

# President's Welcome

It is with great anticipation that we release the 2016-2017 Bakersfield College Catalog. This catalog is one of many valuable tools that you'll have available during your journey to success, achievement, graduation, and beyond.

Since our inaugural year in 1913, Bakersfield College has experienced tremendous growth. With over 103 years of rich history, I want to highlight that our first class on the Panorama campus was held in the spring of 1956. For the past 60 years, students before you have gained the knowledge and qualities they needed to achieve their goals - within the same walls, the same facilities, and on the same grounds you will stroll this year.

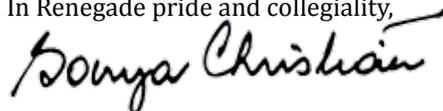
Sixty years later, many things have changed but one constant remains: Bakersfield College continues to contribute to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the communities it serves. And it is the future of Bakersfield, Delano, our neighboring communities, and our students that continually inspires us to become a better BC; one that is defined by our academic excellence, forward thinking, and commitment to every student.

I know college is a big step and it can be confusing and often intimidating. This year, I encourage you to seek help from the various student services available to you. They are designed to help you successfully finish your educational plan. Check our website or visit the Student Welcome Center for more information regarding services, such as academic advising, tutoring, the writing center, and more.

In closing, I invite you to get connected with Bakersfield College by following us on Facebook and subscribing to the President's blog at <https://bcpresidentblog.com/>. As the year progresses, you'll get all the latest news, see highlights from events, and even shout-outs to fellow students, professors, and cohorts.

And finally, to all students, new and returning, I wish you all the best for a successful and rewarding journey as you become a part of our rich history of students who have attended Bakersfield College.

Welcome to the Home of the Renegades!

In Renegade pride and collegiality,  


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