

## President's Report to College Council

Sonya Christian. December 9, 2020

### Spring 2021 Enrollment:

The November 30 enrollment update from Institutional Research shows:

- Enrollment at BC for spring 2021 is **17.6% lower** than the same time last fall which is a **940 FTES decrease** this fall over last fall.

Spring 2021 - 4 weeks since start of registration		Spring 2020	Point in Time Comparison		
			Spring 2021	Difference	% Difference
BC	Section Count	2,305	2,171	-134	-5.8
	Current Enrollments	43,990	34,374	-9,616	-21.9
	Earned FTES	5,341	4,401	-940	-17.6
	Unique Headcount	15,169.00	12,033.00	-3,136.00	-20.7
	Census Enrollments	52,168	34,353	-17,815	-34.0
	Waitlist Count	3,992	1,422	-2,570	-64.4
	Workload	521	508	-13	-2.5
	FTES/FTEF	10.20	8.70	-1.60	-15.5

- Enrollment districtwide for spring 2021 is **20.3% lower** than the same time last fall which is a **1,432 FTES decrease** this fall over last fall.

Grand Total	Section Count	3,340	3,134	-206	-6.2
	Current Enrollments	58,260	44,258	-14,002	-24.0
	Earned FTES	7,056	5,624	-1,432	-20.3
	Unique Headcount	19,693.00	15,190.00	-4,653.00	-22.8
	Census Enrollments	72,745	44,237	-28,508	-39.0
	Waitlist Count	5,085	1,957	-3,128	-61.5
	Workload	747	746	-1	-0.1
	FTES/FTEF	9.40	7.50	-6.50	-25.7

### Spring 2021 Enrollment

As we wind down the semester, please ask your students to [visit the Class Schedule page](#) and see all of our offerings for the spring semester. If they don't have everything ready to register for the next semester, make sure they [visit the Student Information Desk](#) or contact a completion coach to help them stay on the path toward finishing their education.

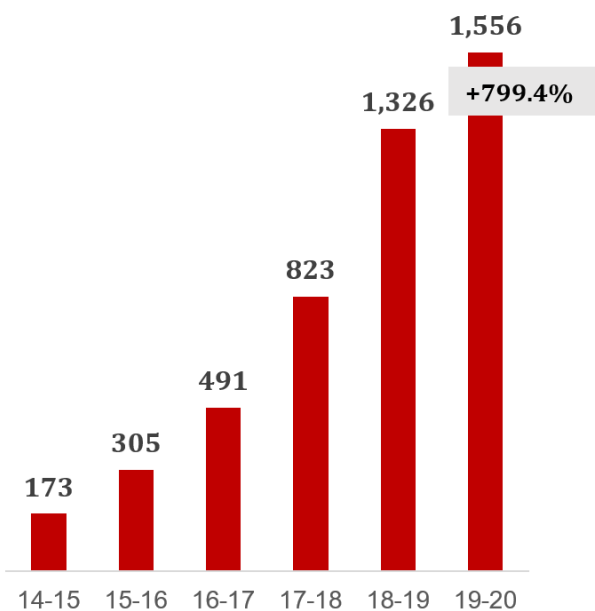
### Health & Safety Update: BC's Contact Tracing Course

The executive team is thinking proactively about ensuring everyone in our campus community is educated about COVID-19. **We strongly encourage all faculty, staff, students, and their families to enroll in one of our free contact tracing courses.** If you have not yet enrolled, there is still time to sign up for one of two sections beginning in early January.

Course	CRN	Dates	Instructor
PBHS B99NC	76316	1/4 - 1/15	Charles Daramola
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## BC Recognized as a Champion of Higher Education

California Secretary of State Alex Padilla and Michele Siqueiros of the Campaign for College Opportunity recognized Bakersfield College with the 2020 Champion of Higher Education Award for our work on improving transfer rates for our students. The award was part of a virtual event celebrating the tenth anniversary of SB 1440, the law that created the first ADT and paved the way for 280,000 community college students in California to transition to four-year universities.



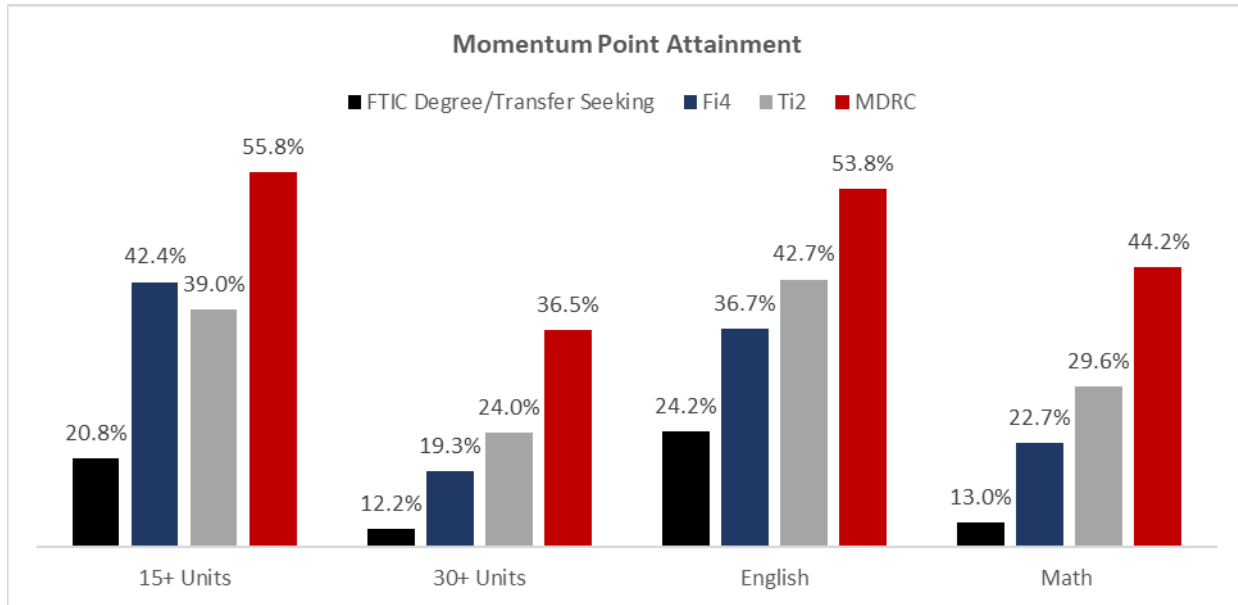
In May 2020, BC saw its largest ever graduating class, having increased ADT completion by 800% in 6 years.

We have also sustained our work to close the ADT completion gap among Latinx students. We have now achieved and sustained parity in our Latinx ADT completion to enrollment, with Latinx students representing 70% of all ADT completers last year. We also quadrupled Black student degree completion in five years.

BC’s massive improvement in student transfer rates has been aided by our **Kern Promise** program, which offers students guaranteed admission to a four-year university. BC’s Kern Promise team.

## Data Snippet: Kern Promise Advances Transfer Readiness

Bakersfield College’s 2,000 Kern Promise students in the Finish in 4, Transfer in 2, and MDRC programs are leading the way for completion of Associate Degrees for Transfer. When compared to all first-time, degree/transfer seeking students, Kern Promise students significantly outperform their degree/transfer seeking peers in achieving the momentum points.



## #BCLearns – The Future of Learning: ACCJC Conversations Among Thought Leaders

The Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) hosted a series of conversations with thought leaders throughout the world of higher education and policy titled “The Future of Learning.” The conversations were spread out across eight sessions over the course of four days.

**ACCJC** presents an online seminar series

**The Future of Learning:**  
ACCJC Conversations Among Thought Leaders

Save the Dates  
December 2, 3, 7, & 8, 2020  
2 PM - 4 PM (PST)

**Sonya Christian**  
Chair  
ACCJC

**Stephanie Droker**  
President  
ACCJC

The speakers covered topics such as: the social construction of learning, humanizing online learning, competency-based education, and microcredentialing and badging.



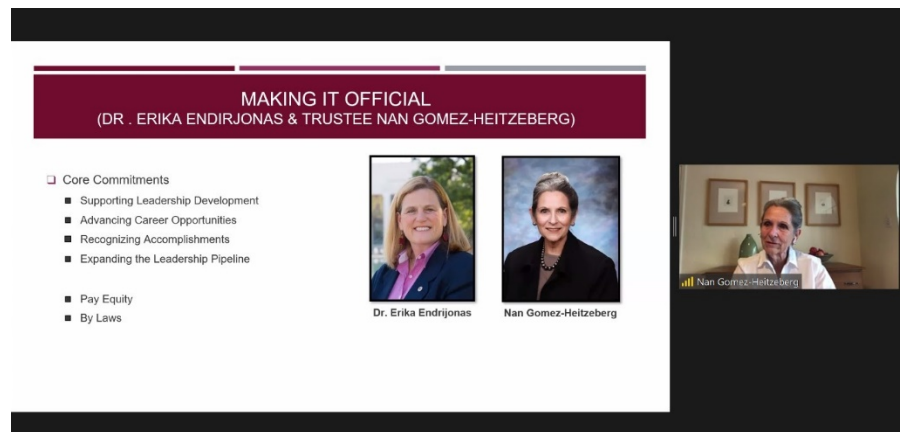
Over 1,500 attendees from ACCJC colleges in California, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands, as well as faculty and staff from state universities and various community college partner organizations participated. In support of the event, BC partnered with ACCJC, the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the University of Hawaii system, the Pacific Postsecondary Education Commission, Independent Colleges, and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.

### California Community College Women’s Caucus

Women leaders in the California community college system have launched a new caucus to celebrate their contributions and advocate for women in higher education. The California Community College Women’s Caucus held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, November 17.

**Trustee Gomez-Heitzeberg** encouraged women to join the caucus’ free directory to take advantage of networking opportunities and hear stories from other women in education.

[Visit the Women’s Caucus website](#) for more information about this exciting collaborative and learn how to join.



## Virtual Seminar on Strategic Direction #2: Student Progression & Completion

Bakersfield College held the second virtual seminar of our Strategic Directions series helping us gear up for the renewal of our three-year Strategic Plan this spring. The Strategic Directions team is already engaged in a campus-wide effort to solicit input on the future of BC's work.

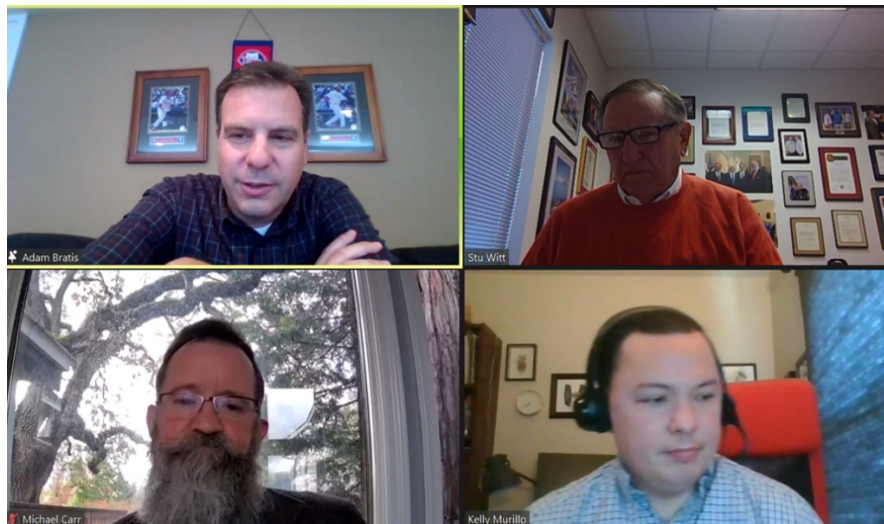


This session focused on Student Progression and Completion, and the speakers covered the following strategies to advance student equity and achievement:

1. Early College
2. Enrollment Management
3. 8+8 Week Courses
4. Starfish
5. The Student Information Desk

## Energy Technology Transfer & Workforce Development (TT&WD) Webinar

Our interdisciplinary partnership in energy is building traction throughout the community, and we hosted our second webinar on November 18 on the Future of Fuels. We had a great panel of experts in research, policy and implementation of biofuels moderated by Stu Witt, the former CEO of Mojave Air and Space Port. Adam Bratis from the National Renewable Energy Lab shared some information about research around bioenergy, using organic plant material to create everything from fuel to carbon fiber. Kelly Murillo from SoCalGas gave an overview of all the different technology used in processing clean biogas. Michael Carr is a manager of West Coast policy for Shell Oil company, and he shared some ongoing trends in carbon management. BC also participated in the Kern Energy Summit on December 5th.



## Measure J Update

The construction crew on the new Science and Engineering building held their topping ceremony in November to symbolize that the steel beams that will form the skeleton of the building are near completion. The practice of “topping out” originated as a Scandinavian tradition of placing a tree to appease the spirits of the trees that had been displaced by construction. In the U.S., steel workers place a Christmas tree and an American flag on one of the last beams used in creating the structure of the building.



This was our second topping ceremony of 2020 after the Campus Center in February, which is nearing completion of the main building by the end of this year.

## Becoming Us Premiere

On November 30, BC Performing Arts premiered a virtual concert on YouTube directed by Jennifer Garrett and collaborative pianist Patrick Bender. The performance features the BC Choir, Chamber Singers, and Renegade Chorus. Guest artists include BC voice instructors Caley Mayhall, Christina Parnell, and Ken Burdick, as well as BC flute instructor Tracy Harris.



## #BCLearns – Library Learning Together Seminar Series

The BC Library hosted our third #BCLearns Library Learning Together event engaging the campus community in conversation around the [Library's resources about race and cultural competence](#). Paula Parks and Nick Strobel shared their thoughts about two reports on equity in higher education. The Learning Together series will continue in spring 2021.

**President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series**

#BCLearns Learning Together Series

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November 19, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

## BC in the News

- [Bakersfield College Choir holding virtual concert next week](#); KGET, (11.24.20)
- [BC's Student Information Desk now available on Fridays](#); KGET, (11.13.20)
- ['BC in the Vineyards' recruits farmworkers on the job](#); Bakersfield Californian (11.12.20)
- [BC veterans receive Sports Clips 'Help a Hero' scholarship](#); (11.11.20)
- [BC holding weekly events to celebrate Veterans Day](#); KGET (11.9.20)
- [BC to host 5th program in Virtual Distinguished Speaker Series](#); KERO (11.9.20)
- [Bakersfield College Spring enrollment begins this week](#); KBAK (11.5.20)
- [Community Voices: Preparing students for the workplace of tomorrow](#); The Bakersfield Californian (11.4.20)

## President's Whereabouts

- November 7: All-Campus Virtual Seminar on Student Learning
- November 12: KCCD Board Meeting (virtual)
- November 17: CCC Women's Caucus Virtual Kick-off Event
- November 17: All-Campus Virtual Forum on Student Progression and Completion
- November 18: Energy TT&WD Webinar #2
- November 19: Campaign for College Opportunity Champion of Higher Education Virtual Award Ceremony
- November 19: All-Campus Learning Together Virtual Forum
- November 20: Student-Centered Funding Formula Task Force (virtual)
- December 2, 3, 7, and 8: ACCJC Future of Learning Virtual Seminar Series
- December 5: Virtual Kern County Energy Summit

## Important Dates

- December 5-12: Final Exams
- December 12: Last day to file for graduation for the fall semester
- December 21-31: Bakersfield College Winter Closure
- January 11-14: BC Spring 2021 Flex Week
- January 12, 13, and 14: BC Spring 2021 Opening Days
- January 16: Spring 2021 Instruction Begins