Colleagues:

Over the past eight weeks I have participated in several lectures, panel presentations and discussions and have enjoyed the collegiality and scholarship on campus. Here are a few opportunities for us to learn together in community: The Oxfam Hunger Banquet sponsored by SGA on March 8th which is a precursor to their poverty workshop series on March 15th. Also, I wanted to re-introduce you to a gem in our community, The Archives.

Learning With Our Students

Oxfam Hunger Banquet – March 8
Coming this Friday, March 8, is a special event hosted by the Bakersfield College Student Government Association. The Oxfam Hunger Banquet is an interactive event: all attendees will eat based on a random poverty level – determined by the luck of the draw. As guests enter the free dinner event, they will draw a ticket. Each ticket represents the latest statistics regarding the number of people living in poverty. Guests are then seated based on their income level from the ticket, and depending on where they are seated, will either have a satisfying dinner, a humble meal, or a few meager servings of food. There is still time to reserve your spot. Contact SGA President Danitza Romo as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Poverty 101 Workshop – March 15
Coming next week and also sponsored by the Bakersfield College Student Government Association is the Poverty 101 workshop featuring guest speaker Dr. Donna Beagle. The free workshop will be March 15 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, and attendees will be provided lunch. This workshop will focus on poverty in the local community. Approximately 75 percent of Bakersfield College students are on need-based financial aid, and anecdotal information points to a large number of Bakersfield College students as being homeless. Contact SGA President Danitza Romo to reserve your spot for this workshop.

Learning About Bakersfield College’s History
Bakersfield College Archives
Have you ever been to visit the Bakersfield
College Archives on the second floor of the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library? If not, you're missing out on mementos, documents, and photos from 100 years of Bakersfield College history. You may be greeted by any one of the Archives' team and volunteers when you make your visit, and I can assure you, they are a fount of knowledge on Bakersfield College. Pictured to the right are Jerry Ludeke, Robert Munoz, Gloria Hill, Helen Harp, and Rosalee Pogue.

Awareness of Bakersfield College’s past is critical to understanding the importance of preserving this collection of college programs and activities. Please stop by and enhance your appreciation for those who came before we did, and those who helped build our historic college.

As always, we are reminded to be on the lookout for significant materials which can be of benefit to the Archives Association. You never know if that event program or photo you have buried in your office holds a key place in the history of Bakersfield College.

The Archives Association, led by Director Jerry Ludeke and Chair Greg Goodwin, is playing a key role in Bakersfield College’s Centennial Celebration. Not only has the Archives Association worked hand-in-hand on the development of our commemorative centennial book, but Jerry is working to spread the spirit of the Centennial through presentations in the community. If you are a member of a community or civic organization and would like to talk to Jerry about a presentation to your group, please call her at 395-4949.

That's all for now.
Until next time.

With Renegade pride and collegiality,
Sonya