Dear Colleagues,

We are finishing the sixth week of the semester and there is so much happening on campus. Let me start with the usual enrollment update. Enrollment numbers continue to trend upward. Bakersfield College has 7,016 current FTES with a growth of 136.7 or 2% since this time last year.

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The growth target set for Bakersfield College is 1,726 FTES growth for 2017-2018 above 2016-2017. We are behind this fall in achievement of the growth target. Will keep you updated as the year progresses.

Our Campus is a Place of Dreams
There is a lot of activity in Washington DC and Sacramento related to the DACA program. At BC was have continued with the education campaign to make sure that students have accurate information. I want to thank Dr. Manny Mourtzanos and the Equity Team for organizing a panel of attorney’s who are experts in immigration issue to
share with our college and community the facts of what is happening and to answer questions.

For more information, visit https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/sse/dreamers for resources and videos.

On September 5, I issued the following statement in response to media inquiry: “Community colleges, a truly great American invention, is a part of what makes America the greatest country on earth. We at Bakersfield College serve our community as it is, embrace diversity in all its forms, and believe that every person has a right to access quality higher education. We believe that education has a positive impact on individuals and builds economically vibrant and healthy communities. We at BC will continue to uphold our commitment to a quality higher education to all of the students we serve.”

The announcement today from Washington DC in regards to the DACA program has had an impact on our campus. We, at BC will continue to provide support to all of our students including the 800 undocumented students. Our classrooms, just like the communities we serve, are integrated with young adults having dreams for a bright future. To them I say, Bakersfield College is and always will be a place of hope, transformation, diversity, acceptance, and dreams.”

Corny Rodriguez, was the spokesperson for the campus on this issue. KGET was on campus and interviewed Corny.

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**Opening Day Recap**

Opening Day started with an incredible morning. I always look forward to welcoming our new faculty and staff as I share the story of BC. If you were unable to attend, a video recording is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0nuIJKJN_0

I’d like to highlight a few guest speakers: Yvonne Armendariz, Regina Hukill, and Keri Wolf. If you have the time, please see their statements from Opening Day here:

- Yvonne Armendariz: (text script) / (video link)
- Regina Hukill: (text script) / (video link)
- Keri Wolf: [text script] / [video link]


The Opening Day team would like your feedback. Please take a moment to complete the form available at [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/president/fall-2017-opening-day](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/president/fall-2017-opening-day)

**Bakersfield College partners with the City of Arvin for Fiesta!**

I’m excited to share that BC had a lovely presence at the City of Arvin Hispanic Heritage Fiesta and Grand Opening of the Garden in the Sun Park. The festivities took place September 22-23rd. There was a street fair with vendors, live music including mariachi, folkloric and Aztec dancers, a car show, and a parade.

Most exciting was the gigantic balloon hovering over the new site of BC Arvin.

Thank you to Assemblyman Rudy Salas, Alfonso Noyola, City Manager, Jose Gurrola Jr., Mayor City of Arvin, Jazmin Robles, Mayor Pro Tem City of Arvin, Erika Madrigal, Council Member City of Arvin, Gabriella Martinez, Council Member City of Arvin Jess Ortiz, Council Member City of Arvin, our volunteers and BC staff who showed up to support BC, including Abel Guzman, Endee Grijalva, Nicky Damania, Steve Watkin, Beth Harrison, Alyse Braaten, Dinorah Castro, Amalia Ojeda, Stephanie Baltazar, Jesse Oropeza and more!

Thank you Chancellor Tom Burke and Trustee Bill Thomas for your participation.

**M&O Building Grand Opening**

I invite you to the open house and grand opening of the newest facility on the Panorama Campus, the **Maintenance and Operations building**.

Join me on October 3, 2017 at 9:30AM, for short remarks from Klassen Construction and guests. We will showcase the ways in which this new state of the art facility serves as inspiration for the first stage of projects made possible by your support in Measure J. This new facility fully supports BC’s environmental sustainability, efficiency objectives, and came in on budget and on schedule with no change orders.

This is just the first of many exciting developments to come.
Article in the Sacramento Bee
“Early alumni of California's community college transfer program are showing promising results for the 7-year-old law’s efforts to ease the path to a bachelor's degree.
Of a group of nearly 1,100 students who transferred to California State University in fall 2013 with the Associate Degree for Transfer, 48 percent graduated within two years, data provided by CSU shows, compared to 31 percent of all undergraduate transfers. Within three years, 80 percent had completed their studies, 16 percentage points higher than transfer students overall.”


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A safe and welcoming campus is achieved through mutual cooperation, shared responsibility, respect and integrity. Let’s all do our parts to foster a supportive and secure environment.

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

With Renegade pride and collegiality,
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