Bakersfield College Continues Distinguished Speaker Series

Final speaker of series takes place on April 12th

The Bakersfield College Distinguished Speaker Series brings community leaders from around the world, 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. This speaker will be the last of the series of six.

Final Speaker of the Series

The last speaker of the series, Mr. Kerem Sanga, will demonstrate his program on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, Campus Center. Kerem Sanga is a writer and director. His latest feature film, First Girl I Loved, premiered at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival where it won the Best of NEXT Audience Award. His previous film, The Young Kieslowski, premiered at the 2014 Los Angeles Film Festival, winning the audience award there and at festivals across the country. Kerem has a degree in mathematics from the University of Texas at Austin, and he attended USC film school as an Annenberg Fellow.

Kerem Sanga wrote and directed First Girl I Loved, a film that tells the story of a high-schooler named Anne - played by Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt’s Dylan Gelula - who falls in love with the most popular girl in her high school. When Anne confesses how she feels to her best friend Clifton, he does everything he can to sabotage Anne’s potential romance. FGIL broaches several challenging topics, including: consent, sexual identity, and the emotionally-overwhelming task of coming out as a member of the LGBTQ community. This powerful film experience will help young adults who may be going through similar struggles understand that they are not alone on their path toward growth and discovery. It will also help those not experiencing these issues first-hand to gain insight into the lives of their peers they may not otherwise relate to.

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