Dear Colleagues:

What a crazy past couple of weeks it has been, and what an exciting week lies ahead! Last week we showed our Renegade pride for Homecoming, and next week we are celebrating our veterans with Vet Week. Please join us in celebrating BC vets!

Next week is also time to vote, a hallmark of our freedom! Make your voice heard.

Vet Week
Join us for a week of events celebrating the contributions and sacrifices of students, staff and members of the community who have served in the military. A list of Vet Week events is below. If you need to make advance notice for accommodations in order to attend or participate in any of these events, please contact Lisa Robles-Kent at lkent@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

Saturday, November 3
Saluting our Veterans at Memorial Stadium, 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Stadium - Bakersfield College will be kicking off Vet Week with a celebration during the Renegades home football game against Moorpark College at 6 p.m.

Monday, November 5

- **Veterans Community Leader Breakfast**, 8:00-9:30 a.m. in the Renegade Room - This event is invitation only. If interested in attending, please contact Lisa Robles-Kent.

- **Veterans Resource Center Groundbreaking Ceremony**, 10:00-10:30 a.m. at the Outdoor space between the Forum and Campus Center - Come watch us break ground on the new Veterans Resource Center funded by Measure J.

Tuesday, November 6

- **World War I: A Retrospective**, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the Levan Center - A panel discussion about the historical and cultural impact of World War I.

Wednesday, November 7

- **Vetfest**, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Area in front of the CSS Building and Counseling Center - All are welcome to attend the main event of Bakersfield College Vet Week, a festival honoring and showing appreciation to all current and past members of the armed services at Bakersfield College. Join us for free food and music, and gain access to necessary resources vital to student success.

Thursday, November 8

- **Operation: Not Forgotten - Care Package Drop Zone at BC**, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. in front of the Administration Building - BC Veterans Services is accepting care packages of food and other essential items, as well as cards, letters of support and monetary donations for postage.

- **Oz Sanchez - Know No Limits: The Gold Medalist In Us All**
  - 10:00 a.m. - Levan Center
  - 2:00 p.m. - Levan Center
  - 7:00 p.m. - Indoor Theater
  Paralympic medalist and marine Oz Sanchez tells his powerful life story as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series presented by the Office of Student Life.

Here are some photos from last year’s Vet Week!
Thank you to Lisa Robles-Kent and Paul Beckworth on all of your hard work on this amazing event!

**Veterans Resource Center Groundbreaking**

Our first major building groundbreaking using Measure J funds is next Monday! The newly named Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center will
have its groundbreaking on November 5 at 10:00am. Please come join us for the first day of Vet Week to celebrate not only the new building, but also our veterans in attendance.

**Community Healthcare Discussion**

On Wednesday, BC, CSUB and Senator Andy Vidak partnered together to create a forum for discussion between the top healthcare professionals in our region and higher education’s faculty. Attendees chatted about how we can all work together to ensure that our area is being provided with the programs that the community and the industry need, and to try to help prevent any shortfalls in occupation employment. The interactions and topics were great, and exactly what we needed! Thank you to our Associate Dean of Instruction Carla Gard for sharing her insights on BC’s nursing program, and KCCD Associate Vice Chancellor Cindy Collier for her insights on assisting in the healthcare workforce development in Kern. And thank you Norma Rojas-Mora for continuing to advance our community relations.
Maintenance & Operations Projects
M&O is doing what it does: maintaining our beautiful campus! Earlier this week they changed out old lights in the Science & Engineering classrooms to newer LED lighting, which is much more energy efficient and in keeping with our core value of
sustainability. Also, this week a new ADA compliant pool chair lift was installed at the campus pool! We can now serve even more students and community members! Thanks M&O team for all you do!

Schedule Updates
Departments in the Campus Center have all been moved to the Levinson building! As mentioned in the last Renegade Roundup, the cafeteria will remain open until Winter
Recess, when it will be moved to the Huddle and across the street in the new Mount Vernon Commissary (MVC). The new Food Services food trailer named “Gades Grub” will be up and running in time for the Spring 2019 semester as well. Be sure to check out the A Better BC site, where the Measure J Project Schedule which will be updated as projects move forward. You can see the schedule as of September 30 at this link: https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/facilities/construction/measure-j-project-schedule-as-of-september-30-2018

I hope to see everyone out and about during Vet Week!

That’s all for now. Until next time.....

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,

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