Dear Colleagues:

It's an exciting time to be at the home of the Renegades. We have a flurry of activities taking place this summer, from early start summer courses to construction as we build A Better BC!

**Closing Day Feedback**
The Closing Day Planning Team would like your feedback. Please take a moment to complete this short survey. Your opinions make a difference! Please respond by May 31, 2018. [https://tinyurl.com/closingdayeval](https://tinyurl.com/closingdayeval)

**Enrollment Update**
Select summer courses began today at BC SouthWest this past week, and we will continue to have rolling starts throughout the summer.

According to the May 23rd enrollment update, compared to this same time last summer, BC’s headcount has increased by 1,349 (13.6%), total number of enrollments increased by 2,026 (14.4%) and FTES is up by 167 (10.9%). Our productivity ratio went down from 13.7 FTES/FTEF to 13.0 FTES/FTEF.

Fall 2018 FTES has increased by 423 (8%) over the same time in Fall 2017.
104th Commencement
Friday May 11th will always be a night to remember in the history of Bakersfield College. We celebrated student accomplishments and life changing moments with graduating Renegades and their families. It is nights like this that make visible the way that lives are changing in this community one degree at a time. I invite you to check out the compilation video created by Manny De Los Santos featuring five of the commencement speakers, and to visit the Commencement webpage for other coverage and videos.

- See the Video on YouTube
- Visit the Commencement Webpage

Innovation Award
Bakersfield College has been selected by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office as one of 11 community colleges to be awarded a share of $20 million to further the development and implementation of programs that strengthen student success -- BC’s Guided Pathways work. For the innovative design and mapping of transfer pathways through technology and systems integration, Bakersfield College was awarded $2,300,000. The funding aims to advance implementation of high-tech, high-touch guided pathways strategies that ensure all students have access to fully mapped and well-designed transfer pathways no matter what point at which they are accessing the institution.

By engaging in active partnerships with four-year universities, BC is ensuring alignment of curriculum and expected outcomes across educational systems so students efficiently stay on track to degree completion. The College is integrating multiple technologies and systems to improve usability and data access, in partnership with CSU Bakersfield and the Kern High School District.

Through alignment of curriculum, expanded support, and transfer pathways, BC aims to expand offerings of Associate Degrees to students in rural communities and currently incarcerated students. The advancements made possible by this award will address
persistent equity gaps and regional educational attainment by improving employability and efficiency for incoming students and generations of Renegades to come.

Here is a selfie Lesley Bonds clicked as the BC Team was waiting for the award to be announced at the BOG meeting on May 15, 2018.

Sonya Christian, Nick Strobel, Jessica Wojtysiak, Lesley Bonds

Check out Joseph Luiz’ piece in The Bakersfield Californian [https://tinyurl.com/y923zlth](https://tinyurl.com/y923zlth)

**New Board Approved Programs**
The following programs were reviewed and vetted through the College process and are recommended by the College-wide Curriculum Committee, Academic Senate, Chief Instructional Officer and College President.

**ASL Interpreter Training Program Certificate of Achievement:** There is a high demand for sign language interpreters. Legislation such as ADA and Section 504 mandate the provision of interpreters in education and most public venues. There is a chronic shortage of qualified interpreters throughout the nation.

**Environmental Science Associate Degree in Science for Transfer:** Creates an Environmental Science pathway for STEM students to transfer to over 100 Environmental related majors/degrees at 22 CSU’s and 5 UC’s.
GE Certificate: CSU Breadth Certificate of Achievement: The California State University (CSU) General Education Breadth Certificate of Achievement will allow students to certify their general education coursework through Bakersfield College. This will help to ensure a seamless process for students transferring to a CSU campus.

Intersegmental General Education Transfer (IGETC) Certificate of Achievement: The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Certificate of Achievement will allow students to certify their general education coursework through Bakersfield College. This will help to ensure a seamless process for students transferring to a UC campus.

Intersegmental General Education Transfer (IGETC) for STEM Certificate of Achievement: The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) for STEM Certificate of Achievement will allow students to certify their general education coursework through Bakersfield College. This will help to ensure a seamless process for students transferring to a UC campus.

Information Technology Certificate of Achievement: The rise in computing related positions in our service area has created a need for a Certificate in Information Technology. The certificate will meet the growing need by preparing students to either enter the workforce as an entry-level computer or network support technician or pursue a bachelor’s degree in information technology systems.

Campus Construction Update
As Director of Facilities Bill Potter can tell you, transforming a campus built in the 1950s takes lots of work.

We are on track with the parking renovations -- currently in the midst of phase two. The solar lot, P3 and nearby lot P4 are currently closed. On campus, interior painting is being done in FACE (Family and Consumer Education), flooring is being replaced in the LA (Language Arts) Building, and the gym floor is being resurfaced. Counseling has been relocated to the 2nd floor of the library until May 25th, for Asbestos removal and carpet replacement in the CSS Building (Counseling Area).

Up next, Parking Lot P5 and Red&White Way is scheduled to close on May 31st and the construction laydown yard is scheduled to be blocked off in Parking lot P8 on June 1st.
See the newly finished Memorial Stadium lot by clicking here.

And as a reminder, you can stay up-to-date with the construction calendar at https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/abetterbc

It's an exciting summer 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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