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Bakersfield College President Sonya Christian named Woman of the year by Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

The Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce announced their annual signature recognitions at Saturday evenings KCHCC Installation and Awards Dinner. This year’s Man of the Year is CEO of Clinca Sierra Vista, Stephen Schilling and the woman of the year is Bakersfield College’s 13th President, Sonya Christian. KCHCC President/CEO, Jay Tamsi expressed delight and excitement for existing partnerships with leaders in the community. “In our over 30 years of existence, we have proudly grown into influence and recognition within the Kern County area,” says Tamsi. “We are so pleased to recognize Stephen Schilling as Man of the Year and Sonya Christian as Woman of the Year for their outstanding leadership and community engagement.”

Bakersfield College is a Hispanic-serving Institution with over 64% Hispanic students. To be a recognized Hispanic-serving Institution, Bakersfield College must meet specific criteria according to Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The college has been focused on improving student efficiency to completing a degree or certificate while also reducing the costs for students and tax payers. Bakersfield College is proud to be an HSI school serving first generation, Hispanic students, and all who seek higher education.

“Bakersfield College and the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce work collaboratively to advance student success and develop leadership within our community,” says Sonya Christian. “This award by the KCHCC is a true recognition of the great work undertaken by all staff and faculty at Bakersfield College.”

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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