

Sonya Christian, April 11, 2019

Countdown to Commencement

The 2019 Bakersfield College Commencement Ceremony will be held at Rabobank Arena on May 10, 2019. With over 2,300 graduates eligible to walk, including the 2nd graduating class of the Industrial Technology Baccalaureate degree and the 2nd graduating cohort of Early College, please consider joining us for this momentous celebration.



11th Annual BC Foundation Sterling Silver

The Bakersfield College Foundation hosted a beautiful evening last month to honor exceptional support and service to the College and our students. At this year's event, Lynda and Stewart Resnick were honored as Individual Philanthropists of the Year. Together, they have transformed the lives of countless students by making college an achievable goal through generous scholarships and a robust education program. Their long-standing support for Bakersfield College has provided significant opportunities for youth throughout the region.

Aera Energy was recognized as Corporate Philanthropist of the year for all they have done to create opportunities and learning spaces such as BC's Aera STEM Success Center to inspire students pursuing STEM careers.

BC's Jerry Ludeke was recognized as the BC Foundation Service Medal recipient for 60 years of service to the BC community. She began by teaching English and Art, receiving the Margaret Levinson Faculty Leadership Award, the Shirley Trembley Outstanding Teacher Award, and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Kern Community College Board of Trustees and now gives back by preserving history with the BC Archives department.

The night was made complete with BC touches. Thank you to Kris Tiner and the BC Jazz Ensemble for providing musical entertainment and the BC culinary arts students for supporting Seven Oaks Executive Chef, Paul Burzlauff for the incredible meal.



Join Us at These Renegade Events

EOP&S Pre-Commencement Celebration

Apr. 23, 2019 at 5:00PM

Hodel's Country Dining

BC Women's Softball vs. Moorpark

Apr. 23, 2019 at 2:30PM

Gerry Collis Field

Jess Nieto Memorial Conference

Apr. 23, 2019 at 3:00PM

Levan Center

Business Pathway Career Expo

Apr. 24, 2019 at 9:00AM

CSS Lawn

Future of Space Exploration Planetarium Show

Apr. 24, 2019 at 7:30PM

William M. Thomas Planetarium

Honors Celebration

Apr. 26, 2019 at 5:30PM

Outdoor Theater

Valley Fever Symposium

Apr. 26, 2019 at 6:00PM

Fine Arts 30

Annual Garden Fest

Apr. 27, 2019 at 9:00AM

Renegade Park

105th Commencement Celebration

May 10, 2019 at 8:00AM

Indoor Theater

These events and more can be found online at bakersfieldcollege.edu and GoGades.com

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Early College Leadership in Washington, DC

Last month, leadership from Bakersfield College, KCCD, and McFarland High School traveled to Washington, DC to share best practices of the Early College program at the American Association for Community Colleges and The School Superintendents Association bi-annual gatherings. McFarland Superintendent, Aaron Resendez and BC President, Sonya Christian shared with the national audience how BC's Early College partnership is addressing nationwide education gaps and problems.



(L-R) Assistant Secretary of Education, Frank Brogan, Sonya Christian, Jean Fuller, and Romeo Agbalog

Renegades Attend ASACC and Meet with McCarthy in Washington, DC

BC's Student Government representatives recently visited Washington, DC with Nicky Damania, BC's Director of Student Life, to attend the 2019 American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) Conference.

This year, student representatives heard from Ralph Nader as he encouraged the upcoming leaders to utilize their voice and skills for positive change throughout our nation and local communities.



The ASACC also provided the opportunity for BC's students to speak with representatives from Congress Member Barbara Lee's Office, Congress Member Garamendi, and Congress Member, Kevin McCarthy.



BCSGA Officers speak with Congressman Kevin McCarthy in his Washington, DC Office.

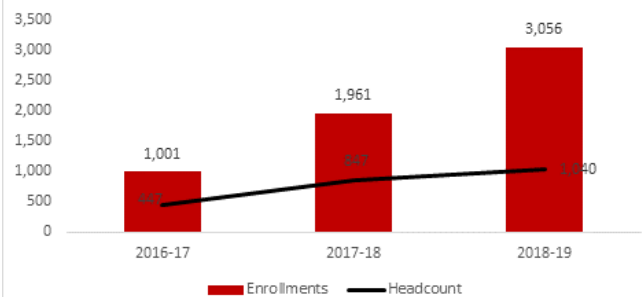
BC Serves a Growing Number of Inmate Scholars Throughout 10 Prisons

Through the Inmate Scholars Program, Bakersfield College continues to have a large underserved population in need of college programs and services. This program originated in the 2016-2017 academic year as a pilot and has continued to grow ever since its inception, serving over 1,000 students in 8 prisons and 16 yards.



BC continues to increase the number transfer-level course offerings to all of the prisons; hosting over 50 courses, where students have the opportunity to take 1-3 courses each semester, with 50 dedicated faculty.

BC's Inmate Scholars Enrollments and Headcount by Academic Year



BC Inmate Education Academic Year Enrollment Counts: Enrolled on Census Day

SS-F-S	Enrollments	Headcount
2016-17	1,001	447
2017-18	1,961	847
2018-19	3,056	1,040

Early College Premiers in Shafter

Starting in the 2019-2020, Shafter High School's incoming 9th-grade students will follow a plan to complete over 30 general education units prior to their high school graduation through a combination of dual and concurrent enrollment courses. Students will also have access to additional CTE dual enrollment opportunities in the areas of agriculture, welding, and woodworking. As the partnership between BC and Shafter High continues to grow, the goal is for students to be able to complete college-level certificates and degrees during their time at Shafter High School.



Abel Guzman and Trustee Agbalog at the informational event