

AACC/AASA College & Career Readiness Convening

On March 24, 2019, Bakersfield College (BC) and McFarland Unified School District (MUSD) leadership traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Convening on College and Career Readiness, hosted by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and The School Superintendents Association (AASA).

AACC and AASA invited BC and MUSD to present on the Early College project and partnership as a scalable best practice to other high schools and colleges regionally, statewide, and nationally.

Attendees and presenters included:

- Dr. Sonya Christian, Bakersfield College President
- Dr. Jean Fuller, Senator Emeritus – California
- Aaron Resendez, McFarland Unified School District Superintendent
- Romeo Agbalog, Kern Community College District Trustee

Following the presentation, both AASA and AACC invited the partners to return to present at a plenary session at their respective national conferences.

Washington, D.C. Policy & Leadership Meetings

In addition to the convening, leaders arranged meetings with key organizations to discuss Early College and identify opportunities for collaboration. Representatives from each organization shared information about potential funding opportunities, current and pending legislation around high school to college partnerships, and professional engagement opportunities.

Organizations included:

- Institute for Higher Education Policy
- U.S. Department of Education – State & Local Engagement
- U.S. Department of Education – Higher Education & Community Colleges
- U.S. Department of Education – Intergovernmental Affairs
- U.S. Department of Education – Elementary and Secondary Education
- The Foundation for Excellence in Education



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Bakersfield College and McFarland Unified will continue working with the above entities to sustain and scale its Early College efforts.