Bakersfield College announces that the Kern Community College District Trustees Award Local Contractor Bakersfield College Gym and Field House Design-Build Contract

Funded by the 2016 Measure J Bond

On December 13, 2018, the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees awarded the Bakersfield College Gym and Field House design-build contract to local contractor S.C. Anderson. The gym renovation project is budgeted for $63 million, with construction scheduled at this time to begin in May 2020, and completed in December 2022.

"I am pleased to see that the Board has approved a local contractor to design-build the second largest project in the Measure J funded rebuilding of Bakersfield College" said retiring Kern Community College District Trustee Bill Thomas. "SC Anderson Inc. has won the bid to build the new gymnasium. I am looking forward to additional local contractors winning bids in the future."

The combined Gym and Field House is partially a renovation and partially new construction that aims to provide a state-of-the-art environment with equal amenities for both men and women to assist in instilling the values of Renegade athletics.

“Athletics has been at the heart of Bakersfield College since its founding. We've broken world records here,” said Bakersfield College Director of Athletics Sandi Taylor. “This new gym will accommodate more students, training rooms, locker rooms and a rehabilitation center, all of which are essential as our student enrollment continues to grow,” she added.

The existing gym is the second oldest structure on the campus, constructed in 1956. In the building’s current state, it is outdated and underutilized due to few updates since its original construction. The new gym will provide ADA accessibility, a more efficient layout, meet all Title IX requirements for gender equality and will allow the athletics programs to expand to meet current demand.

“It would be an honor to play in a new gym. I believe it would be an amazing experience for future student athletes. It feels good knowing that athletes are being taken care of in planning new facilities” said current Bakersfield College Men’s Basketball student athlete Shahadah Camp. “It will bring more attention to the athletics program. The community would want to come check out the new gym, which would bring even more fans to our games,” he added.

Construction of the new Gymnasium has been made possible by Kern County’s support by passing Measure J in 2016, a Kern County $502 million bond. This bond has already funded the new parking lots campus wide, as well as the Veterans Resource Center which broke ground in November 2018.