

Renegade Roundup



...on facilities maintenance efforts at Bakersfield College

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Colleagues:

Over the last few years, much effort has been put into improving and maintaining buildings at Bakersfield College, and more initiatives are ongoing. Here's a look at what has been done, and what is coming in the next few months.

The maintenance efforts below wouldn't have been possible without the leadership and hard work from Bakersfield College staff in Facilities and Operations. I know you all join me in thanking those responsible for keeping our beautiful campus just that...beautiful.

Can you name all the M&O staff in this photo?



What's Happened?

Language Arts Exterior Painting and Repairs

Over the summer months of 2012, painting crews were hard at work on several buildings on campus, including Language Arts. The project included power washing the entire exterior of Language Arts, repainting the exterior of the buildings, and repairing the stair landing. The project began in June, 2012 and was completed in August, 2012.





Gym Interior Painting and Repairs

The interior of the Gym received an extensive improvement effort over summer 2012 with several projects. The Huddle ceiling, walls, stairways, and railings were painted; the women's locker room ceilings, walls, and lockers were painted, and ventilation was improved; the men's locker room ceilings, walls, and lockers were painted, and ventilation was improved; the lower bleachers were replaced; the concession stand received a new door; and the bathrooms were repaired and deep-cleaned.

Humanities Maintenance and Repairs

Part of the major maintenance efforts in summer 2012 was the maintenance and repairs to the Humanities building. This major project included abatement of existing asbestos flooring and installation of new floor tile in 28 classrooms; interior painting of the 28 classrooms which received new flooring; deep-cleaning of all bathrooms; concrete repair in walkways; roof and drain repairs; and exterior painting. The maintenance and repairs of Humanities began in June, 2012 and were completed by July, 2012.



Student Services Maintenance and Repairs

The Student Services building also received some work and repairs over summer 2012. The project included abatement of existing asbestos flooring and installation of new floor tile; carpet tile installation in the computer lab; interior ceiling and wall painting; and removal of exterior louvers. Additionally, the Financial Aid counter was remodeled to meet Americans with Disabilities Act

standards. The project on Student Services was begun in June, 2012 and completed in August, 2012.

Administration and Business Painting

Both the Administration and Business buildings were improved during summer 2012 with an extensive painting project. The exterior louvers



were removed from both buildings; the roofs, gutters, and fascia were repaired; and the exteriors of both buildings were painted. The project on the Administration and Business buildings was begun in July, 2012 and completed in August, 2012.

What's Coming?

Water and Gas Line Replacement

Do you remember the year we moved to the hill? It was 1953. Our water and gas lines are primarily from 1953, and with an expected 50-year lifecycle, these systems are ready for replacement. Through an organized process, all water and gas lines on campus will be replaced in a phased project designed to have minimal impact on foot traffic.

Central Chiller Plant Replacement

Starting in November, 2013, the two existing air conditioning chillers on campus will be replaced in a process expected to complete by February, 2014. The current chillers are constantly breaking down and certainly not operating efficiently. The project will replace these two chillers, along with the cooling towers and electrical main transformers. The two chillers will be replaced with a single system and chiller loop for the entire campus. The effort will eliminate the annual \$40,000 maintenance cost, and keep classrooms above the chiller more comfortable during summer months. Replacing the chiller plant with new, more efficient models, also supports the college's overall sustainability efforts. With newer equipment, the cost of repairs and normal operations is reduced, as is the college's emissions.

That's all for now...

Until next time, if you want to keep up with the events and activities of Bakersfield College, or just peek in on what I consider important, follow my blog at bcpresident.wordpress.com.

With Renegade pride and collegiality,
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