Bakersfield College Sets 2017 Commencement

More than 1000 students to graduate during 103rd annual ceremony

Bakersfield, CA—Bakersfield College will host its 103rd annual commencement ceremony on Friday, May 12, 2017. The processional of graduates to Memorial Stadium begins at 7:00 p.m. A dazzling display of fireworks will immediately follow the reading of all graduates’ names. The event is free and open to the public.

Pre-Commencement Celebration

Prior to the 103rd annual commencement ceremony, a number of pre-commencement celebrations will be held for individual groups of students at Bakersfield College on Friday, May 12th. The purpose of each celebration is to recognize the achievements of the graduates and transfer students, and give them an opportunity to acknowledge those who have been supportive of their educational endeavors. The following list includes the time and location of each celebration.

- Chicano/Latino Pre-Commencement Celebration will begin at 3:30 p.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. at the Bakersfield College Outdoor Theatre.
- African American Student Recognition Ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. in the Bakersfield College Indoor Theatre.
- Veterans Pre-Commencement Celebration will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. in the Bakersfield College Renegade Room.
- Delano Pre-Commencement Celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. at DST with a ceremony and reception to immediately follow at noon on the Delano Campus.

Food and refreshments will be available with music at Memorial Stadium as your loved ones are robed at the 103rd annual commencement. Bakersfield College invites the community to celebrate the achievements of all graduates as they will be the leaders of the future.

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.