For this edition of the Renegade Roundup, I want to recognize and celebrate the hard work of our colleagues who make our working environment a learning environment, not just for our students but also for all of us and our community.

A Concert of Nonsense
Bakersfield College’s new director of choral activities, Jennifer Garrett, is bringing an amazing concert experience to the college tonight at 7:30 p.m., at Canyon Hills Assembly of God, 7001 Auburn Street. The performance is a break from the daily responsibilities of life, and a celebration of nonsense. Performances by the Bakersfield College Choir and Chamber Singers will be supported by guests Kris Tiner and the Bakersfield College Jazz Combo, Dr. Ron Kean on percussion, and tapdancer Nick Ono. For a special treat, local artist Art Sherwyn will be painting in response to the music, and the painting will be auctioned off at the end of the evening. Tickets will be available at the doors!

Campus Clean Up Day
Our dedicated maintenance and operations team, along with Nick Waldrop, has organized another campus clean-up day for tomorrow, March 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet in the Agriculture driveway, and help clean up our campus!

The Grapes of Wrath
The Norman Levan Center for the Humanities and the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library have teamed up to bring a series of events surrounding the anniversary celebration of iconic central valley book The Grapes of Wrath. The next event, on March 25 at 7 p.m., is The Dust Bowl Comes to California, with panelists Randy Beeman, Michael Harvath, and Robert Torres, who will discuss the economic and historic aspects of the migration. Program will be in the Levan Center.

Emergency Preparedness at Bakersfield College
When it comes to being ready for emergencies, Bakersfield College leads the pack. In January, we had a massive emergency exercise
which worked to familiarize first responders with the campus, and now we continue to keep preparedness in mind with a series of informational sessions on emergency preparedness. Led by Chief Chris Counts and PIO Amber Chiang, these sessions will work to help you understand your role at the college in providing a safe and secure learning and working environment. The sessions are March 26 and 27, at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. in the Levan Center. Registration is not necessary, and you do not have to attend all sessions.

**Dr. Jane Goodall: Sowing the Seeds of Hope**

Richard Beene, editor of *The Bakersfield Californian*, called Bakersfield College's securing of Dr. Jane Goodall for a rare west coast appearance a “coup,” but really, it is another example of the amazing people we have at Bakersfield College. After a significant amount of work, Krista Moreland was able to land the famed primatologist, and Dr. Goodall will be coming to Bakersfield College on April 1. To give you an idea of how incredible this rare appearance is, guests are flying in from as far away as Minnesota to see the lecture! Tickets are selling quickly, but there are still seats available. Visit the Ticket Office to purchase your tickets.

**Habits of Mind – Strive for Excellence and Stay Involved**

Bakersfield College’s Habits of Mind project continues to help students stay focused on their studies through information, resources, and access to staff who can help guide their higher education experience. On April 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room, the Habits of Mind team will bring information about the shift from the second habit – ORGANIZE – to the third – STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE. The workshop will demonstrate ways to incorporate Habits of Mind tools into student interactions. Register online at [http://inside.bakersfieldcollege.edu](http://inside.bakersfieldcollege.edu) under the Employee tab and the Staff Development channel.

**Student Equity & Excellence Conference**

The team that brought you two incredibly successful data conferences has teamed up again to bring the importance of equity to the forefront. This April 3rd, Bakersfield College will welcome Kati Haycock, president of The Education Trust, to Bakersfield College to guide a learning experience centered on the impact of student equity on college success. Information went into your inboxes this morning, and you are encouraged to register soon for this free conference taking place right here at Bakersfield College! If you missed the email, registration is available online, and like with our previous conferences, we will be live streaming for those of you who cannot join us in person.

**Trojan Women**

One of the most powerful indictments of war and the arrogance of power will be performed by students in Bakersfield College’s theater program this April. *Trojan Women*, an ancient Greek tragedy written by Euripedes, tells
the story of Troy, the murder of the innocent, the desecration of shrines, and the enslavement of women. Under the direction of Kim Chin, *Trojan Women* will be performed at 8 p.m. on April 4-6 and 11-13 in the outdoor area between Fine Arts and Auto Technology. Tickets are $3.50 for staff, and can be purchased at the show.

**Red and White Wine and Food Festival**

The Bakersfield College Foundation will bring the annual *Red and White Wine and Food Festival* back on April 11! If you haven't been before and you love wine and great food, you must attend! Wineries from across California come to highlight their vintages, and our talented Culinary Arts students support your experience with passed hors d'oeuvres. Entertaining you again this year will be the Bakersfield College Jazz Ensemble. The event begins at 5 p.m. and will be on the north stadium lawn. Tickets are $50 in advance and can be purchased at the Foundation office.

**Relay for Life in Delano**

An enterprising group of Delano Campus students and staff are participating in the annual American Cancer Society’s *Relay for Life* of Delano. To celebrate Bakersfield College’s centennial, the team chose “Celebrating 100+ Cancer-Free Renegade Birthdays” to acknowledge past and present faculty, staff, students, family, and friends who are cancer survivors. The event is April 12-13, and the team is still looking for Bakersfield College-connected cancer survivors to honor. Email Loy Salarda if you have information about a courageous cancer survivor.

**Centennial Commencement, May 16**

I am asking each of you to mark your calendars right now for Bakersfield College’s 100th anniversary commencement, on Friday, May 16. While our all-out communication blitz will start soon, you should plan to attend! We will be having a free community barbecue, live music from the BC alumni band Mento Buru, a honor lap of all current/former staff and students, and FIREWORKS! The commencement celebration is free, and we will be inviting the community to celebrate with us. Plan to be there!

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- March 21 – A Concert of Nonsense
- March 22 – Campus Clean Up Day
- March 25 – The Dust Bowl Comes to California
- March 26 & 27 – Active Shooter Emergency Training Seminars
- April 1 – Dr. Jane Goodall: Sowing the Seeds of Hope
- April 1 – Strive for Excellence and Stay Involved
- April 3 – Student Equity & Excellence Conference
- April 4-6, 11-13 – *Trojan Women*
- April 12-13 – Relay for Life in Delano
- May 16 – Centennial Commencement
That’s all for now..... Until next time.

With Renegade pride and collegiality,
Sonya

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