Bakersfield College Hosting Groundbreaking of the Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center

Monday, November 5 10:00am-11:00am
The first Measure J funded project to break ground

Bakersfield College is hosting a groundbreaking for the future home of the Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center on the Panorama Campus at 10:00AM on November 5, 2018. The Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center (Cement Area Near Forums, near the Assessment Center and Campus Center) is the first building construction project breaking ground thanks to the funding of Measure J, the voter approved $502.8 million dollar bond passed in November 2016. The groundbreaking will take place as part of the college’s Vet Week 2018, a week to celebrate, honor, and show appreciation to all current and past members of the Armed Forces.

“I am extremely pleased that the first Measure J building scheduled to be completed is our Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center. Bakersfield College has always supported our veterans, and this new center is a perfect example of how much we value them,” said Kern Community College District Board President Kay Meek. “Bakersfield College is an institution of higher learning for the training of veterans and veterans’ dependents seeking to further their education. This new Veterans Resource Center will help strengthen the sense of belonging that we want all of our veterans to feel,” she added.

“It is appropriate that the first major project of Measure J is the Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center. This facility will allow for veterans to have the kind of support structures and assistance that they need to have a successful college experience,” said Kern Community College District Trustee Bill Thomas. “Not only is the project an investment in Bakersfield College, but also in our local veterans. When Measure J was first proposed, it was developed from a list of needs, not wants. This new Veteran’s Resource Center is a reflection of our need,” he added.

Bakersfield College honors and supports the sacrifices of those who have served in our Nation’s military and is an approved institution of higher learning for the training of veterans and dependents of veterans who are entitled to educational assistance. The Veterans Club provides information, service, and fellowship for all student Veterans.

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