REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES CREATE PATHWAYS TO BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE’S INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

At select regional community colleges, students can now transfer directly into Bakersfield College’s baccalaureate program in Industrial Automation.

To make that possible, Bakersfield College hosted a meeting last month bringing regional community colleges together to develop pathways aligning curriculum. In the process, faculty from Bakersfield College and other community colleges in the central valley solidified articulation agreements for the lower division courses required for admission to BC’s bachelor of science degree in Industrial Automation.

By developing these pathways, Bakersfield College and its community college partners provide students throughout the region an affordable option to obtain a highly technical STEM-related degree. Students can easily transition from any of the regional community colleges with aligned lower division coursework straight into BC’s baccalaureate program.

Colleges that now have articulation agreements include:

- Clovis Community College
- College of the Sequoias
- Fresno City College
- San Joaquin Delta College
- Taft College
- West Hills College Lemoore
- Modesto Junior College (In-progress)
- Reedley College (In-progress)

“These agreements demonstrate the high level of commitment from staff and faculty throughout the region who want to see students succeed in the central valley,” said Dean of Instruction, Michele Bresso. “Because of these partnerships, students can now easily transfer to earn an affordable and highly sought-after bachelor’s degree close to home,” she added.

Bakersfield College is one of only 15 community colleges in California to offer a baccalaureate degree. Since the fall of 2015, Bakersfield College has been providing critical workforce training to Kern County’s current and future employers. Courses prepare students for technical management careers in industries that use automation, including petroleum, manufacturing, logistics and agriculture industry sections—key industries to the central valley’s economic growth.

To learn more about the Bakersfield College Industrial Automation program, visit https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/industrial-automation