Dear Colleagues,

Do you have your carpool buddy yet? If not, ask around, find a friend or neighbor on campus who lives in your area of town. Also, if you live in the Southwest, consider riding the Renegade Express Bus that runs between the BC-Southwest Campus and the main campus on Panorama. I rode it twice last week and plan on doing so this week as well. I plan on taking the first shuttle of the morning that leaves the Southwest campus at 7:20 a.m. and the last one from Panorama that leaves at 5:45 p.m.

Here is the most recent schedule that Nicky Damania posted.

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You can always look up the routes on the Better BC website www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/abetterbc

Many of you have posted selfies with your carpool buddy or when you are getting dropped off on social media. Plz continue to do so and encourage your co-workers and students to use alternative transportation.

With our growing enrollment, alternative transportation options to our commuter campus is vital. Let’s keep cars off campus for the next few weeks!

Enrollment Update
Enrollments are up for the fifth year in a row! The August 20th report from KCCD’s Research Analyst shows that BC’s current FTES has increased by 272 (3.8%). BC has increased the number of active sessions we are offering from 1,957 last fall to 2,229 (12.6%) this year. Our waitlists are long with deans and department chairs hiring adjunct and full-time temporary faculty to cover the late start 12-week semester that will start on September 17, 2018.
We experienced quite a flurry of activities with excitement over the past two weeks... From greeting thousands of students and their families to our campus, touring our classrooms and facilities, and celebrating Opening Day. Welcome to Fall 2018 - it’s a great day to be a Renegade!

**Family Bridge to BC and New Student Convocation Night**
This year’s New Student Convocation was the best one ever with the addition of Family Bridge Night where we welcomed all new Renegades and their families to the Panorama campus. Our faculty and staff offered tours of our labs, classrooms, learning centers, support services, and more! Families participated in activities like scavenger hunts to motivate them to visit all areas of campus.

![Family Bridge to BC and New Student Convocation Night](image)

After the short program which included the BC Chamber Singers, over 200 faculty and staff stood to give an oath of support to the incoming class of 2020! Check out this clip of the evening at YouTube.
**Opening Day Recap**

Opening Day - video recording is available at YouTube if you were unable to attend.

The Opening Day Planning Team wants your feedback! Please take a moment to celebrate what was great about Opening Day and what can be improved using the form available at http://bit.ly/openingdayeval. The survey will be available until Friday, August 31, 2018.

**Student Success Slides for the New Year!**

Professor Helen Acosta recently shared with the FCDC and Communication Faculty a set of slides which include all the deadlines for registration, important information for transfer students, student success tips, and pathways momentum reminders.

She shared, “Please take the time to show these slides. The California Community College funding formula is changing. Next year, 10% of our funding will be based on Student Success (which is almost entirely based in degree and certificate completion). In three years that number will grow to 20%. Let’s demystify the process of progression and completion for our students. Every student and instructor should know all the nuts and bolts of how the registration and transfer processes work. Why? Imagine a world in which we’ve lost 20% of our funding.”

She went on to add, “There are too many people in Kern County who need the opportunities College provides. We must continue to expand rather than contract opportunities. We need to take the responsibility to support our students’ success while maintaining our academic rigor. We can do this. The slides will help.”

Helen Acosta has made the slides available online in a Google Drive and she encouraged all in FCDC to revise the slides as needed for use in your program or classroom!
When we support our students on the road to completion, amazing things happen! It’s a great time to be a Renegade!

**Data Snippet: Multiple Measures at BC!**
Amber Hroch, BC’s Institutional Researcher, put together this bar graph in a tool called Tableau. We will be seeing a lot more of these user friendly tools from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Here is the link [https://tinyurl.com/ybp8jzvr](https://tinyurl.com/ybp8jzvr)

I pulled out a few pieces as examples – BC Main Campus in red and BC Online in green
**A Better BC Update**
The Parking Shuttle has premiered, and is a huge success! The routes have changed a bit so please make sure to check the Better BC website for the most recent information:
In addition to the parking shuttle, we now have an additional service of an Express Bus that runs between the BC Panorama campus to the BC SouthWest via the Weill Institute! Starting this week, the Express Bus will transport BC students between the three campuses using two buses provided by Executive Express Lines, Inc. The service will be offered Monday through Thursday, starting at 7:00 a.m. at three different drop off/pick up locations for the entire Fall 2018 semester at the different campuses:

1. Panorama Campus: BC Circle in front of Administration building
2. BC SouthWest Building: In front of main doors to the building
3. Weill Institute: Loading area, near the intersection of 21st Street and K Street

Time schedules for the routes can be found at the A Better BC website, where you can also stay up to date with the construction calendar: www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/abetterbc
I rode the Express Bus from the Southwest campus twice this past week. Next week, I will continue to use this service at least twice a week and will car pool or be dropped off the other three days. I walk to the Southwest campus since parking there is congested as well, take the 7:20 a.m. bus to the Panorama campus and will take the 5:35 p.m. bus back to the Southwest campus.

Also premiering this week is a new partnership between BC and Kern Transit. Bakersfield College students can ride Kern Transit for FREE as long as they present a valid student ID. Free rides begin in the Fall 2018 semester and will continue through the Spring 2019 semester. Students may ride free on all 100-numbered routes, not just on routes to and from the school, so they can save money commuting all around Kern County!
Routes and schedules can be found at [http://kerntransit.org/routes-and-schedules](http://kerntransit.org/routes-and-schedules).

Let’s thank Kern Transit and the Kern County Supervisors for making this happen. #WeAreBC

**Public Safety can be reached 24 hours a day.**

Public Safety can be reached 24 hours a day, each day of the week by calling 661-395-4554. Please do not hesitate to call if you need an escort to your vehicle or notice someone acting suspicious. Our motto at BC is “if you see something, say something, do something!”

A safe and welcoming campus is achieved through mutual cooperation, shared responsibility, respect and integrity. Let’s all do our parts to foster a supportive a secure environment.

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**Stay Safe Online – KCCD Phishing Assessment**

The District IT Office asked The California Community College Technology Center to do a phishing assessment at KCCD. For this assessment, CCCTC sent out a mock phishing message with a link to a website controlled by CCCTC that is similar to the websites used in real phishing attacks. In order to make the results realistic, we did not give advance notice to employees or IT staff.

The phishing message that CCCTC sent out had the subject “New CalPERS employee portal for California Community Colleges.” The results of the assessment provided both good information as well as areas we need to review. On the positive side, several employees reported the phishing emails to IT and our system administrators at the district office that they had received suspect emails. The down side is that 115 employees clicked on the link in the phishing email and 87 of them entered their username and password. Note that these passwords were not saved by CCCTC, they simply recorded that a password was entered.
As a result of this test we encourage all our employee's throughout the entire district to take advantage of the online security training available to everyone in the district. We also believe this will be very useful information that can be used at home to protect your personal information.

Videos to stay safe online are available from all on-campus computers at https://it.kccd.edu/resources/

I want to recognize the good work being done by the BC IT department and the KCCD IT department under the leadership of Todd Coston and Gary Moser.

Get to Know a Snippet from BC’s ISER

We describe in our analysis and evaluation to Standards III. D.8., “Bakersfield College’s budgeted reserves in the past four years are significantly greater than the required minimum of 3 percent. Upon the beginning of her tenure at the college, President Christian made it a priority to increase reserves which started at 0.39 percent when she started as president in 2012-13 to 8.2 percent in 2017-18. In addition, KCCD transferred a portion of its unrestricted reserves to debt repayment and capital outlay funds in anticipation of future debt service requirements. This transfer will also fund overdue scheduled maintenance facilities projects.”

In closing, I invite all our newcomers to subscribe to my blog sonyachristianblog.com where each week, I share the activities at BC.

It's an exciting time to be at the Home of the Renegades!

That's all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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