

## President's Report to College Council

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### Fall 2020 Enrollment:

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.

Spring 2021 - 4th Week		Point in Time Comparison			
		Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Difference	% Difference
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 an **1879 FTES decrease** this fall over last spring.

Grand Total	Point in Time Comparison				
	Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Difference	% Difference	
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	

### Bakersfield College's 107<sup>th</sup> Commencement - May 15, 2021

In [a special video announcement](#) posted on Tuesday March 2, BCSGA President Gian Gayatao and BCSGA VP Emma McNellis announced that this year's celebration will be televised and streamed online through KGET for a second year. Let's do as these two student leaders ask and save the date: **May 15, 2021 at 6pm** to join from our living room and celebrate the accomplishments of the Renegade Class of 2021.



Graduating students must submit a Graduation Petition with Admissions and Records before the end of the semester. Participation in the televised graduation special is optional and students must opt-in by visiting the commencement website and submitting their photo and information by **April 11, 2021**.

## Express Enrollment

Bakersfield College will hold two special Express Enrollment Events for new and returning students on March 10, 2020 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. and March 13, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Counselors and support staff will be available to assist students with their late start registration process, placement, enrollment, and financial aid. Educational advisors who assist students in affinity groups will also be available for these events.

**ONE-DAY VIRTUAL EXPRESS ENROLLMENT EVENT:**  
**Become A Renegade in a Single Day!**

Get help with your financial aid and sign up for classes all in the same session. It's never been easier to start your path to a degree today.

Wednesday, March 10 from 3 PM - 7 PM  
Saturday, March 13 from 9 AM - 3 PM

Sign up for this virtual event:  
<http://bit.ly/3sFq8BY>

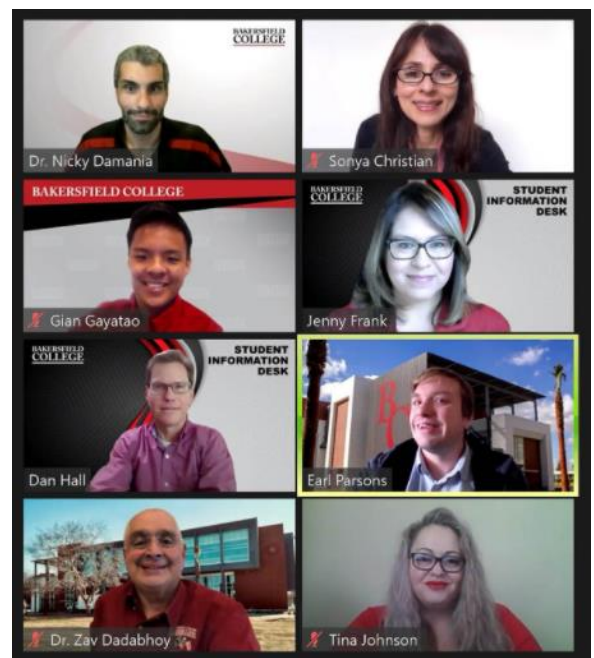
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BC's Marketing and Public Relations department, led by Norma Rojas-Mora, has ramped up advertising and marketing campaigns through television, radio, online streaming platforms, and apps for new and returning students in various communities and for specific programs.

## All-Campus Virtual Seminar Explores Campus Reopening

As BC prepares to reopen the campus gradually and safely, the Renegade community is being invited to engage in comprehensive discussions that will work through the various and sometimes, specialized needs of different departments. A series of weekly webinars will explore and dive into the campus reopening.

The first in the series took place Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> and featured faculty who have been on campus throughout the pandemic offering essential services and courses. Rosita Barron from the Child Development Center, welding professor Jeremy Staat and Culinary Arts professor Anna Melby shared how they have tailored services and managed to keep students safe while using online learning tools to streamline processes. The following seminar focused on the innovative Student Information Desk, which has allowed BC to provide counseling, registration and “face to face” assistance to thousands of students in this remote environment thanks to discussion and comments by panelists such as Nicky Damania, Gian Gayatao, Zav Dadabhoy, Dan Hall, Jenny Frank, and Tina Johnson. On March 4, Craig Hayward reviewed results of the COVID-19 surveys, while Jennifer Johnson and Kim Nickell shared research about regulations pertaining to higher education and vaccinations.



In a future webinar on March 16, local Superintendents Mary Barlow and Doc Ervin will share more about how K-12 schools in Kern are working through reopening. Registration is now open for future webinars and recordings of all previous seminars are available [online](#).

## Kern Regional Workforce Coalition

The Kern Community College District and Bakersfield College announced late last month that we've been awarded \$1,999,725.30 to convene industry, worker organizations and community around shared interests in energy, workforce, and industry needs of Kern County and the central valley. This initiative, known as The Kern Regional Workforce Coalition, is a High Road Training Partnership (HTRP), aimed to create a stronger, healthier, and more economically resilient community by focusing on equity, education, industry security, and job quality.



The goal is to scale multiple initiatives that will fall under and utilize the state's funding to improve regional outcomes regarding health, employment, energy, education, and poverty by 2030. The project will target key local industries including energy, agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing, transportation, and logistics, and others with the goal of bolstering and strengthening these sectors with stable job growth, offering family sustaining wages, opportunities to improve the environment for public health outcomes, and ample employment opportunities for skilled workers throughout the region. Additional focus will also be given to telework across all sectors including healthcare, government services, IT/technology, and education.

## The 13th Annual Sterling Silver Event

The 13th annual Sterling Silver event, where we honor the generous supporters of our BC Foundation, was held live on KGET on Saturday, March 6. The televised special recognized the contributions of Greg and Mary Bynum, Patricia Mettler, Margaret "Peggy" Haight, and Becki Whitson. In the lead-up to the event, Foundation Board chair Marko Zaninovich wrote a Community Voices piece about Sterling Silver and its role in thanking the community for supporting higher education in Kern County.



## Women's History Month

Each March, the Bakersfield College Community observes Women's History Month with a comprehensive list of events and activities.

On March 2, BCSGA hosted author and speaker Elaine Weiss, who spoke about what it takes to change the Constitution, the power of civic engagement, how change is made, and the story of past and present voting rights.

### The 2nd Annual Jean Fuller Women In Leadership Panel

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A promotional graphic for a Women's History Month Celebration. At the top, it says 'Women's History Month Celebration'. Below this is a row of five portrait photos of women. Under each photo is a name and title. From left to right: Dr. Jean Fuller (California Senator, Republican Leader Emeritus), Sonya Christian (President, Bakersfield College), Dr. Mary Barlow (Kern County Superintendent of Schools), Katie Russell (Superintendent, Peninsula Business Vista), and Nicole Parra (Assemblywoman Emeritus, Manager, State Government Affairs). At the bottom, it says 'Save the Date Thursday, March 4, 2021 | 6 PM - 7 PM (PT)'. The background is a dark purple with a subtle pattern.

On March 4, Republican Senator Emeritus Jean Fuller moderated a panel of local women who shared personal stories of what inspires them, how they have grown from challenges. You can watch this 60-min program at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7whNu6cbjnk>

On March 10, BCSGA Vice President Emma McNellis will join faculty and staff at BC for a Candid Conversation about Online Education in the Age of Covid, and on March 25<sup>th</sup>, a panel discussion will take place on various public health topics including the vaccine and your health.

### **BC in the News**

- The Bakersfield Californian, March 4: [COMMUNITY VOICES: BC thanks donors whose support today creates thinkers and problem solvers of tomorrow](#)
- KGET, March 3: [Bakersfield College holding Sterling Silver fundraiser this weekend](#)
- The Bakersfield Californian, March 2: [Bakersfield College offering express enrollment event Wednesday for late-start spring semester classes](#)
- KGET, March 2: [Bakersfield College gets fellowship funding from state to support student journalists](#)
- KGET, March 2: [KHSD, BC providing college courses to high school students as part of Early College program](#)
- The Bakersfield Californian, March 2: [COMMUNITY VOICES: Celebrate women's history with BC](#)
- KGET, Feb. 23: [BC, Kern Community College District receive \\$2 million grant](#)

### **President's Whereabouts**

- March 4th: 2nd Annual Women in Leadership Panel
- March 6th: 13th Annual Sterling Silver
- March 8th: CCC Women's Caucus Business Meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

- Renegades Athletics
  - March 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm: Women's Volleyball ([GoGades Livestream](#))
- [All-Campus Virtual Seminars](#)
  - March 16: Superintendents Mary Barlow and Doc Ervin
  - March 18: Learning Together with the Library
  - March 23: Instructional work group
- Nursing Pinning Celebration
  - March 20 on BC's YouTube Channel