Remainder of Speakers throughout the Series
The Distinguished Speak Series consists of nine speakers from around the world that will come to Bakersfield College to discuss the significance of achievements. The schedule of remaining speakers is listed on the following page.

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Following Arun Gandhi, these speakers will be arriving at Bakersfield College on the following dates:

- Erin Gruwell, *The Freedom Writers Diary* – Wednesday, October 2, 2019
- Dr. Paula Green, *Peacebuilding in Divided Communities* – Wednesday, October 23, 2019
- Samuel H. Sternberg, *Crack in Creation: Gene Editing and the Unthinkable Power to Control Evolution* – Thursday, October 24, 2019
- Jason Beardsley, *An Apotheosis of America* – Thursday, November 7, 2019
- Patrisse Khan-Cullors, *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* – Thursday, February 6, 2020
- Elaine Weiss, *The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* – Thursday, March 19, 2020
- Dr. Tony B. Iton, *Building Healthy Communities* – Thursday, April 2, 2020

For more information, please visit [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents/dss](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents/dss).

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