Bakersfield College Becoming Leader in Conference Presentations

Through innovative programming and dedicated efforts, Bakersfield College is working toward a state and national leadership position in the development of relevant learning experiences for community college professionals. College leadership has been invited to speak at a number of conferences.

**ACCCA**

Contributing to ACCCA’s mission and purpose of enhancing development and education among professionals, Dr. Sonya Christian, BC President, and Manny Mourtzanos, Dean of Instruction, were selected to facilitate a learning session focused on Bakersfield College’s unique model of professional development. Over 250 administrators from across California attended this conference hosted in San Francisco.

On February 25, 2015, approximately 25 senior-level managers, executive leaders, and trustees attended this interactive 75-minute session to become familiar with BC’s enterprise model of sustainable practices in organizational learning. Positive feedback was provided by attendees. Five colleagues thanked and commended the presenters for offering insightful and practical information. One college in particular expressed an interest in replicating BC’s model and structure of professional development on their campus.

**Achieving the Dream**

Dr. Janet Fulks, Dean of Pre-Collegiate & Student Success, and Manny Mourtzanos, Dean of Instruction, were invited to present a workshop at Achieving the Dream’s annual national convention in Baltimore, MD. This convention was comprised of nearly 2,000 professionals representing 440 institutions from 41 states and three countries.

Approximately 45 administrators and faculty attended this session to understand how Bakersfield College utilized data to identify students who require additional support to succeed. Attendees were presented with information about BC’s intervention to pair a cohort of 454 students with a mentor (faculty, staff or administrator) which was initiated in Summer 2014.

A portion of the presentation included an interactive panel discussion with two BC students who benefited from our student success intervention. The students’ presentation was heartfelt, sincere, and warmly received by the audience.

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**Enrollment Update Shows BC Headcount, FTES Holding Strong**

Although the official reporting date for Bakersfield College enrollment and FTES has passed, KCCD Institutional Research provided college leaders with updated information on the enrollment status at Bakersfield College. As you can see to the right, Bakersfield College’s FTES has increased over Spring 2014 by nearly 4%, and overall headcount has increased 4% as well. We are confident these numbers show a positive movement in enrollment for Bakersfield College, and continue to work to adjust our course offerings, locations, and times, to meet increasing demand for educational opportunities. This effort includes expanding our offerings at community campuses, and maintaining higher levels of courses in non-traditional times that allow the college to effectively use the space we have on our two permanent campuses. These efforts are part of an overall enrollment management strategy that works to provide the education our students need.

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Athletics Update: Basketball Playoffs and more

Bakersfield College Athletics are happy to see Spring after both basketball teams rallied out of Winter only to see their playoff dreams collapse as the frost thawed.

Women’s basketball made its furthest playoff run in 25 years while sending five players to the All-Conference team. As WSC South champions, the Lady Gades headed to Irvine Valley College, where they lost a heartbreaker 53-71 to end their playoff run in front of a crowd that included many Renegades faithful thanks to a rooster bus that made the trip simpler for fans.

Men’s Basketball recovered from a January swoon to sneak into the playoffs, but ended their championship dreams with a loss against LA Pierce college in a close one, 92-95.

Baseball and softball are both currently underway, and the two squads are making noise and drawing attention for possible playoff runs.

Track and field, tennis, swimming, and golf all get their seasons going this month. We will have updates on their competition status in coming reports to the Board of Trustees.

Don’t forget to tune in to the Renegade Report every Thursday morning at 11 am, live on bakersfield.com to hear current news on Renegades athletics straight from our coaches and players. Catch up-to-the minute news on www.gogades.com.

VN Program Students Achieve 100% Pass Rate on NCLEX-PN

The Bakersfield College Vocational Nursing program has achieved a 100 percent first-time pass rate on National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). The California average for 2014 is 72%. These results are for the 17 students who completed the necessary coursework in the Vocational Nursing in the program during the last year.

In comparing Bakersfield College’s Vocational Nursing program results with other California colleges and universities, the results are considerably higher than nearly all other Vocational Nurse training programs. The NCLEX-PN is the finale of a Bakersfield College nursing student’s career, and is a requirement for professional licensure and employment in the health care field.

Bakersfield College’s Vocational Nursing program trains students for entry-level vocational nursing positions in the health care profession. Vocational nurses have varied duties, including dressing wounds, administering medication, assisting with basic needs, and more.

The program is offered over 18 months, leading students to a Certificate of Achievement. Students in the Vocational Nursing program spend 20 hours per week learning in the clinical setting, along with an additional 12 hours per week of classroom instruction. Vocational nurses work in areas such as long-term care settings, correctional facilities, clinics, urgent care centers and doctor’s offices.

The majority of Bakersfield College Vocational Nursing graduates return to Bakersfield College to pursue more advanced training in the area of Registered Nursing.

Please Join Us!

April 23
Learn@BC!
Student Equity Conference
SPARC Indoor Theater

May 8
Honor Reception
Recognizing scholarship recipients and department award winners
SPARC Outdoor Theater

May 15
Commencement
Memorial Stadium

call 395-4211 for information on these events