

Professional Development Committee

4/29/2026

Goals of the Committee:

- Integrate the work of the committee with the work of Academic Technology as the lead department for Professional Development at Bakersfield College.
- Develop the use of PDC Scholarship funds and the return on investment to campus.
- Improve assessment and professional development effectiveness.
- Improve quality of professional development with regard to equity, accessibility, and accommodations.

Announcements:

- Professional Development Scholarship amount has increased from \$500-\$750.
- Flex forms are due May 8!
- Submissions for Fall Flex due May 8. Themes: BC 'How-Tos', cultural awareness, wellness, AI

Completed Items:

- April's 'PDC Friday' AI Watch Party on 4/17 was well-attended.
- All faculty who applied to attend the OTC in June will receive funding; 16 total. Fall Flex will feature a poster session/panel for attendees to present.
- PDC Scholarship recipients for 25-26 school year:
 - Valadez, Brenda
 - Rosales, Oliver Arthur.
 - Jones, Catherine W.
 - Howell, Christina S.
 - Lagaya, Jerome Tesoro.
 - Mendez, Martha Alicia.
 - Stallworth, Kristopher Craig.
 - Harding, Lisa Lynn.
 - Bond, Andrew Carl.
 - Dyer, Ariel J.
 - Harris, Laura Elaine.

Upcoming Items:

- Next PDC Friday is May 1, 8:30-9:30 via Zoom, focus on RSI
- Topics for Fall Flex week have been chosen, look for solicitation for presentations soon.
- 'New Faculty Institute' Sessions will meet MTW of Fall Flex week.

Respectfully submitted,
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