

Sonya Christian, February 11, 2021

Renegades Continue to Respond to COVID-19

Bakersfield College has been approved as a COVID-19 vaccination site and we are eagerly waiting to hear when BC will be designated our first shipment of vaccines. Over the past number of weeks, there has been great work done by Kern County Public Health to expedite the rollouts, but there is still much more to be done. Every step of the way throughout this pandemic, Bakersfield College has been committed to being a part of the solution, offering our community ways to stay informed and engaged. We are now proud to step up, offering our campus and the home of the Renegades as the next vaccination site in Kern County.

At BC, our institutional commitment to academic quality, student support, and community engagement remains uncompromised thanks to the work of many devoted faculty and staff using innovative tools. To highlight some of the ways BC has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic includes:

Contact Tracing and Mental Resilience Courses: To keep the community educated and informed about the coronavirus and provide resources that keep us strong, safe, and healthy, BC continues to open new sections of the Infectious Disease Contact Tracing course designed by Charles Daramola and the Psychological Resilience course designed by David Riess. Enrollments for these courses have been the following:

PBHS Infectious Disease Contact Tracing: over 450 enrollments in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

PNHS Psychology Resilience Skills Training: nearly 100 enrollments so far for Spring

Education Courses for Teachers: BC's Education department is offering courses for teachers during this challenging time as well. Courses for Current and future teachers include EDUC B30: Introduction to Online Learning Environments and EDUCB31: Cultivating an Online Learning Community. These courses are intended to support teachers in their transition to teaching online or future teachers as they begin their careers.

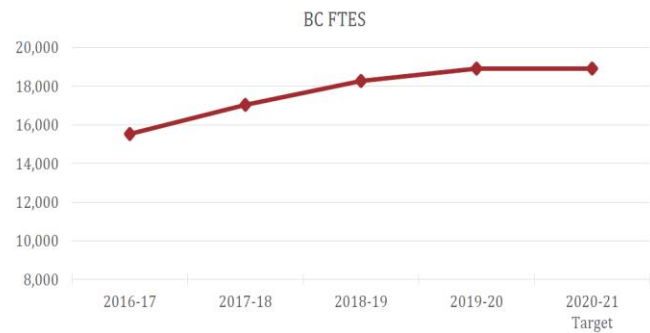
BC's Nursing Students Volunteering at Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics: Fourteen 3rd and 4th semester RN students from Bakersfield College had the opportunity to volunteer last Saturday at Adventist Health's Tehachapi Valley Hospital COVID-19 vaccine clinic to help administer over 400 vaccines. Students have also been volunteering at Bakersfield Heart Hospital since last month.

Additional Responses: BC's network of complementary responses continue to include various informational webinars, the Chromebook loaner program, online Student Information Desk (SID) with expanded hours, the Student Emergency Fund launched by The BC Foundation, an online digital community for Student Life through Discord, livestreamed Renegade Fitness programs, Drive-thru Renegade Pantry, telehealth services through the Student Health and Wellness Center, and online Library Chat and curbside book pickup.



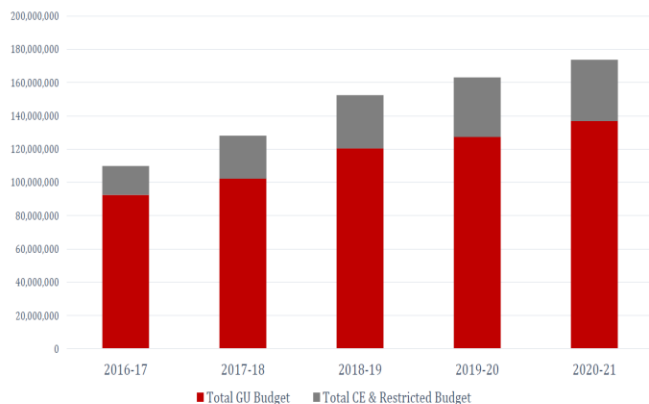
All Campus Budget Forum Provides Updates

During the Budget Open Forum on January 25, leadership shared that BC's budget has increased significantly. Faculty and Budget Committee Co-Chair, Teresa McAllister reviewed BC's FTES growth and noted that categorical funding remains strong. The chart to the right shows that BC's growth over the past 4 years with a target to sustain in 2020-2021.



	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 Target
FTES	15,526	17,034	18,268	18,907	18,907
GU Adopted Budget/FTES	\$5,955	\$6,001	\$6,596	\$6,735	\$7,239

ADOPTED BUDGET LONGITUDINAL VIEW



Academic Senate President, Steven Holmes, spoke about the collaborative effort between KCCD and BC to strategically meet the college's Faculty Obligation Number. In her remarks, President Christian reflected the importance of special admits like Inmate Scholars (up 34%), funding to incentive online pedagogies, and the potential to expand housing and apprenticeship opportunities. Vice President Mike Giacomini reviewed the adopted budget details. The chart to the left shows that both the total GU budget and total CE & restricted budgets are increased. Giacomini also explained details on the CARES Act, which includes a significant portion of funding that will directly impact students.

Spring 2021 Opening Week

Faculty and staff prepared for the semester throughout the week of January 12th with professional development activities and an online gathering featuring music from the Renegade Choirs, updates about campus initiatives, and of course, stretch breaks to keep our community moving.

Renegade faculty and staff heard from President Christian, BCSGA President Gian Gayatao, Chancellor Tom Burke, and various constituent groups. Our community came together to watch a heartfelt tribute to Becki Whitson as well. Announcements from the Levan Faculty Colloquium and Levan Center for the Humanities closed out our Opening Week celebration.

