Trick or Treat, Renegades!

Bakersfield College is bustling as fall sets in.

We've got many events and activities coming up. Let's run down the list.

**October 25th -- Levan Faculty Colloquium**
On Friday, October 25 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Norman Levan Center for the Humanities will present the Norman Levan Faculty Colloquium, featuring Dr. Matthew Garrett. Dr. Garrett will present *What is a Real Indian: Mormons, Indians, and the Indian Student Placement Program*.

What is a real Indian? Is biological ancestry, cultural saturation, or some other measurement the best indicator of ethnic identity? This presentation will survey Dr. Garrett’s own family background and several research projects that center on these questions, followed by a deeper exploration of one case study in particular: the Mormon Church’s Indian Student Placement Program.

No registration for this event is required. Please, join us on Friday, October 25 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Norman Levan Center for the Humanities for this event.

**October 25th -- 400+ and Climbing**
Some time ago, a dear colleague wanted to wager that we’d never get more than 250 people to Bakersfield College’s Centennial Gala. I should have put money on it.

Guess what?! As of last night, we are at 407 people and counting. We can accept reservations through the end of the day on Wednesday, so if you were thinking about coming and haven’t yet reserved your place, give the Foundation a call at 395-4800.
I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to Friday. We will be celebrating Bakersfield College’s 100\textsuperscript{th} birthday with style. We’ve got a stellar team working to put together an amazing event to observe an important time in the life of the College.

**October 26\textsuperscript{th} -- Homecoming!**

Bakersfield College will be celebrating Homecoming the night after the Centennial Gala with a 4 p.m. football game against Moorpark College. This is sure to be a hard-hitting, fast-paced game pitting your Bakersfield College Renegades (2-4) against Moorpark (4-3).

Be sure to wear your Renegades red, or pick some up at the Bookstore booth on the Home Side of Memorial Stadium. Let’s go Gades!

**October 28\textsuperscript{th} -- Accreditation!**

On Monday, October 28, Bakersfield College will have a follow-up visit from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to check up on the work we’ve been doing since the site visit last October and the eight recommendations which resulted. Bakersfield College submitted a [2013 Bakersfield College Follow-Up Report](#) outlining our work, and the team will be doing interviews and holding meetings to make sure that the college community has full access to the process. All Bakersfield College employees are invited to an open forum on Monday, October 28, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Levan Center. Stop by to hear more about what is happening with our progress on the recommendations and share your thoughts.

**October 31\textsuperscript{st} -- Point of Origin – Data Conference**

Bakersfield College is pleased to invite you to "Point of Origin," our first regional conference in a series of conferences addressing the importance of data in student success. Join us on Thursday, October 31 in the Levan Center at Bakersfield College for a series of plenary sessions and breakout discussions which place the focus on data as the point of origin for guiding our students toward success.

Faculty, if you would like to attend, please consider an alternative assignment to allow you to be there for Point of Origin. If you cannot attend all the different sessions, no worries. Participate in those that you can.

If you cannot join us in person, you can connect virtually - plenary sessions will be streamed live on the web, and we will actively blog throughout the event.

Make sure to register soon to reserve your spot and the event is free to BC employees since grants and professional development funds are covering the costs. The schedule is online. I encourage you to take a look and register today!
November 1st -- Veteran’s Conference

I’m going to sneak in one more item, even though it is technically for next month in November. On Friday, November 1, Bakersfield College will host Welcome Home: Veterans on Campus, a training through the California Community Colleges Student Mental Health Program. This training provides faculty and staff with the opportunity to learn about our dynamic student veteran population. The training is free, and will provide attendees with increased awareness about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury, and depression. The training is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, and is free to staff, lunch included. Email Jo Ann Acosta to reserve your spot for this worthwhile training opportunity.

That’s all for now..... Until next time.

With Renegade pride and collegiality,
Sonya

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