PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to a new academic year at Bakersfield College! If you are returning for more coursework, or new to Bakersfield College, you'll find that Bakersfield College truly offers educational opportunity and every possibility for personal and educational success. We are proud to provide you higher education in a vibrant, innovative, and challenging environment which is diverse and welcoming to every student we serve.

As an immigrant to this country, and a single mother, I understand work ethic and the struggles placed on today's students. Whether you work full-time, or care for a family, or study countless hours in a rigorous program coursework, college is a challenge and an opportunity. I urge you to look at your education at Bakersfield College as an opportunity first, and a challenge second. Take full advantage of the services and education Bakersfield College provides; be active in our student culture. Through the services and programs provided by Bakersfield College, you will have every opportunity to succeed and achieve your educational goals. But do not forget; college is a challenge. If it weren't a challenge, it wouldn't be worth it. Take the challenge of higher education head-on, and you will be successful.

Bakersfield College has just finished celebrating our first 100 years of higher education in the region, and we are looking ahead to 100 more! This college has come a long way in 100 years; from 13 students going about their transfer education on the first Bakersfield Junior College campus in 1913, to our robust enrollment of nearly 17,000 students last fall. I'm looking forward to a future 100 years of opportunity and challenge. Aren't you?

Sincerely,

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