

Career Day offers BC students job chances

By Esteban Ramirez
Reporter

Many employers showed up to Bakersfield College's Career Day and gave students different employment opportunities on Oct. 6 and many students came out to look for jobs and talk with the employers.

"This is our first time coming to BC for Career Day, but I like that we get to get involved with students that are interested in this type of job," said Elidia Vasquez, who is an agent producer at State Farm.

"We are here offering jobs in telemarketing and producing. For the producing job they must have their PNC license and for telemarketing they must have custom marketing and have good phone skills," she said.

Endee Grijalva, a Bakersfield representative for Fresno Pacific University, was also at Career Day.

"We consistently come out to BC's Career Day because it's always good to support BC. We're here to support students that are trying to obtain the education needed for their career," Grijalva said.

She also said that students would need 60 transfer units, a 2.4 GPA, and for students that don't have the units, they offer general education.

"We also cater to working

adults by having evening classes and night classes," Grijalva said.

Maria Lara, an executive administrative assistant for KBAK-TV, was there looking for students interested in broadcasting.

"It's great to see that there's a lot of students interested in broadcasting, and a lot of students asking for applications and internships so they can get their foot in the door of broadcasting."

"We are also interested in people that are a one-man band. By that I mean someone that can shoot, write and read their own stories," Lara said.

She also explained how students that are interested could apply online at Bakersfieldnow.com.

"I think what is interesting about this career is that it's all about news, and you're in front giving everybody the news," she said.

Panda Express returned to Career Day looking for students who want jobs while at BC.

"I think this Career Day is going as good as last year and it looks by the setup that BC really wants their students to succeed," said Panda Express general manager Mario Maldonado.

"We hire a few people every year from BC's Career Day and we got a worker here today that we hired from a past Career Day.



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Students mingle with representatives from many companies and schools offering information about job and training opportunities at the Bakersfield College Career Day on Oct. 6.

"We usually come at least once every year, but it depends on our schedule and we're pretty sure we will return for the one in the spring," he said.

Some students gave their take on what they thought of Career Day.

"I'm surprised that it's very full, but it's cool that BC provides us with this to help us find a job although I don't qualify for some of the jobs," said Pam Valerino.

Noel Castellanos, who is majoring in computer engineering, gave his take on it.

"This is pretty good and I'm

glad that students are actually taking advantage of this and looking for jobs. I think that this is needed like once a month.

"What I like about Career Day is it gives us a chance to talk with employers and look at various career opportunities. A couple of jobs I was interested in were KIA management and Memorial Hospital," he said.

Edgar Martinez, who is majoring in sociology, also gave his take on Career Day.

"I think it's good that BC actually helps you find a job because there is a lot of good opportunities out here.



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Southern California Gas Company representative Kevin Thomas talks to Tamy Daniels about some of the job opportunities available at his company during Bakersfield College's Career Day on Oct. 6.

"The job that I thought was interesting so far was UTI because you get to work on cars and I'm

into that," he said. BC will have another Career day during the spring semester.



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Lettuce is just one of the many crops grown by the Vegetable Production classes at BC.

BC garden gets a boost

By Keith Kaczmarek
Reporter

Bakersfield College has recently received large donations of materials for its Vegetable Production class. Green Heart donated 11,000 vegetable transplants, Community Recycling donated 10 tons of compost, Grimmway donated irrigation pipe, and American Ag donated fertilizer.

The Vegetable Production class is geared toward teaching all aspects of vegetable production, and students work on BC's farm plot located behind the library that also contains the animal production lab and several horses and cattle.

The plants grown in the clay soil in that location are cultivated using both organic and traditional methods, and feature such plants as broccoli and several varieties of lettuce and cabbage.

Joe Nunez is the instructor for the class and he brings his students his 11 years of experience as a farm adviser to Kern County. Working as a researcher and educator for the University of California, he works with local farmers and helps inform them of new findings related to crop pro-

duction.

BC's Vegetable Production class works on the farm on Friday mornings. "Once a week, they are all farmers," he said. "I want to give them first-hand experience growing vegetables," he said. "You can talk in class and go on field trips, but you need to actually do it.

"This is an example where the [students] are learning first-hand with real-life experience. We have an opportunity to practice what we preach."

The class covers all aspects of vegetable production such as preparing the soil, planting methods, pest management, and the different characteristics of each plant.

For some students, the class is also their first use of a tractor.

Nunez suggests that students who want to take the class take the soil science and plant biology classes first. "As a foundation, [they] make the class easy because [they are] a culmination of those."

"It's an all-in-one class. Teaches us everything," said Damian Lewis, a forestry major who is currently in the class.

Fake earthquake coming

By Jon Nelson
Reporter

Bakersfield College will be among the eight million people who duck and cover as part of the Great California Shake Out.

On Oct. 20 at 10:20 a.m. alarms will sound signaling everyone on the BC campus to go into an earthquake drill.

For the mock disaster, students and staff will drop under desks and tables and hold in position until directed to stop.

They will then be led out into open areas around the campus where they will be asked to wait

for further instruction.

At that point, a system of runners will be used by administration to communicate with various groups around campus.

"We're way overdue for an earthquake," said Amber Chiang, director of marketing and public relations for BC.

The Bakersfield Fire Department will be on-site to participate and to oversee the procedure.

"We need to be ready for a major emergency," said Chiang.

The entire earthquake drill will be guided by instructors and administrators who have been given instructions on what to do.

The Great California Shake Out began in 2008 as an effort by the Country Earthquake Alliance to make sure that Southern California residents were prepared for a disaster.

In 2009 the group expanded to include all 58 counties in California.

Both the main BC campus and the satellite campus in Delano will be participating in the event.

Chiang would like to remind students to watch their email accounts for reminders of the mock disaster and to keep all belongings with them during the event.

Park ranger speaks at BC



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The Agriculture Department hosts a dinner which gives students who are currently enrolled the opportunity to meet with professionals in the field of forestry at Bakersfield College on Oct. 6.

By Monica Bolger
Reporter

Supervising State Park Ranger Bill Moffat was the main focus of an on campus Society of American Foresters dinner hosted by the Agriculture Department on Oct. 6.

The SAF dinner featured Moffat as the main speaker in an open discussion that brought awareness to students and faculty members about the Tule Elk State Reserve located near Stockdale highway.

Moffat introduced his expertise about the Tule Elk population and the opportunities available for the public to view and provided information for those interested in hunting the elk.

Professor Bill Kelley took a great interest in Moffat's discussion and his enthusiasm for the park.

"Bill has been a state park ranger for almost 30 years and he really has a passion for the wildlife," said Kelley.

"He has a lot of history to share about the different parks and the origin of the animals and their species."

Moffat is currently a supervising ranger for Tejon and Allensworth State historical parks, along with Mojave Desert State Park and the Tule Elk Reserve.

"It's very interesting to learn about the Tule Elk population we have here in town," said Kelley.

"The elk originally have been around since the gold rush and have multiplied here after they were sent to the east coast."

Sophomore Yesenia Lopez was one student that attended the dinner who seemed enlightened by the discussion and wanted to see and explore more of its subject.

"I came for the food and to earn some extra credit, but I think this is pretty cool and may be worth taking my daughter to," said Lopez.

Moffat's love for the elk has grown over many years of time spent working as a park ranger and has resided with his family at the on-site reserve location.

Moffat's discussion also shared advice about different careers available for those interested in working in the same environment as a wildlife worker or park ranger.

The afternoon dinner was successful in providing information to the public about the Tule Elk State Reserve.

According to Kelley and the Agriculture department, a different event will be hosted on campus every semester for the community to "enjoy" and "seek" information from.

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Runners await the beginning of the 5k event at the 2011 Volkslauf mud run Oct. 8. GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP

FUN IN THE MUD

Nearly 1,500 mud-covered participants stormed through the obstacle courses at this year's Bakersfield Volkslauf on Oct. 8 toward the finish line.



Monte Myers, 30, makes his way through Devil Doom Ditch, a quarter-mile trench of waist deep water on his way to a first-place overall victory in the individual 5k race at the 2011 Volkslauf. Myers, a Kern County Fire Department engineer, finished the race in 24 minutes and 16 seconds. GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP

Results	
10k-Individual	
Men	Time
1. Giovanni Perezchica	46:05
2. Jason Lewis	46:59
3. Ryan Luckner	47:14
4. David Bacus	49:25
5. Gavino Quevedo	50:15
Women	Time
1. Monica Morley	59:02
2. Stacy Phelps	1:03:45
3. Valerie Vohoril	1:03:51
4. Kara Martin	1:04:28
5. Katherine Powers	1:05:56
5k-Individual	
Men	Time
1. Monte Myers	24:16
2. Julian Irigoyen	25:39
3. David Cervantes	26:04
4. James Flores	27:10
5. Alvaro Quijada	28:08
Women	Time
1. Morganne Hill	40:57
2. Allison Mackenzie	41:09
3. Erica Bailey	41:26
4. Alexa Hill	42:11
5. Taylor Clifton	42:28



Volkslauf racers splash their way through one of the ditches of the Peleliu, an obstacle that forces participants to cross ditches of muddy water then low crawl over hills. GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP



Racers help one another over Gunny Hall's Wall as they near the end of the Volkslauf. The obstacle consists of an 8-foot wall with a rope on the other side. GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP



Julian Irigoyen, 13, of Bakersfield, reaches for a rope as he negotiates the Tenaru River Crossing obstacle at the Volkslauf on Oct 8. Irigoyen ran the course in 25:39 to place second overall in the 5k competition. GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP



Matthew Pytlak, 22, from Bakersfield lands in the muddy waters of the Chu Lai Tunnels obstacle as he competes in the 10k distance competition at the Volkslauf on Oct. 8. MEGAN LUECKE / THE RIP



Participants crawl through the mud of the Peleliu obstacle during the Volkslauf mud run Oct. 8. MEGAN LUECKE / THE RIP



Racers attempt to wash off some of the mud and grime they picked up when they ran and negotiated the obstacles of the 15th annual Volkslauf The Ultimate Challenge on Oct. 8. GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP