

President's Report to College Council

Sonya Christian. February 24, 2021

Enrollment Update

The February 8 enrollment update from Institutional Research shows:

- Enrollment at BC for spring 2021 is **14.10% lower** than the same time last year which is a **1055 FTES decrease** this spring over last spring.

BC	Section Count	2535	2353	-182	-7.20
	Current Enrollments	60900	51259	-9641	-15.80
	Census Enrollments	56127	52261	-3866	-7.00
	Earned FTES	7458	6403	-1055	-14.10
	Unique Headcount	23587	20127	-3460	-14.70
	Waitlist Count	481	174	-307	-63.80
	Workload	514	482	-33	-6.40
	FTES/FTEF	15	13	-1	-8.30

- Enrollment districtwide for spring 2021 is **18.40% lower** than the same time last year which is a **1879 FTES decrease** this fall over last fall.

Grand Total	Section Count	3555	3259	-296	-8.30
	Current Enrollments	84287	70708	-13579	-16.10
	Census Enrollments	77537	71913	-5624	-7.00
	Earned FTES	10240	8361	-1879	-18.40
	Unique Headcount	32355	27382	-5153	-15.40
	Waitlist Count	528	185	-343	-65.00
	Workload	733	684	-50	-6.80
	FTES/FTEF	14	12	-7	-18.20

President's Virtual Seminar Series: Summer and Fall 2021

To better understand plans for summer 2021 and fall 2021, there will be an increase in the frequency of my virtual seminars to highlight the best thinking across the campus as well as to share information from the state and county. We started with our first seminar yesterday, February 23 with panelists: Billie Jo Rice, Rosita Barron, Jeremy Staat, and Anna Melby. The panelists

President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

Summer and Fall 2021

Billie Jo Rice
Vice President of Instruction

Rosita Barron
Director, Child Development Center

Jeremy Staat
Professor, Welding

Anna Melby
Professor, Culinary Arts

February 23, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

highlighted that there is no single approach to planning for the upcoming semesters as we expand the scope of vaccinations happening in our community. However, we will do what we always do at BC – start right away, bring our collective thinking to the table, and share guidelines for the campus while providing flexibility for departments and individuals to address circumstances that are unique to them.

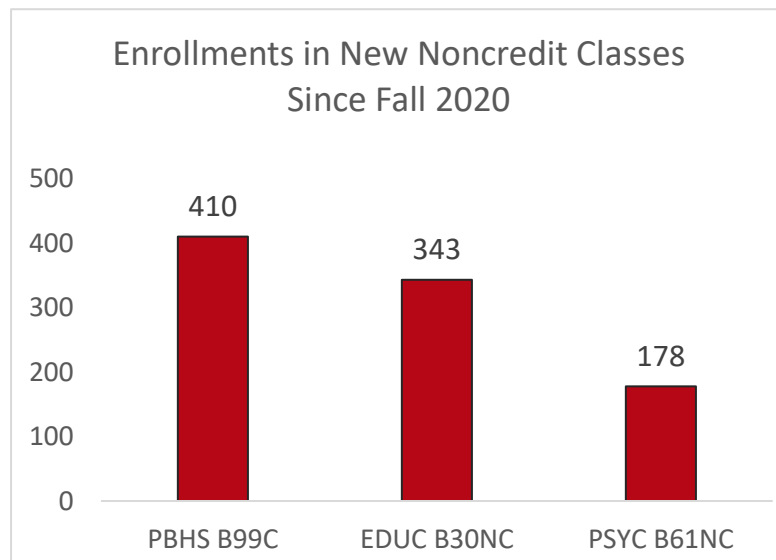
Kern High School District Expanding Early College Partnership with BC

Dual enrollment has existed between the two institutions since 2015. Now, they have gone a step further, launching an associate degree completion program online in fall 2020, further closing equity gaps, and increasing baccalaureate attainment rates. Students in the Kern High School District can enroll until March 26 to get a 2-year head start on their baccalaureate degree, with books and transportation provided to them through BC's Early College program.



1The Career Technical Education Center on Old River Road, home to several of our Early College courses with KHSD.

Data Snippet



In fall2020, BC further enhanced its response to the pandemic by developing and offering two new noncredit courses for educators and other community members that provided training specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These courses impart skills quickly via a two-week online instructional experience. The first noncredit course, **EDUC B30NC: Introduction to Online Learning Environments,**

teaches teachers how to adapt their curriculum and teaching methods to the online environment. It has been a huge hit with 343 completions so far. Another popular noncredit course that rolled out in fall 2020 is **PBHS B99C: Infectious Disease Contact Tracing.** PBHS B99C is a Public Health course in which students learn about COVID-19 and how to track community transmission. So far 410 students have completed that course's curriculum.

Another noncredit course that is just getting started is **PSYC B61NC: Psychological Resilience Skills Training.** This class, which focuses on techniques for handling the psychological stresses and challenges of life during the pandemic, has 119 enrollments so far. Altogether, this trio of new noncredit courses have served over 900 community members and generated 54 FTES.

Financial Aid Fest

Cal Grant and FAFSA/Dream Act Priority Registration ends on March 2, and the BC Financial Aid staff is encouraging students to “Beat the Clock! Get the Money!” This year’s Financial Aid Fest took place on February 17 on Zoom, featuring a resource fair with information on the application process, scholarships, budgeting and more. Financial aid technicians were on hand virtually to answer questions from students.



Renegade Room Take Out

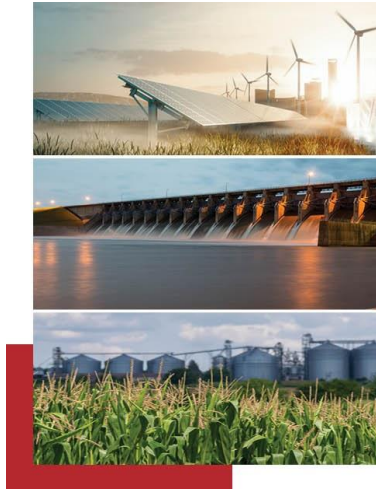


The Renegade Room returned for take-out lunch service on February 10, a welcome step in our gradual reopening. Christian Flores from our Food and Nutrition program sent a heartfelt email to staff reflecting on how the rapid changes have allowed our culinary arts students to learn new skills that will continue to benefit them in a post-COVID world.

He writes, “COVID gave us an opportunity to build human relationships with each other as we learn new techniques and skill sets under new guidelines and prevention measures. We’ve needed to adhere to the most practical methods of teaching our culinarians without compromising anyone’s health and safety. We’re connecting with each other in ways we had not completely relied upon in prior lesson exchanges. These moments are being seized.”

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

Our partnership with industry, research and policy leaders in energy technology hosted its first webinar of 2021 on Wednesday, February 24. The focus of the Energy TT&WD discussion was on the nexus of energy, water, and food, reviewing the



implications of future industrial and agricultural development for energy and water use in Kern County. Our featured speakers included Jordan Macknick of NREL, SJV Water CEO and Bakersfield Californian columnist Lois Henry, and Concentric Power CEO Brian Curtis. [Visit the conference page](#) for more details and resources about the ETT&WD webinar.

Energy Technology Transfer and Workforce Development Webinar

ENERGY-WATER-FOOD NEXUS

A review of how future industrial/agricultural development may have implications for energy and water use, with resulting impacts for Kern County.

Featured Speakers



Jordan Macknick
Environmental Science Researcher
National Renewable Energy Laboratory
(NREL)



Lois Henry
CEO
SJV Water



Brian Curtis
Founder & CEO
Concentric Power Inc.

Save the Date
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)
Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/ETTWDWebinar3>



BC in the News

- [KHSD and BC partner up to offer early college courses for high school students](#)
 - KERO, 2/17/21
- [She was a journalism instructor, but Bona Dillon meant much more than that to her BC students](#)
 - KGET, 2/17/21
- [Imagine graduating from high school with a diploma AND a two-year college degree](#)
 - The Bakersfield Californian, 2/15/21
- [UPDATE: Bakersfield College could open COVID-19 mass vaccination site as soon as early March](#)
 - KGET, 2/8/21

President's Whereabouts

- February 19: Student Centered Funding Formula Oversight Committee Meeting
- February 23: President's Virtual Seminar Series on Summer and Fall 2021
- February 24: Energy TT&WD Webinar: Energy-Water-Food Nexus