Renegade Roundup

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Renegade Colleagues:

It all goes by so fast, doesn’t it? It seems like just yesterday I was welcoming everyone back for a glorious start to 2015; and now, we’re just days away from putting 2015 to bed for the last time and officially kicking off the 2016 chapter of BC’s story.

To all of our fantastic students, staff and faculty, whether you’re celebrating surrounded by family and friends or just taking some quiet time by yourself to reflect, please have a wonderful holiday season. I can’t tell you how much I look forward to all of us working together to make 2016 the best year yet to come for Bakersfield College.

Here are the closing lines from Oliver Goldsmith’s soulful poem “The Traveller.”

How small, of all that human hearts endure,
That part which laws or kings can cause or cure!
Still to ourselves in every place consign’d,
Our own felicity we make or find.

Happiness is indeed what we make or find. I wholeheartedly wish each and every one of you happiness and peace. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

And btw, check out the rare full moon on Christmas this year. Find more on this phenomenon at http://www.space.com/31471-rare-christmas-full-moon-guide.html

Spring 2016 Enrollments:

Here is the first look at enrollments for Spring 2016.

The December 16, 2015 Enrollment Report shows BC’s growth rate continues to rapidly increase-- FTES is up 5.2% in Spring 2015 above Spring 2014. The district-wide FTES is up 2.8% over the same time last spring. The enrollment management team will continue to monitor enrollments to ensure that BC does what is needed for us to meet the district-wide growth target.
Meanwhile, the FTES/FTEF ratio is 14.4, compared to 14.7 last spring. It is usual for our productivity numbers to be low at this time. However, we should make sure that we are in our target range, 17.0 to 17.5 FTES/FTEF by the fourth week of the term.

A big thank you to all BC colleagues for the incredible work you’re doing to bring new students to our campus and ensure their success.

**Equity Plan:**

Earlier this month, our team completed the detailed task of updating BC's Equity Plan for 2015-2018...and in addition to the tremendous strides we've taken in reaching out to students from disproportionately impacted groups over the past several years, we've still set lofty goals to make education more accessible to everyone in Kern County. The Plan is organized around the five Student Success indicators as prescribed by the State Chancellor's Office. Here is a brief summary of BC’s targets for the five indicators as well as the activities.
Shannon Musser keeps our Renegade Scorecard current and uploads institutional documents on this site under the category of Institutional Effectiveness. You can find the Equity Plan here at [http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/scorecard/effectiveness](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/scorecard/effectiveness).

**Vision for the Valley Summit**

BC has an integral role to play in helping to identify and address areas of concern for Kern County’s future, so we were pleased to host the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce’s *Vision for the Valley* summit earlier this month at the Simonsen Performing Arts Center.
Nick Ortiz and our friends at the Chamber really outdid themselves, creating a half-day symposium that assembled some of our area's most knowledgeable business, legislative and analytical minds to examine issues we all face every day -- energy, water, agriculture, housing, transportation and their interlocking impacts on Kern County's economy.

Panelists like Western States Petroleum Association Vice President Tupper Hull, State Water Resources Control Board member DeeDee D'Adamo and retired congressman and luminary BC faculty emeritus Bill Thomas offered amazing insight into how issues like oil production, the state's drought and infrastructure funding affect our daily lives. The Bakersfield Californian was present in full force with Richard Beene, Louis Amestoy and Lois Henry.

It was wonderful to see the community out at the college to engage in these discussions and we were pleased to hear that the Chamber will bring Vision for the Valley back again next year.

**Mark Your Calendars**

**January 9th**, Men's Basketball, 3 p.m., Gym  
**January 9th**, Women's Basketball, 5 p.m., Gym  
**January 20th**, Men's Basketball, 5 p.m., Gym  
**January 20th**, Women's Basketball, 7 p.m., Gym  
**February 18th** and 19th, 2016, Guided Pathways Conference. Keynote: Davis Jenkins  
**February 25th**, Sterling Silver, Petroleum Club  
**February 25th**, Renegade Talks, 7 p.m., Indoor Theater

That's all for now.....Until 2016.

With Renegade pride and collegiality,  
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