BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE RECOGNIZED BY LOCAL LEADERS FOR OUTSTANDING CAREER EDUCATION STRONG WORKFORCE PROGRAMS

Bakersfield College received a Senate Resolution on Wednesday, November 7th resolved by Senators Jean Fuller and Andy Vidak, along with Assembly Members Vince Fong and Rudy Salas, Jr. for its career education program successes. President Sonya Christian, Director of Career & Technical Education (CTE) Tony Cordova, KCCD Associate Vice Chancellor- Economic & Workforce Development Cindy Collier, Associate Dean & Direction of Nursing Carla Gard, and Professor and Department Chair of Nursing Jennifer Johnson accepted the Resolution on behalf of Bakersfield College.

In March, BC received recognitions for 16 programs from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, who analyzed college programs throughout the state whose students and graduates showed significant gains three metrics:
1. At least 70% of students attained regional living wage
2. Students experienced an increase in income of 50% or more, and/or
3. At least 90% of students secured employment in their field of study

“Bakersfield College has always been known for its excellence in education and the quality of its graduates. The Strong Workforce Gold Stars award received by the Radiology Technology Program and the Nursing Program are a testimony to the talent and hard work of the faculty, staff and students,” said Sonya Christian, President of Bakersfield College. “Thank you to our four state legislators – Senator Jean Fuller, Senator Andy Vidak, Assembly Member Rudy Salas, and Assembly Member Vince Fong – who always support and recognize the critical value of education for the Central Valley communities,” she added.

BC earned the following GOLD STARS (attained threshold outcomes on all three metrics):
- Radiologic Technology: 329% increase in earnings, 100% of students attained the regional living wage and 100% of students are employed in a job similar to their field of study
- Registered Nursing: 226% increase in earnings, 87% of students attained the regional living wage and 97% of students are employed in a job similar to their field of study

BC earned the following SILVER STARS (attained threshold outcomes on two metrics):
- Vocational Nursing: 113% increase in earnings and 67% of students attained the regional living wage
- Electrician Apprenticeship: 59% increase in earnings and 83% of students attained the regional living wage
- Industrial Technology: Electronics: 76% of students attained the regional living wage and 100% of students are employed in a job similar to their field of study

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BC earned the following BRONZE STARS (attained threshold outcomes on one metric):

- Automotive Technology: 113% increase in earnings
- Animal Science: 111% increase in earnings
- Plant Science: 90% increase in earnings
- Agriculture Business, Sales and Service: 90% increase in earnings
- Forestry: 101% increase in earnings
- Architecture and Architectural Technology: 245% increase in earnings
- Administration of Justice: 81% increase in earnings
- Corrections: 73% of students attained the regional living wage
- Fire Technology: 78% of students attained the regional living wage
- Culinary Arts: 163% increase in earnings
- Human Services: 404% increase in earnings

Bakersfield College prepares students for a wide range of high-wage, high skill, high-demand careers. Our Career Education programs are at the forefront of preparing students to succeed in fast-growing, high-growth industries around the country. For more information on the pathways and programs offered at Bakersfield College, visit the Bakersfield College website.
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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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