Bakersfield College Introduces Distinguished Speaker Series

First of a series of six to kicks off September 21st

Bakersfield, CA – The Bakersfield College Distinguished Speaker Series brings community leaders from around the world to Bakersfield, whose achievements have had national and/or international significance, to speak at Bakersfield College. The first series will include six speakers, each will host their own program. The events will take place throughout the remainder of the year and early 2018.

First Speaker of the Series

The first speaker of the series, Orubba Almansouri, will demonstrate her program on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Edward Simonsen Indoor Theatre. Orubba Almansouri, a native of Yemen, graduated with Honors as Salutatorian of the City College of New York with a Bachelor’s Degree in History and English. As a Mellow Mays Fellow, she has worked on researching the intersection of oral traditions and literature in the works of Yemeni author Nadia Al-Kokabani, and the importance of oral poetry and folklore in Yemen. Orubba aims to continue her journey in learning how Muslim women plot themselves into history, and their contributions to and roles in oral traditions and cultures of the Middle East. Orubba’s “Why My Educational Journey cannot be an Individual One”, focuses on the push for educational rights for the millions of young boys and girls across the world.

The Remainder of Speakers throughout the Series

The Distinguished Speak Series consists of six speakers from around the world that will come to Bakersfield College to discuss the significance of achievements. Following Orubba Almansouri, these speakers will be arriving at Bakersfield College on the following dates:

- Ignacio Garcia - Thursday, October 12th
- Elizabeth Perez-Halperin – Wednesday, November 8th
- Michael Eric Dyson – Thursday, February 1st, 2018
- Lydia Otero – Thursday, March 22nd, 2018
- Kerem Sanga – April 12th, 2018

Descriptions of the programs of each speaker, including the time and location, will be released as the events approach. For more information, please visit www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentevents.edu.

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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