...on being ready for anything

Here we are, deep in the second week of classes, and BC is humming along doing what we do best—creating rich learning environments for our students, taking care of their diverse needs, and helping them realize that what seemed impossible is really POSSIBLE. Yes, POSSIBLE with the eight important Habits of Mind. For Spring 2014 we will focus on the first two habits of Persist and Organize not just for our students but for ourselves. Check out the vibrant website and watch the videos at http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/habits-of-mind/

Enrollment Update

The big news is that Bakersfield College is doing a yeoman's job of bringing up the districtwide FTES count, positioning our district for the statewide growth allocation. Our Spring FTES is up by 4.6% putting us 7.3% above our BC target and 3.1% above the district-wide target. BC Colleagues, you rock!

Here is the data snippet as of Jan 27, 2014

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<th>Bakersfield College</th>
<th>Point-in-Time Comparison 1</th>
<th>Spring - 2nd Week</th>
<th>Spring 2013</th>
<th>Spring 2014</th>
<th>Diff</th>
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<th>Spring 2013 FTES as a % of the Eventual Term-End</th>
<th>Spring 2014 FTES as a % of Spring Target</th>
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<td>Current Headcount</td>
<td>15,917</td>
<td>16,613</td>
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<td>Duplicated Enrollments</td>
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CCSSE Coming to Bakersfield College

This spring, Bakersfield College will once again participate in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). The CCSSE assesses student perceptions about engagement, teaching, and learning. More information will be coming, however, I wanted you to know so that you aren’t surprised when survey information arrives. Classes will be
randomly selected by the CCSSE administrators to ensure a representative sample, and instructors of selected classes will be provided with specific information about how the CCSSE works. Janet Fulks is our institutional lead for this work. Remember CCSSE is one of the four data strands in our data framework—(1) Student Learning Outcomes (2) Progression and Completion (3) Perception and Engagement (4) Operational Data.

**Ready for Anything**

It may not be November, but I have reason to be thankful. Last week, terrible winds battered our Panorama Campus and took down a large Stone Pine at the core of the campus. As the emergency call came in, we quickly learned a student was trapped under the tree’s large canopy. I was not on campus at the time, and raced to campus after receiving a call from Dennis Spence. My dear colleagues, I am here to tell you that BC responded to this situation with lightning speed, laser focus, and exemplified care and compassion in the work.

Many times throughout the year we practice emergency drills, test our emergency protocols, and reinforce our relationship with local emergency services. Last week, I saw how that extensive preparation results in an amazing response to what could have been a catastrophic situation. The emergency response, both internal and external, underscores the need for that partnership. Minutes after the call came in, Bakersfield Police Department officers and Bakersfield City Fire Department firefighters were on scene, working in concert with Bakersfield College Public Safety Department officers, maintenance and operations staff, and administration. In less than 30 minutes, the student was extricated from where the branches of the pine had trapped her.

Zav Dadabhoy, Sue Granger-Dickson, and Manny Mourtzanos went to KMC right away and connected with the student’s family members. The student was not seriously hurt and was released from the hospital later that evening with just scratches and bruises and no broken bones. Our campus personnel were in constant contact with her and her family.

Following the incident we did another assessment of all trees on campus which resulted in the removal of two large pines from near the Gym and two other large trees from the SAM building courtyard. I do share Lindsey Ono’s vision of converting the Panorama campus
into an arboretum. So although it is hard for me usually to approve the removal of trees, it was an easy decision in this case when I reviewed the assessment completed on the safety aspect.

In times of disaster, we have just our training and experience to guide us through. I am pleased to be able to look back on last week’s emergency and recognize the mettle and responsiveness which guided Bakersfield College through an immensely challenging situation. Thanks to all of you who responded to this situation. Here are a few special mentions: Chief Counts and the Public Safety Department, Dennis Spencer, Ramon Puga, Jim Coggins and our M&O team, and our partners, the Fire Department and BPD.

I am so glad I am back at BC!

**Opening Day, Spring 2014**

Many of you were able to join us in person for Opening Day on the 17th, and still others followed along with the live stream. Manny De Los Santos is working on chunking up the morning’s web cast will post it on my website, if you are still interested. And btw, we had 50 logins for the live webcast.

Mark your calendars now for **Wednesday, August 20** as we close campus for Fall Opening Day and have a series of speakers and presentations. Plans are already in the works and your planning team is looking forward to surprising you!

**US Bank OneCard**

This week, Bakersfield College students will start receiving their US Bank OneCard. This card, which will be sent to all students, is the preferred method for financial aid distribution, as well as the student identification card and pay for printing card. For the month of February, the Office of Financial Aid will provide OneCard activation workshops to all students, and will promote those workshops so that students know there is a resource to help with the transition. If you encounter students who need assistance, please encourage them to call 888-845-5066 or visit the Office of Financial Aid for help.

**Employment Opportunities:**

At the College Council meeting last term, it was brought up that the college needs to inform the employees of job openings on campus and in the district. This should be more of an intrusive communication that goes out via a bc_all rather than just posted on the website.

Mark Your Calendars!
February 3 – Semesterly BCAlert test
February 21st – 10:30 to 12:00. Levan Center. First Generation movie discussion.
March 14 – 8:00 to 12:00 noon. Fireside Room. Point of Origin Data Conference
March 18 – STEM Speaker Series welcomes Dr. Niall McCann
March 26 & 27 – Active Shooter Emergency Training Seminars

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

With Renegade pride and collegiality,
Sonya

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