Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series

Second in series of nine takes place on October 9th

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 2019.

On Immigration and Journalism
The second speaker of the series, Sonia Nazario, will present her program on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Levan Center. Nazario, who grew up in Kansas and in Argentina, has written extensively from Latin America and about Latinos in the United States. She has been named among the most influential Latinos by Hispanic Business Magazine and a “trendsetter” by Hispanic Magazine. In 2012, Columbia Journalism Review named Nazario among “40 women who changed the media business in the past 40.” Nazario is a fluent Spanish speaker of Jewish ancestry whose personal history includes living in Argentina during the so-called dirty war, she is a passionate and dynamic speaker.

The presentation is a casual conversation between the founder of Studiotobe, Joaquin Alvarado, and Sonia Nazario, an award-winning journalist whose stories have tackled some of this country’s most intractable problems: hunger, drug addiction, immigration. Nazario spent 20 years reporting and writing about social issues for U.S. newspapers. She is best known for Enrique’s Journey, her story of a Honduran boy’s struggle to find his mother. Enrique’s Journey recounts the unforgettable quest of a Honduran boy looking for his mother, eleven years after she is forced to leave her starving family to find work in the United States.

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.
Event: Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series
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Following Sonia Nazario, these speakers will be arriving at Bakersfield College on the following dates:

- Christina Sommers, *Who Stole Feminism? How Women Have Betrayed Women* – Thursday, October 11, 2018
- Dashka Slater, *The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives* – Wednesday, October 24, 2018
- Oz Sanchez, *Know No Limits: The Gold Medalist in Us All* – Thursday, November 8, 2018
- Carol M. Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African American in Congress* – Thursday, February 7, 2019
- Eric Schlosser, *From Fast Food Nation to Command and Control* – Thursday, April 4, 2018

Descriptions of the programs of each speaker, including the time and location, will be released as the events approach. For more information, please visit [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents/dss](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents/dss).

*Bakersfield College offers a rigorous and supportive learning environment that fosters students’ abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills in order to engage productively in their communities and the world, while simultaneously contributing to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the communities it serves.*

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