Bakersfield College Hosting Ribbon Cutting of the Completed Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center
Tuesday, December 10 at 10:00am-11:00am
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Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Time: Ceremony from 10:00am-11:00am, Open House from 11:00am-1:00pm
Where: Bakersfield College, 1801 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93305

Bakersfield College is unveiling and holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly completed Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center on the Bakersfield College Panorama Campus at 10:00AM on December 10, 2019. The Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center is the first building construction project to be completed thanks to the funding of Measure J, the voter approved $502.8 million dollar bond passed in November 2016.

“It was important to Bakersfield College that this building be named after Vernon Valenzuela, a Renegade who led efforts not only at BC but in our community on behalf of our veterans,” said Bakersfield College Veterans Resource Center director Paul Beckworth. “Vernon was a visionary and his impact has been profound. No other name than Vernon Valenzuela came to mind when discussing the Veterans Resource Center,” he added.

Guests will experience a formal presentation of colors by the Army, a flyover by Kern County Fire Department Helicopter 407 and much more. There unveiling ceremony and ribbon cutting will begin at 10:00am, and guests will be invited to an open house for the building from 11:00am-1:00pm.

“This facility is needed on the Bakersfield College campus, and 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 Kay Meek. “Not only is the project an investment in Bakersfield College, but also in our local veterans.”

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“Ensuring that the Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center be the first capital project to be completed using Measure J funds was of the utmost importance to not only the college, but the KCCD Board of Trustees,” said former Kern Community College District Trustee Bill Thomas. “Bakersfield College has always supported our veterans, and this new center is a perfect example of how much we value them,” 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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