

President's Welcome

It is my honor to release this 2015-2016 Bakersfield College Catalog. Bakersfield College considers our catalog to be our contract with students - an agreement by which we agree to provide you with a high-quality, innovative, enriching educational experience - provided you keep up your end of the contract and complete all the necessary steps. This catalog is your way of knowing exactly what is expected of you as you work your way toward your personalized educational goals. The catalog compiles all the courses and programs that make up the educational offerings at Bakersfield College, and highlights the support services and transfer information you need along the way.

Bakersfield College offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs to help you make your way to a rewarding career. Among those are 22 associate degrees for transfer which will ensure you move to a four-year university at the junior level to continue your coursework. New in the 2015-2016 Bakersfield College Catalog is the Baccalaureate of Applied Science in Industrial Automation - Bakersfield College's approved bachelor's degree. This new degree, for those interested in a career in the robust agricultural, industrial, or distribution sectors in Kern County, will allow students to take all the necessary coursework and earn a bachelor's degree at Bakersfield College.

I encourage you to review this catalog, and become familiar with the contents. There is much more to gain than just understanding your "catalog rights" - in fact, you can have a deeper understanding of Bakersfield College and the services and programs we have in place to help you succeed.

To all students, new and returning, I wish you much success as you become a part of the 100-year history of students who have attended Bakersfield College.

In Renegade pride and collegiality,



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