

President's Report to College Council

Sonya Christian, April 28, 2021

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	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 Seminar Series on Campus Reopening

BC's institution-wide conversation about reopening for Summer and Fall 2021 continues during our All-Campus Virtual Seminars. On Tuesday, April 20, the student work group gave their second presentation featuring culinary arts student Amanda Atkinson and electronics student Benjamin Neville, as well as Tutoring Services Team Leaders Bradley Cramer and Monica Huyck.

President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

Student Work Group





Sonya Christian
Nicky Damania
Earl Parsons






Amanda Atkinson
Student,
Culinary Arts

Benjamin Neville
Student,
Industrial Automation

Bradley Cramer
Team Leader,
Tutoring Services

Monica Huyck
Team Leader,
Tutoring Services

April 20, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

Instructional Work Group





Sonya Christian
Nicky Damania
Earl Parsons






Richard McCrow
Dean,
Instruction

Isaias Hernandez
Professor,
Psychology

Christina Howell
Professor,
Psychology

David Riess
Professor,
Psychology

April 22, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

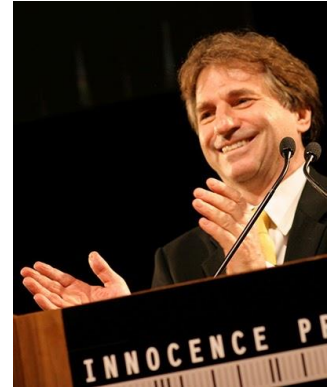
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On Thursday, April 22, the instructional work group led a panel discussion on how our self-care strategies for students are shifting from an isolation environment to an environment of increased socialization when we return to campus. Dean Richard McCrow facilitated the panel discussion with Isaias Hernandez, Christina Howell, and David Riess from our psychology faculty.

Distinguished Speaker: Barry Scheck Speaks at BC

Attorney and DNA expert Barry Scheck was our last Distinguished Speaker for the academic year, and he was invited to speak about the evolution of forensic evidence in the American legal system.

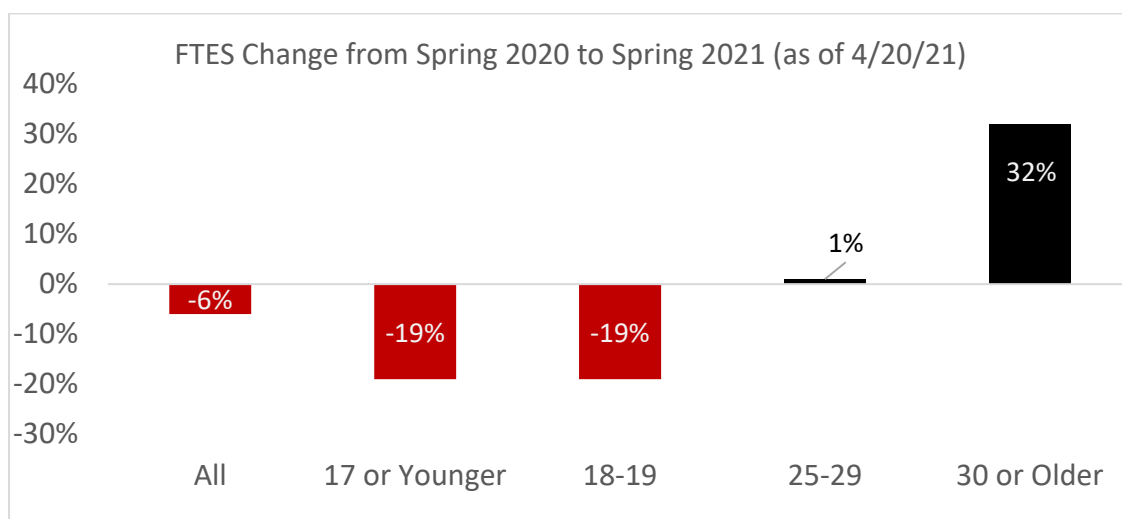
Through his work with the [Innocence Project](#), Scheck has helped overturn thousands of false convictions using DNA analysis. Barry Scheck was also this year's Levan Author, and Levan Center director Reggie Williams gave Barry's introduction and moderated the Q&A portion of the presentation.



Data Snippet: Community College Enrollment across the United States

Community college enrollments around the country and the state have tumbled by around 10% relative to last spring. At BC, we have been fortunate in that, while our FTES has also dropped, it has not dropped as severely as at other institutions (-6%). Our response to the pandemic and enrollment declines have involved many elements such as increasing both broad-based support (e.g., implementing a chatbot for the BC website, running a virtual welcome center) and targeted support (e.g., data-based calling campaigns from affinity groups and pathway groups) that show BC's philosophy of high tech/high touch support. Additionally, we have drilled down into our spring 2021 enrollment data, seeking a better understanding of which students are being most affected by the pandemic and why.

When we disaggregate by age group, we see that we have primarily lost enrollments from younger students. This trend is keeping with national reports that show that college-going rates among first-time students plummeted by 20% in 2020-2021. The data shows a strong uptick in enrollment among older students suggesting that we may be seeing the beginning of a wave of older workers who have been displaced by the pandemic and who are now seeking to upskill and reskill in order to be competitive in the labor market.



Bakersfield College's Vaccination Efforts

BC's Student Health and Wellness Center continues to shine and support Kern County through vaccination opportunities, distributing vaccines nearly daily to individuals throughout the community. The college continues to find innovative ways to partner with a variety of community organizations to bring vaccination resources to those needing a vaccine. [Dates for upcoming clinics can be found on BC's website.](#)



BC in the News

- KGET April 7, 2021: [Bakersfield College chosen as 1 of 10 locations nationwide to establish Citizen Leadership Center](#)
- KGET, April 12, 2021: [Bakersfield College holding Emergency Medical Services Employer Panel Webinar on Wednesday](#)
- The Bakersfield Californian, April 16, 2021: [BC releases three-phase plan for allowing spectators at athletic events](#)
- The Bakersfield Californian, April 16, 2021: [BC to roll out Electric Vehicle Maintenance Training Program](#)
- The Bakersfield Californian, April 19, 2021: [Sonya Christian chosen to serve as sixth chancellor of the Kern Community College District](#)

President's Whereabouts

- April 15th: President's Virtual Seminar Series: Learning with the Library
- April 20th: President's Virtual Seminar Series: Physical Campus Reopening, Student Workgroup
- April 22nd: President's Virtual Seminar Series: Physical Campus Reopening, Instructional Workgroup
- April 20 - 22nd: ACCJC Virtual Partners in Excellence Symposium

Upcoming Events

- April 29th: 2021 BC Honors Celebration
- May 8th– 14th: Final Exams
- May 16th: BC's 107th Commencement, Televised and Virtual Celebration