Bakersfield College presents Jess Nieto Memorial Conference:
Exploring Chicano Studies at Bakersfield College
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Bakersfield College presents the Jess Nieto Memorial Conference: Exploring Chicano Studies at Bakersfield College on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Levan Center for Humanities. The conference recognizes the life and service of Dr. Jesus “Jess” Gilberto Nieto to Bakersfield College. Dr. Nieto was one of the first Chicano faculty members at Bakersfield College. He was the pioneer of Bakersfield College’s Chicano Studies curriculum and founder of Bakersfield College’s Chicano Cultural Center. The event is free and open to the public.

About the Conference
The conference will serve as a venue for faculty to showcase their ongoing research projects focused on Chicano Studies, as well as a chance for current and former BC MEChA members to present information about the history and progress of this important student organization. Following two-hour long panels, UC Santa Barbara Professor of Chicano Studies, Ralph Ambruster-Sandoval, will give a book talk on his recent text, Starving for Justice: Hunger Strikes, Spectacular Speech, and the Struggle for Dignity (University of Arizona Press, 2016). Below is an outline of the panel discussion and book talk taking place at the conference.

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
❖ Panel discussion of current and former BC MEChA members from 20 and 40 years ago.

4:20 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
❖ Showcase of faculty research projects related to Chicano Studies including BC’s Professor Olivia Garcia, Professor Javier Llamas and Dr. Gonzalo Santos of California State University, Bakersfield.

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
❖ University of California, Santa Barbara Chicano Studies Professor, Ralph Ambruster-Sandoval Book Talk: Starving for Justice: Hunger Strikes, Spectacular Speech, and the Struggle for Dignity.

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