Renegade Roundup

Fall 2016. Week 14 Update

November 20, 2016

Renegade Colleagues:

Since November 9th, I have received emails from faculty and staff celebrating the success of Measure J that provides us with resources to modernize our aging facilities. These celebratory emails however were mixed with those who have expressed a growing concern for a group of our students, given current national events.

I will be addressing the college on this topic on Monday, November 21st, at 3:30 p.m. from the Delano Campus. Dr. Oliver Rosales is helping me pull this together quickly with a short turnaround time. I invite you to consider driving to Delano (please carpool) to attend this brief event. If that is not possible, please plan on joining the gathering at the Levan Center on the Panorama campus. If you are travelling and cannot gather in community, then tune in via live stream.

Manny de Los Santos is organizing the live stream and we will send out the web link once he has that completed.

Good morning. We are beginning the 14th week of the Fall term and here are a few highlights.

You are making a difference in the social mobility and economic stability of Kern County!

The statewide skills builder metric measures the effect on student income after simply completing a very limited number of courses (without completing a degree, certificate or
transfer) and not returning to the college the following year. This metric was created in response to our insistence that some people come to the community college for reasons other than a certificate, degree or transfer. The results in 2012-2013: 1,352 students had a 19.3% median wage increase.

African American students received a 44.5% increase and students under 20 actually realized a 187.3% wage increase.

Janet Fulks pulled this data tidbit from the report that was presented to the KCCD Board of Trustees by our District Institutional Research Office.

In addition, Bakersfield College was 2nd in the nation on a college salary report on Payscale.com for the highest paid community college graduates. Check it out here on Payscale.com.

**Enrollment is up for the third year in a row!**

Here is a repeat of our enrollment report from my October Renegade Roundup.

The October 5, 2016 report from the Office of Institutional Research shows that BC’s Fall 2016 enrollment is 6.2% (415.9 FTES) above Fall 2015. The district as a whole is at 5.4% (500.6 FTES) enrollment growth Fall 2016 compared to Fall 2015. Out of the district’s growth of 500.6 FTES, 83.1% (415.9 FTES) of the growth occurred at BC.

BC’s productivity ratio decreased from 17.2 FTES/FTEF to 17.0 FTES/FTEF comparing Fall 2015 to Fall 2016, but is still within our target range on the Renegade Scorecard. The district wide productivity ratio from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016 decreased from 16.5 FTES/FTEF to 16.1 FTES/FTEF.

See tables below
Homecoming 2016
Four weeks ago, the campus was fired up for Homecoming 2016 - our 59th Homecoming at 1801 Panorama Drive. Over the past year, I've enjoyed reuniting with past Renegade traditions and histories as together, we look forward to building a better BC... so it was very special to partake in the greatest tailgate of the year – The Big Red Dinner in 2016.

Community, faculty, staff, administration, and students shared tables outside Memorial Stadium for a feast of Spaghetti before the Renegade parade and football game. Thank you to all who came out. It was a phenomenal evening that would not have been the same without your attendance.

Thank you to our Big Red Dinner sponsors, W A Thompson, Kern Schools Federal Credit Union, International Soccer, and Don C. & Diane S Lake Family. And thank you Nicky Damania, Tom Gelder, Marlene Heise, and Mary Jo Pasek for making it happen.

Disability Awareness Day
At BC, we recognize all disabilities as an aspect of diversity; one that is integral to society.
and to the campus. Last week's Disability Awareness Day was an opportunity for
students to explore various services on campus and in the community to aid them in achieving their goals and dreams. The student panel shared stories of challenges and successes they’ve encountered at BC. They shared inspiring messages that show dedication, extreme strength, a drive to overcome any challenges, but possibly most of all… their stories shared their ability. The ability to do what they love, pursue an education with the right tools and resources, to accomplish their goals, and give back to their community.

Staff, faculty, and students were awarded during the second part of the presentation. Please join me in congratulating...

Maintenance and Operations – For always being on call, day or night. The M&O staff support student success by ensuring that accessible furniture and equipment such as CC TV’s are in class locations across campus.

Tom Greenwood – Reaching out to Deaf students on campus, Tom’s support of student success has included taking American Sign Language courses that allow him to communicate directly with students. His sabbatical leave took him on a journey to explore how Deaf faculty teach mathematics to Deaf students and to share what he has learned both at BC and to his colleagues in the state.

Bernie Scanlon – Students describe him as caring, understanding, and funny. Students look for his Math 60 and 70 courses to assist them in gaining the skills to succeed in mathematics. DSP&S counselors and students are aware that his style of teaching connects with people and incorporates diverse learning styles.

Kristin Rabe – Kristin has been a driving force in establishing the Accessibility Task Force on campus. Her advocacy for captioned media and knowledge of all things related to media services has be instrumental in ensuring live streamed events on campus are captioned. Her knowledge of cccconfer is being used to explore potential ways to support veterans on campus.

Bob Shimmin – Bob is the “Go to Guy” when it comes to assistive technology. He has been involved in specialized training at the High Tech Center Training Unit and works closely with DSP&S staff and students to ensure equal access and student success.

Maria Medina – Maria will be competing her AA-T is sociology degree in spring. Her goal is to transfer to a University of California to pursue a degree in political science. Her career goal is to utilize her education and experience to become a disability advocate. Maria has demonstrated the core values behind the Habits of Mind as she incorporates self-advocacy and persistence to strive for excellence.

Douglas Bolds – Doug is a proactive student. While working for Public Safety Department driving cart he uses his connections and knowledge to help his peers achieve success.
educates students about DSP&S services that are available and has been known to personally deliver students looking for work to the Workability Program office. His great attitude, reliability, and willingness to go out of his way to assist others goes above and beyond.
All of our diversity makes us stronger and it’s definitely a reason to celebrate. Together, we are BC!

**Winter & Winterfest is Coming Soon!**

The temperatures are dropping and we will soon be counting down the days for Thanksgiving and Christmas break.

On December 3rd, the BC Chamber Singers will provide the transformation of the Cafeteria into a culinary winter wonderland with festive caroling, entertainment, and silent auction. The theme is “Winter around the World” and there's no better way to kick off the month of December. As you can imagine, tickets are going quickly – so if you're interested, email Choir Director, Dr. Jen Garrett at jennifer.garrett@bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Memorial Stadium will also be getting into the holiday spirit with Winterfest taking place
in late December. The Bakersfield Condors will host the Three-Way Chevrolet Condorstown Outdoor Classic presented by Mission Bank at our Memorial Stadium. Community events and attractions will include public outdoor ice skating, hockey tournaments, a zip line, live music, obstacle courses, food and beverage vendors and more.

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

With Renegade Pride and Collegiality
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