

# Great Teachers Descend on Lake Arrowhead



Top Row: Jordan Rude, Chris Flachmann, John Menzies, Richard Marquez, Karen Kettner, Kenward Vaughan, David Besst, Maritza Salgueiro-Carlisle, Ralph Cazares, Ann Tatum, Becki Whitson and Mita Dhariwal. Bottom Row: Billie Jo Rice, Pam Boyles, John Carpenter, Wayne Cooper, Clark Parsons, Natalie Bursztyn, Mike Daniel, Susanne Langham and Nick Strobel.

For the fourth straight year, instructors from Bakersfield College came together for the Great Teachers Seminar. Held on March 13-15 at the Lake Arrowhead Conference Center, the seminar brought together 21 faculty members from various departments on campus including English, foreign language, physical science, behavioral science, philosophy and academic development. Both full-time and part time faculty attended, and several were returning for the second, third or even fourth time, while others were enjoying their first Great Teachers experience.

As in the past, Bakersfield College's Staff Development Coordinating Council generously supported faculty members by underwriting part of the cost for this seminar, which included accommodations in luxurious lodge-cabins, well-appointed meeting spaces, and six delicious meals served in the UCLA Conference Center restaurant. Rest assured, no one returned home hungry.

Participants enjoyed excellent weather, fabulous food and the best camaraderie that Bakersfield College's faculty had to offer. After a brief get-together, the real work began. Professors exchanged and presented papers dealing with teaching successes. The next day, participants convened again - after breakfast - to exchange and present another set of papers, these dealing with problems encountered in teaching. Soon an agenda was crafted to address topics of interest to the group, and various break-out sessions were held to brainstorm ideas

and action plans for the group's return. Saturday afternoon is traditionally reserved for free time, and this year was no exception. Following open recreation, the group reconvened for dinner, followed by an opportunity to share tips and tricks for successful teaching strategies.

"We're coming back revved up and highly motivated to put our plans into action," said English professor becki whitson.

The team enjoyed spirited conversation, and the hot topics were on faculty and student accountability, motivating student, as well as behavioral problems in the classroom.

Sunday morning offered yet another delicious breakfast and brief wrap-up meetings. After checking out and eating one final lunch, groups of car-poolers headed down the mountain, rejuvenated and ready to return to the task of serving our students and making Bakersfield College an even better place to work and grow.

If you've yet to join the Great Teachers movement, you're missing one of the most revitalizing and enjoyable FLEX opportunities available to faculty members at Bakersfield College. If you have any questions or are interested in attending a future GTS, please feel free to contact professor becki whitson at 395-4619.



Wayne Cooper, Mike Daniel, Becki Whitson and Ralph Cazares.