

# From the Chancellor's Desk



Spring 2022 Week 2

January 29, 2022

KCCD Colleagues:

## Chancellor's Seminar Series:

I enjoyed seeing so many of you joining the Chancellor's Seminar on IT Infrastructure. I am sure, you, like me, enjoyed getting to know these individuals who work behind the scene on technology infrastructure that is so very critical for our learning and working environment.

Our next Chancellor's Seminar, on February 1st, will be an informational seminar focusing on the budget. The program will start with the Chancellor's Brief and then we will move to the latest proposed budget from our governor, the Student Centered Budget Framework, and budget processes at each of our campuses.

Please join us as we hear from our Chief Financial Officer and our campus Vice Presidents of Finance. February 1st Chancellor's Seminar [Registration](#).

## The Chancellor's Seminar Series:

### Dollars and Sense of Budgeting



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February 1, 2022 - 4:00pm



On February 9 at 3 p.m., the Chancellor's Seminar Series will be co-hosting the Ag/Water/Energy (AWE) webinar Series. This event, hosted by the Valley Strong Energy Institute is the second part of a series on zero-emission vehicles. Featured panelists include Rocky Carlisle from Valley Clean Air Now, John Pitre from the Greater Bakersfield New Car Dealers Association, Raji Brar of Countryside Market and Restaurant, and Adan Zamora of from WattEV.

To participate in this webinar, [please visit the registration link](#).

The banner features a red header with the text "Agriculture/Water/Energy (AWE) Education Series". Below this, the main title "Zero Emission Vehicles – The Clean Transportation Economy in Action" is displayed in large, bold, red font. The event details include the date "Tuesday, February 8, 2022" and time "3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (PT)". A registration link is provided: "https://bit.ly/AWEWebinar5". The host is identified as "the Valley Strong Energy Institute". Four featured speakers are listed with their photos and titles: Rocky Carlisle (Smog Operations Manager, Valley Clean Air Now), John Pitre (Director, Greater Bakersfield New Car Dealers Association), Raji Brar (COO, Countryside Market and Restaurant), and Adan Zamora (Senior Director, WattEV). The background of the banner shows a stylized landscape with wind turbines, solar panels, and power lines. At the bottom, logos for KCCD, NREL, the Planning and Natural Resources Department, Valley Strong, and Bakersfield College are displayed.

## Consultation Council

Consultation Council met on Tuesday and we had several substantive items on the agenda. AB 927, KCCD strategic plan addendum, the Governor's January budget and more. You can find more detailed information at <https://committees.kccd.edu/committee/district-consultation-council>

## COVID-19 Updates

Some of my friends and colleagues who had COVID tell me that they have lingering symptoms of a foggy mind and extreme fatigue. So, when I read [this article in the NY Times](#), I thought I would share, in the hope that it might be beneficial for some of you.

[A study published in the academic journal Cell on January 24](#) identified four potential risk factors that could lead to post-acute COVID-19, or “long COVID”:

- Existing Type 2 Diabetes
- Coronavirus RNA found in the person’s bloodstream at time of diagnosis
- Reactivation of the Epstein-Barr virus, which causes mononucleosis
- Immune system develops autoantibodies to attack its own tissue or organs

The study compiled data from more than 50 different researchers who followed a total of 390 COVID-19 patients after their initial diagnosis. Around 37 percent of the patients developed three or more symptoms of post-acute COVID, which can include memory loss, stomach pain, fatigue, loss of smell, a lingering cough, and shortness of breath. The study also found that women who developed “long COVID” tended to have more neurological symptoms, and patients with a history of heart disease were more likely to lose their sense of taste and smell.

### **Holocaust Remembrance Day**

On Thursday, the world recognized International Holocaust Remembrance Day. It was designated by the UN General Assembly in 2005, to use January 27 – the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1945 – to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust.

I follow Pope Francis on twitter and wanted to share this post:

“It is necessary to foster in the new generations an awareness of the horror of this black page of history, so that we can build a future where human dignity is no longer trampled underfoot.”

That’s all I have for now.

For more about updates from our KCCD colleges, sign up for my blog at <https://sonyachristianblog.com/>

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With much warmth and collegiality

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