BC sees increases in enrollment, matriculation, progression

Community colleges play a vital role in American higher education and at Bakersfield College, we are excited to see the enrollment numbers trending upwards.

According to the College Promise Campaign (ACCT, 2016) in the 21st century, a high school diploma will no longer be enough to lead Americans to a good job and decent quality of life. In the next ten years, more than six out of ten jobs will require higher education or technical training obtained above a high school diploma.

Research is clear that student success begins with a strong start. Every student’s postsecondary education begins with an intake process to choose an academic direction and identify the support needed to pass relevant credit-bearing gateway courses in the first year.

Bakersfield College has implemented numerous programs to address this:

- Renegade Day
- Specialized advisors
- Cohort tracking
- Get Focused Stay Focused
- Dual Enrollment
- Summer Bridge
- Degreeworks
- Convocation
- Multiple Measures

Multiple Measures placement has allowed Bakersfield College to place students at higher levels. Our data continues to show that better placement results in higher placement and greater levels of student success in outcomes.

Each year, over the past five years, more and more students are meeting with counselors, completing their education plans, and completing all matriculation steps. This positive trend is because of the fantastic efforts of the various tools mentioned above that promote student success.
BC sees 6.2% increase in FTES; 13% increase in headcount

The October 5th enrollment report shows increases in headcount, duplicated enrollments, and FTES from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016.

The current headcount is 21,331, an increase of 13.0% over Fall 2015. Duplicated enrollment is 56,554, an increase of 5.4% over Fall 2015. Current FTES is 7,113.9, an increase of 6.2%.

There are 1,896 active sections at Bakersfield College, an increase of 10.9% from Fall 2015.

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BC team attends meeting to initiate California Guided Pathways

In 2015-16, Bakersfield College was selected as one of 30 colleges to participate in a Guided Pathways project for redesigning community colleges. Since that time BC has been funded by College Futures to bring California statewide leaders together to develop a California initiative leveraging the national strategy but customized to California regulations and funding.

After a June 2016 strategy meeting of statewide leaders, an approach led by the California Pathways steering committee met on October 11 to initiate the California Guided Pathways.

Application for the California Pathways initiative will begin with a rigorous selection process. 15-20 selected colleges will participate in institute-driven work sessions to evaluate and redesign current policies and practices with an ultimate goal of developing individual college models that could be replicated throughout the state.

BC team learns new ways to serve former foster youth students

BC Office of Student Success & Equity has been organizing events to serve former foster youth in our community. Last week, this team attended a summit at CSU Fresno. In addition, they worked with Independent City and the Dream Center to organize a community wide event to help foster youth in Kern County get connected to resources that will help them be successful.

Campus welcomes community for Oct. 22 Homecoming dinner, game

Bakersfield College’s weeklong Homecoming festivities kick off on Monday, October 17th, with competitions, team sports, and community events throughout the week. On Saturday, October 22, BC will host the Big Red Spaghetti Dinner. The parade and football game against Cerritos College will immediately follow.

Coming Events

- Thursday, October 13; Friday, October 14; Saturday, October 15, 7:30 pm
  Kern Shakespeare Festival: A Midsummer Night’s Dream
  Outdoor Theatre

- Friday, October 21, 7:30 pm
  Fall Choir Concert
  Indoor Theatre

- Saturday, October 22, 5 pm
  Big Red Spaghetti Feed
  The Huddle

- Sunday, October 23, 6 pm
  BC Jazz Presents Lucian Ban and Mat Maneri
  Indoor Theatre

- Tuesday, October 25, 7 pm
  Cerro Author: Andy Weir (The Martian)