

# HOME OF THE RENEGADES

## Bakersfield College President's Report to the Kern Community College Board of Trustees Dr. Zav Dadabhoy September 2021

### The Fall 2021 Semester Begins at the Home of the Renegades



The 2021 fall semester is off to a great start at Bakersfield College. Students have been enjoying the open campus spaces and it's been energizing to see faculty once again face-to-face with the students who have elected to return to in-person learning.

Since the first day of class, the Student Health and Wellness Center has been making the COVID-19 vaccine available to all students, encouraging them to get their one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine or their first dose of Moderna if not already vaccinated.

Since August 23<sup>rd</sup>, BC's Student Health and Wellness Center has administered 182 vaccinations.

In response to student demand for online courses and to ensure the health, safety, and comfort of the campus community, BC has

again demonstrated how flexible we are in shifting the class schedule from 60% face to face to 34% face to face for the fall semester.

<b><i>Flexible Learning Options</i></b>	
<b>Modality</b>	<b>Sections</b>
Face to Face	794
Online	695
Zoom Only	177
Hybrid (Zoom & Online)	63
Hybrid (Campus & Online)	204
Other (Appr, Dual, etc)	426
<b>Total</b>	<b>2359</b>

### BC's Renegade Room Accepting Reservations and To-Go Orders



The Renegade Room, BC's on-campus restaurant, operated by students enrolled in the Culinary Arts program, is now accepting dine-in reservations and to-go orders for the fall semester. Starting September 8th, the Renegade Room will be open for Wednesday lunch service from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm. Beginning September 14th, Renegade Room will begin serving dinners on select Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm. Make your reservations early to support our students by visiting the [BC website](#) and booking a table or to-go pickup orders can be made by calling 661-395-4441.

### Ag/Water/Energy Education Series Webinar

On Sept. 7, Kern County Farm Bureau Executive Director Romeo Agbalog will moderate the discussion between Roger Aines, Senior Scientist and energy researcher at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Patricia Poire, Executive Director at the Kern Groundwater Authority; and Joe Ashley, Director of Regulatory and External Affairs at California Resources Corporation. To attend this event, [visit the registration link](#).

## Bakersfield College Partners with Greater Bakersfield New Car Dealer Association

Bakersfield College will partner with the Greater Bakersfield New Car Dealer Association (GBNCDA), WSM Auctions, and other automotive industry partners on an upcoming automotive facility, to be located at Pacheco Road and Corrine St, at the Bakersfield Auto Mall. This new facility will provide much needed space for auto technology training and will expand student access to



newer vehicles for hands-on mechanical and reconditioning experience. It has a tentative opening planned for January, 2022. Under this partnership, Bakersfield College’s skilled Automotive Technology faculty will bring a newly developed comprehensive curriculum focused on preparing new students for the rapidly evolving automotive business and service industry jobs. This will be in addition to non-credit offerings for current technicians to expand

on their skillset with supplemental training for community members who also wish to explore this industry as a potential career.



The new facility will include repair bays, a classroom for lessons and workshops, a parts room, tool room, and a full auction facility to be operated by WSM Auctions. In addition, BC has developed a comprehensive new curriculum to be taught by instructors who are currently earning their Society of Automotive Engineer (SAE)-certification, allowing for faculty to prepare automotive students to be hired into entry-level automotive jobs and maintain institutional accreditation.

### Staff and Faculty Celebrate Opening Day

Bakersfield College held its traditional Opening Week ceremony via Zoom on August 18 and 19. Over the course of the two days, faculty and staff engaged in a meaningful tribute to Chancellor Sonya Christian, and



heard from constituent leaders such as BCSGA President, Edith Mata and this year’s Academic Senate President, Nick Strobel. There was an important presentation on

COVID-19 protocols from the COVID Response Team led by Nicky Damania and Jennifer Johnson.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR DAY 1 OF FALL OPENING WEEK!

### Renegade Football Opener on Sept. 11, 2021

Football season is here and BC will open Memorial Stadium to fans on Sept. 11, 2021, at 6pm against the El Camino Warriors! Gates open at 5pm. On the anniversary

of 9/11, BC will be honoring all first responders and all first responders will be receiving free admission. Renovations to Memorial Stadium will be on display, including the remodeled restrooms and concessions stands, additional stadium lighting and an HD video scoreboard.





## Panorama Music Summit Returns for 5<sup>th</sup> Year at Home of the Renegades

BC's Performing Arts Department has announced details for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Panorama Creative Music Summit, presented by the Jazz Studies and Commercial Music programs. The Panorama Creative Music Summit is an annual showcase for visiting artists, local performers, and BC faculty, students, and alumni performing original music and



exploring a broad range of styles and creative approaches. This year's summit will feature an expanded two-week schedule of workshops, masterclasses, and concerts. This special annual showcase will begin Monday, September 20.

## Early College Renegades Engaged in Summer Learning Opportunities



The Summer is a good time for high school students to take advantage of Early College opportunities for enrichment and academic advancement. On top of offering more Dual Enrollment / Early College sections in partnership with our high school partners than ever before, BC offered lab courses in person, following COVID safety protocols, this Summer. These pictures show some of our students taking BIOL B11 with Erica Mullins at the new Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) in KHSD, and students taking ELET B70 in BC's electronics lab with Roy Allard.

Over 2,400 high school students enrolled in at least one college course, totaling to over 3,200 enrollments for the Summer 2021 term. That is more participation than ever before for a Summer term, and a 23% increase from Summer 2020. Many students took advantage of one of the 70 different Dual Enrollment/Early College sections that we offered in partnership with their high school district, while the rest enrolled in courses offered at one of our many college locations, or online, through Concurrent Enrollment.



## Philips 66 Industrial Automation Summer Academy Opportunities

Phillips 66 also donated funds to allow the Early College and Career Education teams to collaborate on a summer opportunity that would introduce students to the field of Industrial Automation. After a great deal of planning between the departments and collaborations with industry partners, the Industrial Automation Early College Summer Academy was created. This academy accepted 42 high school students who would be enrolled in a key course from the Industrial Automation pathway that met four days a week for four weeks in a BC electronics lab with a BC instructor, and then get to visit an industry partner to see Industrial Automation in action each Friday. All materials for the course, as well as transportation and food for the industry site visits, were covered by the generous donation from Phillips 66. A total of 31 students completed the BC course and attended the industry site visits. In addition to this, each student met with an Educational Advisor to build a customized educational plan and see how they could complete an entire bachelor's degree in Industrial Automation at BC.



## Spotlight on Bella Rivera, INDA Early College Summer Academy Student

Bella Rivera is going into 10th grade at Bakersfield High School and attended the Industrial Automation Early College Summer Academy. Overall, she thought the experience was extremely beneficial and it showed her aspects of engineering she was never exposed to before. She thoroughly enjoyed the class where she was able to have a hands-on learning experience with engineering tools and how to use them in various situations. Through the site visits she was able to see engineering jobs in action. The Summer Academy reiterated her interest in the field of engineering and showed her possible jobs that she had not thought of prior to completing the program. She plans to continue dual enrollment through BC and wants to complete the Industrial Automation pathway. In a male-dominated field she is excited to pursue an Engineering career and give more representation to women in the profession.



## Annual Sterling Silver Dinner

Mark the date March 19, 2022, for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Sterling Silver Dinner where our community of supporters and alumni will honor select friends of BC.

BC's new Campus Center and will be the ideal setting for recognizing community members whose support is bringing to life many of BC's new programs and campus improvements. Save the date to join me in honoring this year's award recipients:

- **The Contreras Family**  
*Individual Philanthropist Award*
- **Bank of America**  
*Corporate Philanthropist Award*
- **Assemblymember Rudy Salas**  
*BC Foundation Service Medal*
- **Congressman William "Bill" Thomas**  
*Lifetime Achievement Award*

To purchase tickets or a table, please contact the BC Foundation at 661-395-4800.

