Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series
Sixth in series of nine takes place on November 7th

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.

An Apotheosis of America
The sixth speaker of the series, Jason Beardsley, will present his program on Thursday, November 7th at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 7:00 PM in the Levan Center located on the Panorama Campus. In addition, the 2:00 PM program will be livecasted to the Delano campus. As part of Vet Month 2019, Bakersfield College welcomes Jason Beardsley. Former Master Sergeant Jason Beardsley is a senior consultant and advisor. He has 22 years of experience with the U.S. military, recently leaving the government after 15 years with Army Special Operations and Joint Special Operations. A recipient of two Bronze Stars for his achievements and sound use of judgment during sustained combat operations, he was part of a select group of individuals trusted to accomplish some of the most dangerous and covert tactical missions in support of U.S. military action and the Global War on Terrorism.

An expert in military intelligence, diplomatic security, foreign internal defense, unconventional warfare, and counter-terrorism, Beardsley also has expertise with advanced communications systems and communication theory. Beyond being highly trained, he has the creativity, individuality, and determination that facilitated his escalation to the highest levels within Special Operations. He possesses strong leadership skills and his superiors commended him for having the unique ability to develop approaches that blend both strategies with tactical plans to achieve mission goals. With a keen understanding of the ramifications of every decision, he has the ability to effectively plan and execute complex missions, adapt easily to working in different environments, and overcome any obstacles.

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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The Remainder of Speakers throughout the Series
Following Jason Beardsley, these speakers will be arriving at Bakersfield College on the following dates:

- 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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