



Bakersfield College President's Report

to the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees

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Our Communities Will Grow Stronger One Degree At a Time

With the support and framework of The Kern Promise program, over the next 10 years, Kern County will advance our educational attainment rates, increase the health of our community, engage our young people, and decrease poverty.

On Friday, May 28th, in front of nearly one thousand Kern high school students, President Horace Mitchell, Superintendent Bryon Schaefer and myself were joined by Chancellor Tom Burke, Trustee Thomas, community leaders, political representatives, and local industry to pledge our commitment to future generations.

With Dual Enrollment, course offerings are increasing at a steady pace. Of all high schools in the BC area, 67% offer college level courses. With The Kern Promise and Dual Enrollment, more students will see a college education in their future!



Dignitaries from The Kern Promise on April 28, 2017

Give Big Kern & BC Foundation

The 2nd annual Give Big Kern took place on May 2nd. The day of county-wide giving was coordinated by the Kern Community Foundation and had 101 different non-profits from Kern County participating in this year's event! The Bakersfield College Foundation was represented this year and brought in funds that directly go towards students realizing their goals of higher education.



Commencement Day Events

Delano Pre-Commencement Celebration

Friday, May 12, 2017 at 11:00AM

DST - Indoors, Delano Campus

Chicano/Latino Pre-Commencement Celebration

Friday, May 12, 2017 at 3:30PM

Outdoor Theater, Main Campus

African American Student Recognition Ceremony

Friday, May 12, 2017 at 4:00PM

Indoor Theater, Main Campus

Veterans Pre-Commencement Celebration

Friday, May 12, 2017 at 4:00PM

Renegade Room, Main Campus

103rd Bakersfield College Commencement Celebration

Friday, May 12, 2017 at 7:00PM

Memorial Stadium, Main Campus



BC Pre-Law Day Inspiring Current and Incoming Students

Bakersfield College held its second annual Law Day Conference on Friday, April 28, 2017. The program featured several distinguished attorneys and judges from the Bakersfield legal community in addition to BC Professors. Mayor Karen Goh contributed with opening remarks to the conference while the panel topics dealt with the 150th anniversary of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as well as the challenges of the Law School path.

The audience received lunch in the Performance Arts Center courtyard and then had the opportunity to participate in the Internship Fair held by various law schools at BC. The event was open to both high school and college students. As the BC Pre-Law Program continues to grow, future Law Day Conferences will also grow in order to accommodate the increased interest in the legal field.



President's Whereabouts

- ◇ April 18, 2017 | CA State Assembly Budget Committee with the State Chancellors Office
- ◇ April 27, 2017 | CA Guided Pathways Advisory Meeting
Chaired the Statewide Meeting

Upcoming Events

African American Brotherhood Breakfast
Friday, May 5, 2017 at 8:10AM
Renegade Room, Main Campus

2017 Honors Celebration
Friday, May 5, 2017 at 7:00PM
Gymnasium, Main Campus

Women's Empowerment Summit
Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 8:00AM
Fireside Room & Cafeteria, Main Campus

Sterling Silver Dinner
Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 6:30PM
Cafeteria, Main Campus

Kern County STEMposium
Friday, May 19, 2017 at 8:00AM
Gymnasium, Main Campus

Leadership Matters Summit
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 8:00AM
Indoor Theater, Main Campus

Leadership Matters:

Re-Imagining Leadership to Sustain
Transformative Change Through
Guided Pathways



The BC Campus is proud to host the Leadership Matters Summit on May 24, 2017. While the guided pathways framework gives our students a clear and defined journey to discover their calling, learn the skills necessary for success, and advance in the most effective route, it also unites our colleges by giving our work a unified purpose.

State Chancellor, Eloy Oakley will be our keynote speaker. Recently, he spread the message that we need to make significant gains in student success, not only for the sake of our students and strengthening California's economy but also to retain the credibility of the California Community College system in the eyes of the State Legislature. Legislature has funded several student success initiatives to the tune of nearly one billion dollars, including the \$150 million for Guided Pathways in Governor's January 2017 proposal.