



Bakersfield College President's Report

to the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees

May 15, 2015

Outreach Continues Work in High Schools, Community

Bakersfield College has repurposed resources to focus on completing some of the matriculation steps at the high schools rather than waiting for students to arrive at BC after graduations. We have been working closely with principals, counselors, teachers to administer assessment, orientation as well as have students complete their abbreviated Student Education Plan (SEP) at the high school. Below is a listing of some of our outreach activities:

Bakersfield College	Point-in-Time Comparison ¹							
	Summer - First Day Open BC - CC				Fall - First Day Open BC - CC			
	Summer 2014	Summer 2015	Diff	% Chg	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	6,629	7,536	907	13.7%	11,484	12,652	1,168	10.2%
Duplicated Enrollments	9,055	10,365	1,310	14.5%	33,826	36,894	3,068	9.1%
Waitlisted Enrollments ²	963	1,043	80	8.3%	3,360	4,305	945	28.1%
Current FTES ³	1,129.1	1,260.3	131.2	11.6%	4,239.7	4,644.4	404.7	9.5%
Workload (FTEF)	82.8	88.6	5.8	7.0%	347.8	371.3	23.5	6.7%
FTES/FTEF ⁴	13.6	14.2	0.6	4.3%	12.2	12.5	0.3	2.6%
Active Sections	378	414	36	9.5%	1,512	1,604	92	6.1%

- More than 120 high representatives attended a high school counselor conference to learn information and gain insight on collaboration opportunities.
- 6,249 new student applications were processed for Summer and Fall 2015.
- 2,509 students attended one of 21 orientations at area high schools since November, and another 1,271 attended either online or at Panorama Campus orientations.
- 53 high school counselors have been trained to proctor the ACCUPLACER exam.
- 2,130 students attended one of 40 new student workshops at area high schools.
- 627 students who have completed the first three steps of matriculation were called with information on a new student workshop; 155 of the students who were called, attended the new student workshop.
- 1,421 students attended a registration workshop held at one of the 12 local high schools.
- 41 students and their families attended the President's Scholars reception; 109 students eligible for the President's Scholars program have completed all matriculation steps, met all program requirements, and have been accepted into the program.



Bakersfield College's Outreach team will continue to work with high schools and the community to bring information about programs and services. Their efforts of multiple measuring up students in math and English as well as getting students focused with their education plan well in advance will help accelerate the time to completing a degree or certificate.

The most recent enrollment report from Institutional Research shows Bakersfield College is currently well above last year's FTES for summer and fall. Along with the outreach efforts we have undertaken, the primary reason for this is because we are registering students earlier than usual which allow us to plan for course offerings based on the abbreviated SEP. As we get closer to the beginning of the term we will have a better sense of the actual growth in student enrollment above last summer.

PLEASE JOIN US!

May 15 at 6 p.m.
Commencement
Memorial Stadium

May 20 at 5 p.m.
Firefighter I Academy Pinning
Indoor Theater

June 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Rome Tour Concert
Indoor Theater

call 395-4211 for information

Pre-Registered Nursing Orientation Helps Students Plan for Success

The Registered Nursing program at Bakersfield College is highly competitive. With a large number of students interested in completing the program, and with comparatively few spots, the Allied Health team has designed an orientation to help students navigate the early program requirements. The Pre-Registered Nursing Orientation connects prospective Nursing students with Nursing faculty and current Registered Nursing students to help those interested in the program learn what it actually takes to be successful during the rigorous coursework.

The first-ever Pre-Registered Nursing Orientation was held in a large auditorium classroom in the Science and Engineering building, and was standing room only! Participants heard from two current Registered Nursing students, Miranda Cramer and Maribel Martinez (shown above), who described the program from the student perspective. Cramer and Martinez shared their experiences, including how much time they spend studying, and how life, including as a parent, can change dramatically once in the Registered Nursing program.



Students interested in the Nursing program learned about the cost of the program, prerequisites, the application process, financial aid opportunities, and how to navigate the admission process. The event was a partnership between Allied Health, Financial Aid, and Career Technical Education. The Allied Health department plans to expand the early orientation to include information on Vocational Nursing so more are even better prepared to enter the program.

Track Finishes Second in State



The Lady Renegades placed second at the Western State Conference Track and Field Finals last weekend with dominant performance from Freshman Kaira Saunders.

Kaira won the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.15 seconds, while her twin sister Taira took second place a third of a second behind at 12.46 seconds. The sisters led BC to victory in the 4x100 relay, and to a second place finish in the 4x400.

Leah Theroux won the 800 meter race with a time of 2:19:43, with her teammate Jessica Campbell finishing less than two seconds behind in third place with a time of 2:21:79.

Levan Faculty Summer Grants

Congratulations to the following BC faculty members who have been awarded \$3,000 summer grants as “Levan Scholars.”

Moya Arthur (Philosophy): Moya is going to begin a project to identify and describe the metaphysical viewpoint of traditional dine’ (Navajo) metaphysical thought within the framework of contemporary philosophical analysis.

Rae Ann Kumelos (English): Rae Ann will use stories from the animals of myth, literature, and everyday life to develop a workshop, “animal advice: are you listening?”, to be given at a conference at oxford university this summer, and will do additional research for other related book projects.

Erin Miller (History): Erin’s research will explore the transcendence of intellectual identity over that of religious identity made visible by the debate between Quaker leaders and young Quaker men establishing Bachelor Hall (1715).

Reggie Williams (Philosophy): Reggie’s research will pursue the current wealth gap between African and Caucasian Americans, arguing that Caucasian wealth constitutes an economic monopoly that should be curtailed under US anti-trust legislation.

Bringing a SPArC to Bakersfield College - Performing Arts Center Open

After two years of construction, closures, and relocated events, Bakersfield College has officially reopened the Edward J. Simonsen Performing Arts Center (SPArC) to the public. The grand reopening was held in appropriately grand fashion - beginning with a ribbon cutting with local dignitaries on a Wednesday, and concluding with a public event featuring the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra on Saturday.

On Wednesday, April 22, the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting with Bakersfield College at the Simonsen Performing Arts Center, or the SPArC. A number of local dignitaries and businesspeople, and City of Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall cut the ribbon to welcome the new SPArC to Bakersfield.

The grand opening though was Saturday, April 25, as Bakersfield College hosted *A Noteworthy Event* in the SPArC's outdoor theater. The evening was made more special by the presence of the Simonsen family. The Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra performed a range of modern and classical orchestral pieces, each with a tie to Bakersfield College or higher education. The Symphony was under the direction of retired Bakersfield College music professor Dr. Ron Kean, who artfully guided the members of the Symphony through favorites such as excerpts from *Carmen* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

A special of the evening was a piece by Bakersfield College music professor and composer Dr. John Gerhold commissioned by the President of the College. *Joyful Noises* celebrated the opening of the SPArC in dramatic fashion, with an evolution of rolling drums, crashing cymbals, creative cacophony and sweetly singing strings, reminiscent of a student's journey from beginning music classes to advanced compositional efforts.

The audience came to their feet at the conclusion of the final piece of the evening, John Williams' *Raiders March*, composed for *The Raiders of the Lost Ark*. The familiar tune that had accompanied



Indiana Jones' exploits in the adventure trilogy entertained all present, with Dr. Kean reminding the audience that Indiana had been a college professor - thus the BC connection to *A Noteworthy Event*.

Guests enjoyed sumptuous pastries by local desserter and BC alumna Kathy Miller from Tastries, and enjoyed the fittingly elegant treats, wine and coffee on an unseasonably cool and somewhat blustery evening.

To make the evening all the more magical, the Bakersfield College Choir and Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Jennifer Garrett, performed the national anthem before joining the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra for a performance of *American Mass: Gloria 2004*, a composition by Dr. Kean, orchestrated by Dr. Gerhold, and featuring Robert Robinson's *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* hymn.

Upcoming events in the SPArC include performing arts plays, concerts, and more. To cap off the academic year, Bakersfield College's music majors will be performing solo recitals in the Indoor Theater on Sunday, May 10 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. These recitals include vocalists and instrumentalists, and admission is free. In June, the Bakersfield College Chamber Singers will have a Rome Tour Preview Concert as they prepare for their trip to Italy to perform at the Vatican. The concert will be June 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Indoor Theater, and the suggested donation is \$10. Maybe you should consider buying your plane ticket to Rome today!

End of the Year Events at Bakersfield College

As the end of the academic year draws to a close, a number of events take place to celebrate the achievements and successes of our Bakersfield College students.

EOPS, CARE, CalWORKs Awards Banquet

The annual EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKs Awards Banquet was held last week, with students and their families in attendance. Students who have participated in the EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKs programs and who are either graduating or transferring to a



four-year college or university were recognized, and received a certificate of recognition, a pad folio, and a flash drive. Bakersfield College serves 1,200 students per year in the three programs.

Annual Chicano Latino Commencement

Last week was our Chicano Latino Commencement ceremony. Just as Corny Rodriguez had warned, the Chicano Latino Commencement really did get emotional. For so many Bakersfield College students and their families, the Chicano Latino Commencement is a time to celebrate the achievement and success

during their students' education. The ceremony is conducted in Spanish and English to better include Spanish-speaking friends and family as they celebrate our students' amazing accomplishments.

59th Annual Honors Celebration

Last week, Bakersfield College honored scholarship and award recipients at our annual Honor Celebration. The event, which has evolved over the years, continues to grow and grow, and this year, was moved to the Outdoor Theater to accommodate the largest attendance ever. The annual event, where Bakersfield College distributed nearly \$400,000 in scholarships, is an opportunity for students to meet the philanthropists who have made donations to help support educational pursuits, and for our generous donors to meet the students whom their financial contributions benefit.

Allied Health Program Pinning Ceremony and Graduations

The Allied Health programs at Bakersfield College have pinning ceremonies to celebrate completion of the educational program. The Registered Nursing pinning was May 14 at 6 p.m. at Valley Bible Church. The Firefighter I Academy pinning is May 20 at 5 p.m. in the SPArC Indoor Theater. The Radiologic Technology Program pinning was May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the SPArC Indoor Theater.

101st Bakersfield College Commencement

More than 1,000 students are eligible to participate in Bakersfield College's 101st Commencement tonight at Memorial Stadium. We are honored to have three members of the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees with us tonight to see the culminating event in the educational careers for the Class of 2015.

2015 Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony Honors Students

Bakersfield College honored students of African American descent in a special ceremony on May 13. Fifteen students who are members of the class of 2015 were recognized for their completion of an Associate degree at Bakersfield College with the awarding of a Kente cloth scarf to wear with their commencement regalia.

Speakers included student Felicia Wallace (pictured right with Bakersfield College vice president Dr. Anthony Culpepper), who is a member of the class of 2015. Felicia described her formative years before entering into an inspirational presentation about overcoming odds and looking to the future as a graduate with a 3.29 GPA.

She said: "What my S-T-R-U-G-G-L-E has taught me, is that I am a strong, talented, real, go-getting, loving, exceptional Black woman. And if I put my mind to it, I can overcome any struggle."

