Renegade Colleagues:

Hard to imagine that summer is winding down and preparations have started for Opening Day and Convocation as the kick off for the Fall term. Reese Weltman has put together a great **Fall Flex Week** beginning on August 15\(^{th}\) at 8:30AM. Opportunities for you to attend informative activities and workshops will include a variety of subjects and topics including hands-on fire extinguisher trainings to extended Canvas workshops. Some sessions you won’t want to miss are:

Security Awareness Training

EMS and Where’s the Renegade?

Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Excel Workshops

Digital Humanities and Social Justice Pedagogy

Daredevil & Professor X: The Dawn of Education

and much, much more.

These, along with over 50 other unique sessions are available for registration on our website at [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/employees/professional-development/workshops](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/employees/professional-development/workshops). If you are in need of any accommodations for any Flex Week session or if you have questions, please contact Reese Weltman, our Professional Development program manager at reese.weltman@bakersfieldcollege.edu. The final workshops conclude August 18\(^{th}\) at 12:45PM – just in time for lunch and Opening Day plenary.

**Opening Day: August 18, 2016**

Our plenary session will begin at 1:30 with the State of the College address, with doors opening at 1:15. Please plan on being at the indoor theater right at 1:15 and watch the photo roll from the past year that Shannon is pulling together for you so that we can all be seated and ready to go by 1:25. It is a jammed packed afternoon so it is important we start right on time.
New Student Convocation

Following the afternoon event, please attend the 2016 New Student Convocation at BC’s Outdoor Theater on Thursday, August 18th from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. Dinner will be served at 5:00PM outside the Indoor Theater in the patio area. During the event, students and their families will be welcomed by our BCSGA President, Academic Senate President, and Student Life Director. Entertainment and special performances by BC Drumline, Renegade Cheerleaders, and BC Chamber Singers are something you don’t want to miss.

This BC spirited tradition marks the beginning of a journey for each of our new students – the journey of transformation through higher education. A sense of belonging by being welcomed to the Home of the Renegades will instill college pride, and aid them to be integrated into the culture and support system of Bakersfield College.

Similar to commencement, the New Student Convocation ceremonial component requires faculty and staff to be present for a formal procession. Nicky tells me that we don’t have to wear our regalia but, to come dressed in a red BC shirt. Participating faculty and staff should arrive by 5:30PM and congregate in the lobby of the Indoor Theatre. Confirm your participation by emailing convocation@bakersfieldcollege.edu before Tuesday, August 16th.

Enrollment Update

Our student body continues to grow! The numbers shown below are a true testament to the importance of the work we do.

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As these numbers trend upwards, so does the number of students who will rely on us to do our part so they can achieve their goals. Thank you for being the dedicated group of staff and faculty that goes above and beyond. It is a joy and honor to work beside each and every one of you.

As of August 3rd KCCD Fall Enrollment and Current FTES Update report shows an increase in FTES. BC is up 3.5%, with the district as a whole up 2.6%. The current headcount for Bakersfield College has increased 3.4%, while the district is up 2.0%. Our productivity target is 17.0 to 17.5 FTES/FTEF so at this time we have some work to do to tighten this ratio.
Facilities and Campus Updates
Over the past few weeks and months, Bill Potter and the M&O staff have been exceptionally busy and we can see the outcome of their work simply by walking or looking around campus. Sidewalks and walkways have been repaired and poured; new, useful signage has been added so that students and visitors can better find their way; roofs have been refurbished and necessary safety updates have been completed, such as fire alarm maintenance, etc. These repairs and updates have been long overdue and we must commend the hardworking men and women who got this work done over the hot and sweltering Bakersfield summer months.

Data Snippet:
The RP group prepared a report and here are some data snippets that you might enjoy.
• BC’s nursing program generates over 500 FTES per year and represents 26% of the nursing FTES in the Central Valley region.
• BC offers nearly two-thirds of all FTES within the region for fire technology, emergency medical services (EMS), and construction crafts.
• EMS courses at BC have a 10% higher success rate than the region's average.
• Within the region, more than half of the students earning awards in radiologic technology, manufacturing, and EMS come from Bakersfield College; with an even higher percentage in architecture (71%), nutrition (75%), drafting (78%), and construction crafts (89%).
• BC skills-builders have substantial median earnings such as those taking classes in electronics ($61,500) and fire technology ($96,900).

Together we will build A Better BC.

That’s all for now.

Until next time.....

With Renegade Pride and Collegiality
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