



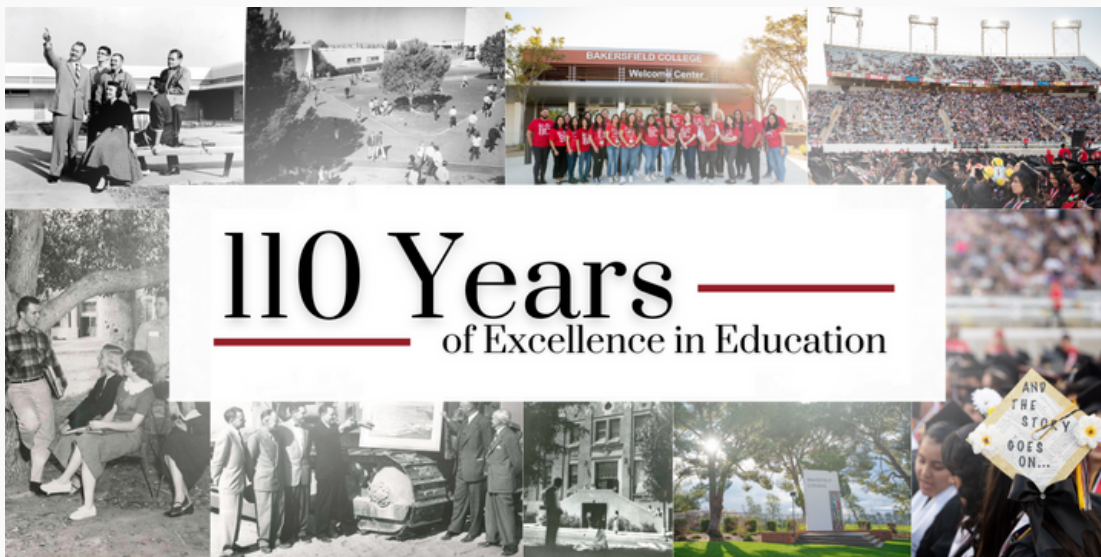
THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FROM BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

STARTING THE SEMESTER STRONG FOR 110 YEARS

BC's 2023 Fall Opening Day Celebration was one for the books. Over 450 faculty and staff gathered in the Renegade Events Center to uplift and encourage one another as we start this new semester and celebrate 110 years of academic excellence. The common theme throughout the event was care and compassion; our faculty and staff must not only take care of the students we serve, but we must also take care of each other.

This Opening Day, BC staff and faculty witnessed performances by the BC Chamber Singers, BC Cheer, Ballet Folklorico, and Performing Arts students. The day was brighter than ever as we collectively stood in awe of the talent and dedication of our students.



WELCOMING BC'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR THE YEAR

On Monday, August 14th, Bakersfield College welcomed 18 new international students along with continuing students to the fall New International Student Orientation and meeting at the Norman Levan Center. Leadership and campus department program staff and resources spent part of their day presenting their services while connecting with students. International Students also had a special guest presenter from the Bakersfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. International students learned about Kern County and "Baker's" Field. A Friday activity followed with the international students doing scavenger hunt selfie trail traversing the streets of Bakersfield.

Students from all over the world chose Bakersfield College to study. This year, new International students including student-athletes joined BC from various parts of the world including Japan, Australia, India, Philippines, China, Nigeria, Canada, South Korea, Myanmar, Czech Republic, Indonesia, and Brazil.



CHAMBER SINGERS PERFORM AT DISNEY CONCERT HALL

On July 8, the BC Chamber Singers were the special guest choir for a performance by the LA Philharmonic at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Joining Chamber Singers were many of our other highly talented BC choirs, as well as many local high school students who got to sing in the larger choir.



FORMER RENEGADE MAKES MLB DEBUT

Former Bakersfield College baseball standout Allan Winans has been called up by the Atlanta Braves and made his Major League debut as the Braves' starting pitcher. The right-handed pitcher played for the Renegades from 2014-15.



VETERANS PLAZA GIVES STUDENTS A NEW SPACE TO REFLECT

Bakersfield College has always been committed to ensuring our student veterans are supported, seen, and valued. This new plaza is a testament of BC's commitment. It is a place where stories of heroism, courage, and camaraderie can be shared outside the walls of the Veterans Resource Center.



RENEGADE NEXUS OPENS BRAND NEW BASIC NEEDS CENTER

Bakersfield College is thrilled to announce the grand opening of the Renegade Nexus, BC's Basic Needs Center and new location of the Renegade Nexus Pantry, a vital resource focused on supporting and empowering students with critical resources and nutritious snacks.

The Basic Needs Center opening is a significant milestone, representing our dedication to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive academically through support to navigate basic needs challenges and/or food insecurity.

Since opening, students have been loving this space and the support they can receive by attending Renegade Farmer's Markets and other Nexus events.

