

Sonya Christian, August 8, 2019

### BC attends IHEP Interactive Policy Summit

In spring of this year, BC was selected by IHEP and AIR for our proven track record in utilizing data to improve student success locally, regionally, and statewide through the guided pathways framework. The Interactive Policy Summit, held in Minneapolis was hosted by both the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) and the Association for Institutional Research (AIR).

Attendees from BC included Sonya Christian, Senator Jean Fuller, Kylie Swanson, Craig Hayward and Lesley Bonds.



### Join Us at These Renegade Events

#### One-Day Express Enrollment

August 13, 2019 at 4:00PM

**Delano Campus**

#### Football Media Day

August 14, 2019 at 11:30AM

**Memorial Stadium**

#### One-Day Express Enrollment

August 15, 2019 at 8:00AM

**Welcome Center**

#### New Student Convocation & Family Bridge to BC Open House

August 20, 2019 at 5:00PM

**Outdoor Theater**

#### Opening Day

August 22, 2019 at 8:00AM

**Indoor Theater**

#### Fall Semester Begins

August 24, 2019

**Campus Wide**

#### Renegade Football vs Mt. San Antonio

September 7, 2019 at 6:00PM

**Memorial Stadium**

### Measure J Construction on the Panorama Campus

The Veterans Resource Center is 67% complete as of August 2, with HVAC ductwork installation and basic electrical work nearly complete. The building is scheduled for completion later this year, and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held to unveil the finished building on December 10.

Memorial Stadium is 90% complete and will be ready for Renegade Football in time for the first home game in September. The surface installation has begun, with the City of Bakersfield approving work be done over nighttime hours in order for workers to avoid heat exhaustion during the extreme daytime weather in Bakersfield.

The Campus Center construction began in May, with 10% construction completion as of August 2. Soil remediation has been completed and excavation is in progress. Structural changes to Building B have been approved by the Department of State Architecture and final demolition has begun. The building is currently on schedule to be completed in November 2020.

There are currently a total of 15 Measure J projects underway at the campus, each in different phases. A list of all current and completed projects are available on the [A Better BC](#) website, under the [Measure J Schedule](#) link.

These events and more can be found online at [bakersfieldcollege.edu](http://bakersfieldcollege.edu) and [GoGades.com](http://GoGades.com)



## BC Recognized as Recipient of Dr. John W. Rice Diversity & Equity Award

BC has fully committed to redesigning our systems to ensure each and every student has the opportunity to succeed. Last month, The California Community College Chancellor's Office honored Bakersfield College for its implementation of Guided Pathways with the 2019 Dr. John W. Rice Diversity & Equity Award.

Since 2014, BC has seen universal growth and improvement across virtually every metric at the college. To increase completion, BC intentionally designed an innovative structure called Completion Coaching Communities made up of faculty and staff, who are responsible for ensuring each student is actively helped to pursue the most direct path to his or her educational goal.

Dr. Rice was a leader, innovator, and spokesperson for equal employment opportunity and this award is a tribute to his commitment to diversity, student equity, and his strong support for a multicultural learning experience.



*Sonya Christian, Chancellor Burke, and Trustee Romeo Agbalog stand with students, faculty, and leadership at BC*

## NACIQI Supports Baccalaureate Efforts

On July 30th, NACIQI voted to support and recommend to the U.S. Department of Education to allow ACCJC to accredit community colleges for more than one baccalaureate degree without limitation.



## BCSGA Vigil for Victims of Gun Violence

BC's Student Government Association organized a candle vigil on Tue., Aug. 6, 2019 to honor victims of gun violence as a result of the nation's recent mass shootings in Gilroy, El Paso, and Dayton.



Speakers included BCSGA President for the upcoming year, Samantha Pulido and Dr. Nicky Damania, BC's Director of Student Life. Nicky reminded all in attendance that, "In light of recent tragic events, please remember BC's safety motto, 'If you see something, say something, so we can do something about it.'"

## BC Hosts Chevron STEM Academy Camps

The Chevron Summer STEM Academy at Bakersfield College has come to the finish line for 2019. All summer long, the camp sessions were full with middle school students experiencing everything from hands-on guitar building to designing tiny homes.

These opportunities would not be possible if it were not for community industry partners like Chevron and Project Lead the Way. Because of these collaborative efforts with BC faculty, young people around our community are developing a passion by exploring STEM opportunities and future careers.

