

President's Report to College Council

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Fall 2020 Enrollment:

The September 2 enrollment update from Institutional Research shows:

- Enrollment at BC for fall 2020 is **4.5% lower** than the same time last fall which is a **355 FTES decrease** this fall over last fall.

		Point in Time Comparison			
	FA 20 -Second Week of Term	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Difference	% Difference
BC	Unduplicated Headcount	23,139	22,184	-955	-4.1%
	Current Enrollments	65,120	63,405	-1,715	-2.6%
	Waitlist Count	1,327	446	-881	-66.4%
	Enrolled FTES	7,840.37	7,485.37	-355.00	-4.5%
	Workload	521.80	529.74	7.94	1.5%
	FTES/FTEF	15.03	14.13	-0.90	-6.0%
	Section Count	2,430	2,433	3	0.1%

- Enrollment districtwide for fall 2020 is **7% lower** than the same time last fall which is a **762.23 FTES decrease** this fall over last fall.

Grand Total	Unduplicated Headcount	32,099	30,326	-1,773	-5.5%
	Current Enrollments	90,387	86,626	-3,761	-4.2%
	Waitlist Count	1,845	645	-1,200	-65.0%
	Enrolled FTES	10,942.75	10,180.52	-762.23	-7.0%
	Workload	739.67	756.49	16.81	2.3%
	FTES/FTEF	14.79	13.46	-1.34	-9.0%
	Section Count	3,420	3,416	-4	-0.1%

Board of Trustees Authorizes Design of New Agriculture Building

On Thursday, August 13, the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees approved a work authorization for the design of our new agriculture building. We're excited to be moving into the next phase of this important project with Teter, LLP as our partner.

BC Presents at Chancellor's Office System Webinar

At a webinar that live streamed for all of California's 115 community colleges on September 2, I had the opportunity to share how BC's Guided Pathways framework provided a blueprint to support our students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Craig Hayward, Jennifer Johnson, Jessica Wojtysiak and Lesley Bonds joined me to answer questions in the comments about BC's completion coaching philosophy and other guided pathways initiatives.

Fall 2020 Opening Week

We kicked off the 2020-2021 academic year with an Opening Week celebration August 17-27 featuring our annual State of the College address and remarks from faculty and staff leadership groups. We enjoyed in community several musical and theater performances by our students.

View all Opening Week videos at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/president/events.



Renewed Commitment to Racial Equity

On June 19, 2020 – Juneteenth - we unveiled our renewed commitment to racial equity alongside Mayor Karen Goh, Chief of Police Greg Terry, and many others. As we move into fall 2020, we continue to move our important racial equity work through EODAC and our various academic departments. These four tenets of our commitment are below: a

- **A Racial Equity Student Success Agenda**
- **Collective Consciousness Raising**
- **Faculty & Staff Diversification**
- **Race-Conscious Curriculum for Police and First Responder Training**

HEAL Webinar on COVID-19 and the Central Valley

The Rural Health Equity and Learning Collaborative (HEAL) is hosting its first webinar on the unique challenges the Central Valley faces in the fight against COVID-19. Join us to hear some important public health strategies from the following speakers and more to be announced:

Partnership with the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)

Bakersfield College has secured a partnership with NREL and will launch a series of webinars on the Future of Kern County this semester. Mark your calendar for October 7, 2020 from 10am-12pm for the first webinar, titled *The Future of Kern County: Energy Opportunities to Secure the Economic Vitality of our Region*. Consider creating a class assignment for your students to tune in.

Peace Garden

Thanks to the support of Dr. Naina Patel, BC students will have beautiful new spaces to reflect and study once we return to campus. The first phase of the Peace Garden project starts east of the library and will continue to grow throughout the campus as a series of walking spaces over the next few years. This project, driven by faculty and students, will inspire wellness, curiosity and critical thinking for generations to come.



Online Teaching Certificate

In fall 2020, BC will offer the first two courses in the online teaching certificate: EDUC B30 and B31

- Targeted to K-12 teachers
- Available fall 2020 in 8 and 16-week schedules
- Remaining two classes in certificate to be available in Spring 2021

Contact Tracing Certificate

As the need for more contact tracers ramps up, BC responded by introducing a one-week course that helps individuals gain skills needed to provide contract tracing for employers and the community. The one-credit, fully-online course totals 18 course hours of training. To date, BC has trained over 300 individuals to be “coronavirus detectives.” See the attached press release for more information.

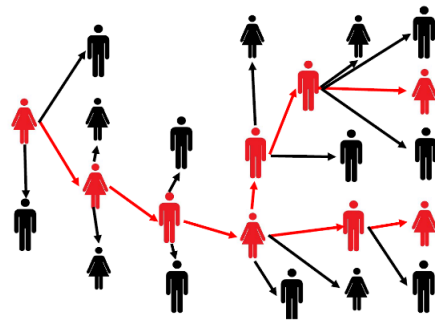


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Mettler Gift to Early College

Bakersfield College received a generous gift from the Clifford and Patricia Mettler Estate that will support 120 Early College students in rural communities who are working toward their associate’s degrees while still in high school.

See the attachment for KGET’s coverage of this gift.

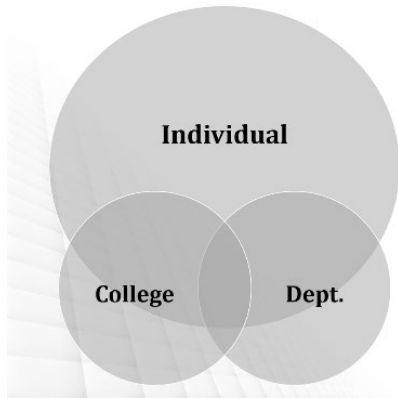
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Virtual Student Information Desk (SID)

The BC Student Information Desk (SID) is an online resource that gives students the opportunity to talk with Student Services representatives via one Zoom location. BC students can access the SID through multiple links on BC's website. Students enter a waiting room which gives the SID host the ability to bring students into the main session of the Zoom meeting one at a time. Once inside the main session, the students are sent to one of the 30 breakout rooms to receive assistance from either a co-host, or from various department experts from A & R, Financial Aid, Outreach, EOPS, advising, and counseling. In the three months that the SID has been in operation, an average of 520 students have been served each week.

COVID-19 & BC: Shared Responsibility



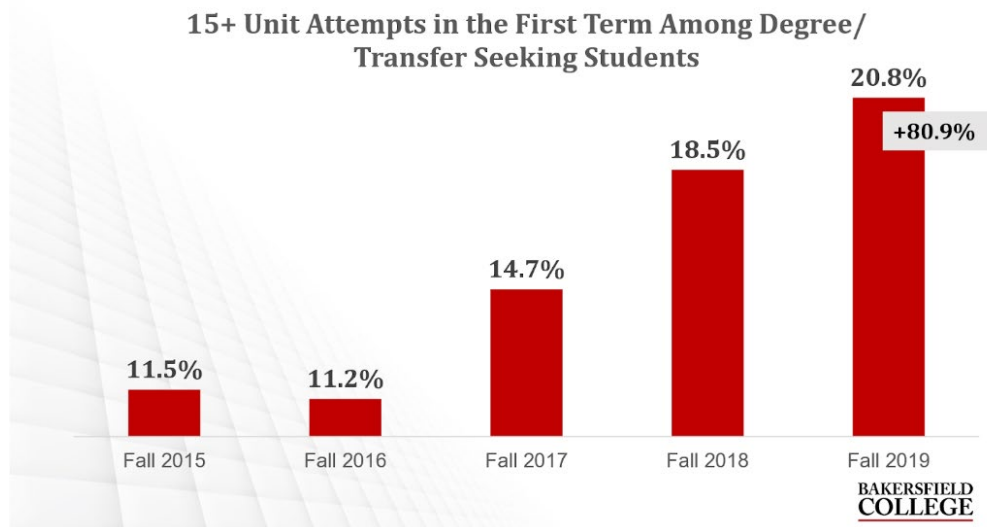
We have a shared responsibility to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The individual shares a significant burden of this responsibility to our collective public health and safety, and we all have an obligation to hold ourselves personally accountable for following the proper guidelines to protect our campus and our families.

Please refer to the [COVID-19 website](#) and my [Renegade Roundups](#) for constant updates on COVID-19 and BC's response.

Data Snippet from the State of the College: 15+ Unit Attempts

The state of Student Progression and Completion is strong at BC because we have made major improvements in getting more students to complete our momentum point of enrolling full-time. And by full-time, we know that students must attempt 15 or more units per semester or 30 per year in order to complete their associate's degrees in 2 years.

Since 2015, BC has increased first-time students who attempt 15+ units in their first term by 7.4 percentage points from 10.5% to 17.9% since 2015. I am proud to report we have more than doubled the number of first-year Black students who attempt 15+ units.

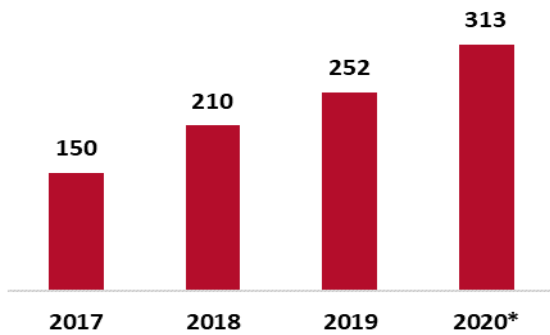


Growth of Early College Through COVID-19

Each of BC's high school partners have begun the 2020-2021 school year fully online. As a result, all Early College courses were scheduled as either synchronous or asynchronous online courses. High school sites have provided laptops and hot spots for access to internet. While districts have set various dates in mid-October for partial or full physical return to campus, it is anticipated that schools may decide to remain in an online format for the entire term, or even the full school year.

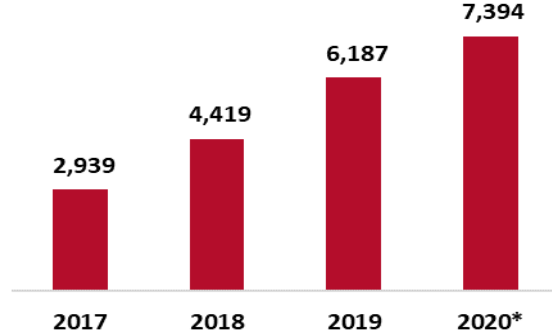
The graphs below show the number of Early College sections scheduled online and the anticipated number of enrollments in comparison to previous fall terms.

**Fall Section Count Comparison
(High Schools Sections)**



**COVID-19 Impact: Typically, less than 5% of Early College courses at high schools are offered online. This Fall, all 313 sections have been scheduled as online courses. Students have added supports of virtual class meetings with their instructor, daily academic support, and technical support provided by the high school districts.*

**Fall Enrollment Comparison
(High School & BC Enrollments)**



**COVID-19 Impact: Even in distance learning, there is an anticipated growth in Early College enrollments. The anticipated enrollment is calculated with an average of 21 students per section at the high school plus the enrollments from students taking traditional BC online courses.*

BC in the News

Take a look at the attachments to this report for recent articles on BC's work.

- [Bakersfield College names longtime assistant basketball coach Aaron Chávez as interim head of basketball operations](#) - KGET, 8/05/20
- [College Notebook: CSUB, BC Gear Up for 2020-2021 Academic Year](#) - The Bakersfield Californian, 8/22/20
- [Community Voices: Taking control of our destiny and creating a brilliant future through higher education](#) - Romeo Agbalog for The Bakersfield Californian, 8/27/20
- [20 Under 40 People to Watch: Abel Guzman](#) - The Bakersfield Californian, 8/29/20
- [Community Voices: BC's choral connections in the time of COVID-19](#) - Thea Tanicala for The Bakersfield Californian, 9/2/20

President's Whereabouts

- May 11-14: Spring 2020 Closing Week Series
- May 22: SCFF Oversight Committee Meeting
- May 29: Presentation to Bakersfield East Rotary

- June 1: President's Cabinet Retreat #1
- June 9-12: ACCJC Commission Meeting
- June 12 - 19: #LightACandle: A Juneteenth Conversation Series
- June 15: SCFF Oversight Committee Meeting
- June 18: Campaign for College Opportunity Board Meeting
- June 22: President's Cabinet Retreat #2
- June 26: Central Valley Higher Ed Consortium CEO Meeting
- July 2: SCFF Oversight Committee Meeting
- July 11: BC's 106th Commencement
- July 16: SCFF Oversight Committee Meeting
- July 30: SCFF Oversight Committee Meeting
- August 4 and 5: President's Cabinet Retreat #3
- August 12: President's Virtual Seminar Series: Fall 2020
- August 17-27: Fall 2020 Opening Week Series
- September 4: CVHEC Board of Directors Meeting

Some dates to calendar:

- [Panorama Creative Music Summit: Charlie Zanne Band](#) - Wednesday, Sept. 9: 4:30 p.m.
- [Distinguished Speaker Louie Cruz Beltran](#) - Wednesday, Sept. 16: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- [CPR, AED and First Aid Certification Courses](#) - Friday, Sept. 18: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- [Panorama Creative Music Summit: Bennie Maupin](#) - Monday, Sept. 21: 2:30 p.m.
- HEAL Webinar #1: Healthcare Workforce in the Central Valley - Tuesday, Sept. 22: 9 a.m.
- [Panorama Creative Music Summit: Gary Rink](#) - Wednesday, Sept. 30: 4:30 p.m.