

President's Welcome

It is with great anticipation that we release the 2017-2018 Bakersfield College Catalog. This catalog is one of many valuable tools that you'll have available during your journey to academic success, achievements, graduation, transfer, and more.

Since our opening year in 1913, the needs of Kern County and the future success of our students has been our highest priority. We are committed to offering the curriculum and culture that prepares our students as critical thinkers, effective communicators, responsible learners, and productive citizens. The Renegade campus is filled with rich history and traditions, but it's also a thriving environment of innovation, new ideas, energy, growth, and you.

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

This is an exciting year at Bakersfield College. There is so much to learn and so much will happen around campus. I invite you to follow Bakersfield College on Facebook and please subscribe to my blog, www.sonyachristianblog.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 continue a rich history of students who have attended Bakersfield College.

Welcome to the *Home of the Renegades!*

With Renegade pride and collegiality,

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