Bakersfield College Holding Grand Opening for Mechanized Agriculture Program

Wednesday, November 14
11:00am-1:00pm

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Date: November 14, 2018
Time: 11:00am-1:00pm
Where: Renegade Park at Bakersfield College, 1801 Panorama Drive

Bakersfield College is holding a grand opening for its newly developed Mechanized Agriculture (Mech Ag) program. The program includes a focus on heavy equipment technician training that is now being offered to students. The college will be offering nine different courses for Mech Ag, including Agriculture Safety, Agriculture Irrigation Technology, Farm Power Operation, and Hydraulics to name a few.

The heavy Equipment Technician program was developed to fill a local industry need. Heavy equipment technicians require training in specialized fields not associated with other programs currently offered at Bakersfield College. Mobile and heavy equipment operates much differently than heavy trucks or automobiles and is very specific to the agriculture industry. Local dealerships, rental yards, repair shops, and farmers had expressed a strong need for heavy equipment technicians and this need is supported by labor market data. Industry advisors include, but are not limited to, the following community partners; Berchtold Equipment Company, Bolthouse Farms, Gibbs International, Kern Machinery, and Quinn Caterpillar.

“The Mech Ag program is a prime example of training students for high-demand, high-wage jobs and having a positive impact in the workforce of the future,” said Career Technical Education Director Tony Cordova.

The grand opening on November 14 will feature student testimonials, machine displays, information on internships and prime networking opportunities. Attendees can RSVP to Domenica Trinidad at (661) 395-4262 or email her at Domenica.trinidad@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

Bakersfield College provides opportunities for students from diverse economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds to attain Associate and Baccalaureate degrees and certificates, workplace skills, and preparation for transfer. Our rigorous and supportive learning environment fosters students’ abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills in order to engage productively in their communities and the world.

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