

Bakersfield College President's Report to the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees

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A Celebration of Our Veterans at BC

With a more than 60% increase in our student veteran demographic in just four years, it is the leadership and engagement on campus which helps us support these students through the transition from combat to college.

On Monday, Trustee Kay Meek joined us as we held a Leadership Breakfast to share our commitments, resources, and initiatives with leaders in the community. Yesterday, we invited Elizabeth Perez-Halperin presenting about women in combat to our students. A highlight has been unveiling the plans for the brand new Veterans Resource Center.



Our veterans are an incredible part of the Renegade family. We currently have over two dozen professors and staff who have served in all five services and our students veterans prove to be strong and dedicated in their educational accomplishments. Here are some statistics:

- 15.8% complete 12 college-level units in first term compared to 8.8% of non-Veterans
- 37.9% complete remedial English within two years compared to 25% of non-Veterans
- 30.6% complete remedial math within two years compared to 21.7% of non-Veterans

The Great ShakeOut on Panorama Drive

At 10:19 on 10/19, the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill was held on all BC campuses. The day is a reminder that earthquakes are a part of life in our state and a major earthquake could be on the horizon at any time. Our campus immediately responded and officials reported to the Incident Command Center by 10:23. By 10:43, alarms were cut and we gave the "All Clear."

Upcoming Events

Jazz Fall Concert

Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 at 7:00PM

Indoor Theater

Performing Arts Presents 1984

Friday, Nov. 17, 2017 at 7:30PM

Black Box Theater

Dynamic Earth Planetarium Show

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 at 7:30PM

William M. Thomas Planetarium

Thanksgiving Holiday Begins

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017 at 5:30PM

All BC Campuses

Season of Light Holiday Show

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017 at 7:30PM

William M. Thomas Planetarium

Culinary Caroling Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 at 5:30PM

Fireside Room and Cafeteria

Spring Opening Day

Save the Date

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018

Indoor Theater



Disability Awareness Day

Last month, we celebrated disabilities and the various ways our staff and faculty make accessibility an integrated part of their jobs.

BC DSPS kicked off the morning with an info fair for students with informational booths. On-campus and off-campus exhibitors included BC DSPS, BC Student Health Center, BGLAD, Canine Companions for Independence, and more.

Afterwards, Terri Goldstien, DSPS Director hosted a student panel inside the Fireside Room. These students shared personal stories and experiences about being a college student with disabilities. These challenges present themselves in many forms... from reading comprehension to motor skills, to anxiety and depression to blindness, deafness, and mobility difficulties. These students 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, and give back to their communities and make a difference in the world through their talents and gifts.

The final part of the afternoon included recognizing staff, faculty, and students for actively supporting the success of students with disabilities at BC. This years recipients were:

- **Outstanding Department:** Assessment Department and Department of Public Safety
- **Outstanding Faculty:** Kurt Klopstein and Richard Miles
- **Outstanding Staff:** Dr. Nicky Damania and Eileen Pierce
- **Outstanding Students:** Alysun Seabлом and Danita Belmore



Technology Resources at BC

The BC Accreditation Team has been regularly sending snippets of information campus wide as they collect and analyze information. In a recent update, our team reviewed the technology growth at BC.

- In 2012, Technology Support Systems managed technology at BC, Delano Center and the Weill Institute. In 2017 they manage facilities at BC, Delano, Weil, BC Southwest, a 2nd Delano site, and the Adult Education Office.
- On a typical day in 2012, less than 2000 devices were connected to BC's wireless network at any given time. Today, over 10,000 devices are connected during high traffic hours.

Technology Support Services has facilitated this growth with the addition of only a single technician since 2012, bringing their staff from six technicians in 2012 to seven technicians in 2017.

AECOM-Parsons on Campus

AECOM-Parsons presented at a campus wide forum where attendees heard from Chancellor Tom Burke, Trustee Bill Thomas, Project Executive and proud Renegade Alum, Domingo Camarano, and the rest of the AECOM-Parsons team.

Trustee Thomas said, "Bakersfield College is going to be renewed" and Domingo stressed how important our campus Educational Master Plan is to the integration of the project planning.



President's Whereabouts

- ◊ **Oct. 24, 2017** | Chaired the CA Guided Pathways Advisory Committee meeting in Los Angeles.
- ◊ **Oct. 26-27, 2017** | AACC Pathways Institute #6 in Seattle, Washington