Dear Colleagues,

It's hard to imagine that summer is already winding down and we're gearing up to kick off another academic year at BC!

**Opening Day, Fall 2017**

Let me start by inviting all of you to prioritize attending Opening Day on August 17th. Remember, we decided to close the campus to students and the outside community to allow our classified and management colleagues to join the all-campus gathering. We started this practice in Fall 2014; so this will be the fourth year that we have the gift of spending 8 hours together to collectively create the best learning environment for our students for 2017-18 inside the classroom and outside the classroom. Besides the annual *State of the College* address, we will also hear from leaders of CSEA, CCA, the Academic Senate and Management Association. Finally, it is a day of welcoming our new faculty (55 of them), administrators and classified staff to the Home of the Renegades.

Chef Eric Sabella and his team from Food Services will provide breakfast on the plaza at 8:00AM. Our plenary session will begin promptly at 8:30AM. and end at 12:00 noon with breaks built in.

Lunch will be provided in the Cafeteria after which there will be a series of breakout sessions offered throughout the afternoon focused on institutional work for the upcoming year.

**New Student Convocation**

Right after Opening Day activities, as has become our tradition under the leadership of Dr. Nicky Damania, Director of Student Life, we will be welcoming all first-time students to Bakersfield College at the 2017 New Student Convocation! The event will begin at 6:30PM on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at BC’s Outdoor Theater. Dinner will be provided, along with a resource fair, and entertainment from the BC Chamber Singers. It's an evening you won't want to miss. RSVP at [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/convocation](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/convocation).
Completion Coaches:

Over the past few months, we have had two great summer institutes for faculty and it has helped us advance the guided pathways work by developing coaching communities around ten meta majors and eight affinity groups. They are:


Affinity Completion Communities: (1.) African American Initiatives, (2.) DREAMERS, (3.) Foster Youth, (4.) Veterans, (5.) Athletes, (6.) EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs, (7.) DSPS, and (8.) The Kern Promise.

Many of you have already signed up to be “BC Completion Coaches” for one of the 18 communities. Personally, I am a completion coach in The Kern Promise affinity group and it brings such joy to see our first set of Promise students begin the program. Actually, we had a “cohort zero” of 65 Promise students, then called the Renegade Promise, start in Fall 2016. Now the group has expanded to a much larger group in Fall 2017.

If you have not yet signed up to be a completion coach, please reach out to a fellow completion coach and consider which of the 18 communities would be your best fit.

Summer Institute II on August 16th:

If you have not signed up for the one-day summer institute, do so right away. The planning team has put together a wonderful program for you to advance the work of supporting students using the metamajor organizational framework. For more information, email reese.weltman@bakersfieldcollege.edu

Enrollment Update
Fall 2017 enrollments are looking very strong. BC has 417 FTES this fall compared to last fall, an increase of 6.5%. However, our productivity ratio has gone down from 15.7 FTES/FTEF. The district has a whole is at a 5.8% FTES growth this fall compared to last fall. I want to thank each and every one of you for your commitment in meeting the needs of our community.

Campus Wide Office Clean Up!

In preparation for the Fall semester and following our annual tradition, we have set aside two days, August 14th and 15th as campus-wide office cleanup days.
M&O will be available to help departments with larger trash pickups, removing old furniture, etc. If you have any questions or need to request a recycle bins, please reach out to M&O at 661-395-4221.

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

With Renegade pride and collegiality, sonya
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