Kudos to Classified Staff
The last few weeks as I have been attending meetings on campus and working with many of you on a variety of projects it struck me that we have just an incredibly smart, passionate, and dedicated classified staff. Just this week, I was in a meeting with a group who have been supporting our Dream Act students at BC. The discussions were vibrant and heartwarming. In this discussion, two of the Financial Aid staff, Isabel and Gina, were fully engaged and came up with ways we could further our efforts related to the success of our students. Isabel and Gina represent this spirit in all of our classified whether in custodial services, food services, department assistants, ...... Let’s take a moment today and write an email to one of the staff members just letting them know that they rock. Here’s to our colleagues—our BC Classified staff!

Jane Goodall at BC
Yes, that’s right. Krista Moreland was relentless in her pursuit of bringing Jane Goodall (http://www.janegoodall.org/) to our community. Stay tuned for more information. At this time mark your calendar, April 1st, from 7:30 to 9:30, for a lecture in our gym. Pass this information to your friends near and far. I know that I will drive at least 2 hours to hear and see Jane Goodall.

We Are...First Generation
Bakersfield College is a first generation institution, from Biology professor Joe Saldivar to eighty percent of the students walking the halls for class today. We recognize this fact, and need to learn more about the struggles of first generation students seeking a college education.

To help all of us here at BC better understand the issues facing our first generation students, there will be four screenings of the First Generation, a movie about students from right here in California, and one who attended Bakersfield College.

The 90-minute movie is a stark and grim look at the struggle to go to college from the
students’ junior year of high school forward. I encourage you to attend one of the four screenings and to tell anyone you come in contact with about this documentary. There is much to be learned. Although the College paid approximately $1,200 to have four showings, the movie is free to the public and seats are first come, first served.

February 18, 5:30 p.m., Fine Arts 30
February 19, 12:40 p.m., Fine Arts 30
February 19, 5:00 p.m., Delano Campus Auditorium
February 20, 1:00 p.m., Forum West
February 21, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Levan Center. Panel Discussion on First Generation.

**Baccalaureate Degrees...at BC?**

Right now, discussions are taking place around California which will open up the doors to community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees. California community colleges have the opportunity to pilot degrees as a result of SB 850 (Community College District Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Programs), and Bakersfield College has actively lobbied for our role as a key leader in nursing education.

As you know, nursing is a program where successful students are virtually guaranteed a job – healthcare needs new nurses faster than we can train them. The industry is changing however, and Bachelor's degrees in Nursing are now the standard for entry level jobs in most areas of California.

I sent a letter to Chancellor Brice Harris stating the case why BC should be considered in the pilot. Check it out at [http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/president/projects/baccalaureate.asp](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/president/projects/baccalaureate.asp) This letter also includes a short 1:31 minute video developed by our videographers-extraordinaire Manuel de los Santos and Kristin Rabe, and featuring a few familiar faces, the video accompanied my letter to state chancellor Brice Harris. The short video (1:31-minute) is a subset of the longer 2:23-minute version which is on the website and includes Industrial Technology and Culinary Arts as well.

We have argued that Bakersfield College is the ideal choice to offer a Nursing bachelor's degree. We hope to learn more soon, and please join me in supporting Bakersfield College’s effort to continue to meet the needs of our growing community.

**Technology, Innovation and Professional Development**

In order to more effectively promote the innovative use of technology on campus, we have launched the Technology, Innovation and Professional Development
web site, found at www.bc-tipd.net. The web site includes a technology blog, where faculty can find articles on new technologies as well as innovative pedagogies and ways to use them.

The site also includes a Technology Connector section, designed to introduce faculty to new technologies, and connect them to colleagues across campus who are already using them. The Technology Connector makes it easy for faculty to browse technologies, search for them by area of interest, and also add technologies that they might be using in innovative ways.

The more people use the Technology Connector, the more valuable a resource it becomes, so please take a few minutes to set up a profile and add some of your own technology and uses. If you don't have time to do that, just send a brief email to Bill Moseley at bmoseley@bakersfieldcollege.edu and he will take care of the rest.

Over the next few weeks, the BC-TIPD site will continue to grow, with the addition of a section for Open Educational Resources at BC. This section will include everything faculty need to know about OERs, how to use them effectively and how to develop your own. OERs represent a great opportunity for Bakersfield College to get involved in making education accessible to more people in our community and beyond.

**Student Education Plans:**
There continues to be a huge push by many to get the degree pathways clearly identified, then converted into templates which then gets uploaded into DegreeWorks to get the system ready for students to develop their Ed Plans starting in Summer 2014. This has been grueling work. Faculty chairs and lead faculty of the various disciplines attended two boot camps that resulted in clarification of the many degree pathways we offer students. These were then converted into templates for the Ed Plan. And yesterday, we had a team at BC’s command center meticulously working through the different aspects of this project. From left to right: Sharon Bush, Billie Jo Rice, Janet Fulks, John Carpenter, Michele Pena, Matt Jones, Sue Vaughn.

*Student Data at Your Fingertips!*
Curious about student data? Let your fingers do the walking...right over to our growing Data website at [http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/reports/](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/reports/) and the “Operational Data”
button on the right. Clicking that button will lead you to a treasure trove of information routinely supplied by KCCD Institutional Research. The most recent information covers enrollment information for Spring 2014, and reveals Bakersfield College’s stellar work bringing up districtwide FTES numbers! Great work, Gades!

*Mark Your Calendars!*

March 14 – Point of Origin Data Conference
March 18 – STEM Speaker Series welcomes Dr. Niall McCann
March 21st, 7:30 p.m. – Choir and Chamber Singers, *A Concert of Nonsense*, Canyon Hills Assembly of God
March 26 & 27 – Active Shooter Emergency Training Seminars
April 1, 7:30 p.m. – Jane Goodall lecture
April 3rd – Equity Conference at BC
May 9 – Choir and Chamber Singers, *On the Places You’ll Go*, Location: TBA

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

With Renegade pride and collegiality,
Sonya

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