

# THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FROM BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

#### **ALUMNI BBQ MAKES A BIG RETURN BEFORE HOMECOMING**

Bakersfield College was filled with Renegade pride for Homecoming this year at the 63rd BC Alumni BBQ. The event, hosted by the Bakersfield College Alumni Association and the Bakersfield College Foundation, was held in conjunction with Renegade Promenade. The day started with a festival that included community vendors, Bakersfield College exhibits, and live music and performances by talented BC students and alumni. The crowd was in awe of some of these performances by the BC Jazz, BC Choir, BC Drumline, and the BC Ballet Folklorico Ritmo y Sabor.

All this was happening while the BC Culinary team was preparing to cook steaks and hot dogs for about 300 people. Every meal ticket included general admission to the BC Homecoming Football game vs. Moorpark College. More than 3,000 people filled Memorial Stadium that night and the Renegades were victorious with a 25 to 17 win.



#### **INSPIRING THE MAKERS OF TOMORROW AT BC'S MFG DAY**

Bakersfield College hosted Manufacturing Day for the 3rd time last month. Manufacturing Day was established to showcase diverse career opportunities within the manufacturing industry. Over the next decade, manufacturers will need to fill 4.6million jobs across the U.S. These are jobs that are high skilled, high tech, high paying and in demand. Over 1,200 students participated in this year's event to allow them to explore the opportunities within manufacturing.



Through this annual event, Bakersfield College was able to provide employers the opportunity to address the skill labor shortage, connect with future generations and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry.

#### **7TH ANNUAL UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS ACTION WEEK**



BC recognized the 7th Annual Undocumented Students Action Week (USAW) with a series of informational workshops and special events to provide support and resources to undocumented students. The workshops featured several local business presenters, including Kern Women's Business Center, United Way of Kern, Citizen's Bank, and United Farm Workers. There were also workshops conducted by several BC departments covering several academic topics and helpful resources.

#### **RENEGADE READING PROGRAM AT CHIPMAN JR. HIGH**

Through the support of BC Athletics and by showcasing student athletes, the Renegade Reading program at Chipman Jr. High has been a big hit. Chipman Jr. High School had a total of 385 students who met their goal, about 44% of their student population. The reward this year included a ticket to BC's Homecoming Football game.

This innovative program aims to enhance the reading skills of students while instilling a passion for literature. Chipman Junior High School is the pilot for expanding the program. The Renegade Reading program will begin to build the gap between academics and athletics.

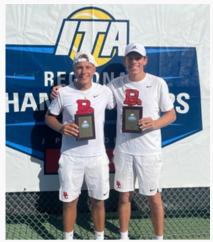




## **RENEGADE TENNIS PLAYER QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS**

For the first time in the program history of Renegade men's tennis, two Renegades are qualifying for Nationals by winning singles championship at Regionals. The JUCO 2023 ITA CCCAA Men's and Women's NorCal Regional Championships were hosted at American River College, Sacramento, CA, from September 30th thru October 1st.

The campus community is very excited for Alex Lauinger and Santino Morel. They will be traveling to Rome, Georgia, to compete against the top players in the country. Both Alex and Santino are sophomores, and this tournament is a great opportunity for them to showcase their talents to coaches recruiting players for some of the top tennis programs in the country.



### **BC'S ARCHIVES; 20 YEARS OF HONORING THE PAST**

The Bakersfield College Archives is marking two decades of preserving the rich history and cherished memories of the Renegade community. Since its inception in 2003, the BC Archives has been dedicated to safeguarding the legacy of BC and fostering a sense of belonging within the BC community. The Archives Team invites everyone to partake in this special milestone by visiting their <u>newly revamped website</u> where visitors can sign up for the semi- annual newsletter, explore past student newspapers, yearbooks, and other invaluable memorabilia. They are also extending an invitation to actively contribute to this community-wide historical repository so BC's story can continue to be documented for future generations.

#### **BC'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER SELECTED FOR GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT ON-CAMPUS CHILDCARE**



BC's Child Development Center (CDC) was selected to receive a part of the \$13 million grant funding announced by the Biden-Harris Administration to support campus-based child care programs. \$500,000.00 has been allocated to Bakersfield College as part of the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) grant program.

More than one in five students are parents and 42% of all student parents attend community colleges. High-quality child care provides benefits to children, their parents, and the greater community.

