Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series
Fifth in series of nine takes place on November 8th

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.

Know No Limits: The Gold Medalist in Us All
The fifth speaker of the series, Oz Sanchez, will present his program on Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Levan Center. Sanchez has represented the United States in two of the most honorable ways - first as a Marine and now as a 3x Paralympic medalist. Achieving successful change inevitably means overcoming obstacles and, in some cases, recreating oneself through an identity shift. He tells his inspirational story first hand, of how he faced and successfully overcame adversity.

Shortly after becoming a Marine Infantryman, he joined the Marine Corps Special Operations and spent his career in specialized training, such as scout sniper, combatant diver's course, and parachuting. In July 2001, Sanchez's life changed forever when he was involved in a hit-and-run motorcycle accident, which resulted in a spinal cord injury and the inevitable paralysis and neurological complications associated with it.

“Know No Limits”… these three words have grown to weave themselves throughout Sanchez's life and have come to define his transformation from a broken man into an elite athlete, mentor, and inspiration, to both 'physically challenged' and 'able-bodied' people alike.

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 oz Sanchez, these speakers will be arriving at Bakersfield College on the following dates:

- 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.

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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