



# The Renegade Rip

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## Finals and deadlines approaching

### Students prepare for transferring

By Carissa Diaz  
Reporter

The semester is coming to an end, and students are preparing to transfer out from Bakersfield College. Students have met with counselors and gained knowledge about the necessary requirements needed before they are able to transfer.

Counselors at BC have reached out to help students become familiar with where they stand when transferring. They offered workshops to connect with students on education planning, career planning, and basic requirements, which they plan to have year round. They also have counseling outreach tables outside so students can gather information and counselors can set up appointments.

"We're trying to get out there, let the students know that they can walk up to us and ask questions anytime," said transfer counselor Marisa Marquez. "Just create a closer and more personal environment on campus, because we're here to serve them, period."

Most students, who Marquez has met with, know where they want to attend after BC. It's good to have an idea of four schools you want to apply to and a back up plan. It's helpful to get to know the campus better, and speak with counselors and representatives at the school. It is also helpful to be aware of the school area and how impacted it is. The most important thing to look for when applying is the cost of attendance to make sure you're secure.

BC engineering transfer student Juan Villarreal, who will be transferring in fall 2016, said, "I applied to Cal Poly Pomona, CSULB and CSUB as my backup. I'm using that as my safety net."

There is a long process when it comes to transferring; students are required to complete forms of the UC, CSU or IG-ETC. This is a checklist that counselors have come up with to make sure students have taken the classes that other schools have required. Included in the requirements are 60 units complete, 40 in general education, and 20 in the lower division major prep courses. The associates' degree for transfer is helpful to have because it's a degree with a guarantee. Marquez said, "You use these sheets as a guide when you're working with your counselors or adviser so that we're both making sure that we're checking off what we already visited or haven't visited yet."

It could be frustrating for students when it comes to registering into the classes they need to meet requirements. Nursing major Kailynn Ritchie is transferring in the fall of 2016 to CSUB. "Getting into classes have been the hardest, that's actually why I'm transferring there," she said.

There are some exceptions on these checklists because different school sys-

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## Finals are around the corner

By Rhiannon Stroberg  
Features Editor

With finals approaching, Bakersfield College students are trying to get in every last available minute to cram in some studying time for their classes. The final, depending on the teacher, can make or break a students grade in that class, which can be devastating in the event that the student didn't have enough time to study.

BC students did not hold back their thoughts regarding the topic of finals.

"Why are they necessary?" said child development major Ashley Snook, 28. "We have so much work throughout the semester; it's just added stress on us [students] because we only have a week or less to study a whole semester's work just for one

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**-Ashley Snook,  
BC student**

test."

"I hate all tests," journalism major Kylie Hendrickson, 27, said. "But I do think they [finals] are necessary because it shows what you've learned and retained throughout the semester."

BC adjunct mathematics teacher Paul Meert said, "I think they [finals] are wonderful. It's life or death. If you pass the final, you pass the class. If not, then you might want to consider taking the class again."

Human Biology major Aleena Paiz, 18, chimed in by saying, "It is basically life or death because if you have been studying throughout the semester, then you should be fine. If not, you can find out what you're not good at and then work on it more."

In regard to preparedness, Hendrickson thinks she's well prepared for her finals.

"I just got done studying for almost three hours," said Hendrickson. "So that's my preparation is to try and study every day for at least an hour or two."

### Applying for scholarships is now easier

By AK Pachla  
Reporter

Applying for scholarships at Bakersfield College may have never been easier. Beginning last year, the BC Office of Financial Aid moved the scholarship application process out of the file cabinet and into the future with an online application system.

The system is familiar enough, asking for basic information about students' majors, financial need, and community or military service, as well as a short essay from each applying student on why they, the students, would be considered a deserving candidate.

Once a student's information is entered, the scholarship system matches that student against hundreds of scholarship opportunities and submits the application automatically to each one.

This contrasts with the previous, office-based process, where students had to submit information and then return repeatedly to check on the progress of the application, in turn generating a great deal of time and labor intensive manual file work for the Financial Aid department.

"There was just so much more room for human error... this definitely makes the process go quicker," said Pita Montes, financial aid technician.

As for how easy the switch has been for students, Reagen Dozier, the department assistant for the Office of Financial Aid, says it's gone smoothly and that students are "completing it, no issue. It's more on the reference side."

Dozier refers to an issue some faculty has encountered when their computer setup is incompatible with the scholarship application system.

Professors attempt to access the site to submit references for students only to get an error page that tells them to upgrade their browser

While both Dozier and Montes recognize that circumstances, such as the one described above may cause students' applications to be late, but insist that the Dec. 18 deadline must stay firm.

"That's why the scholarship applications are due the week after finals," said Dozier. For students who may be encountering problems with obtaining references, she suggests swapping out references. If one professor is too swamped, perhaps try another.

This issue, however, is small compared to the benefit of having the scholarship application process streamlined.

With enrollment increasing year on year, the number of scholarship applications has gone up as well.

Last year, Financial Aid processed around 900 scholarship applications. This year, there have already been more than a thousand submissions with two weeks still to go before the deadline.

Without the paper shuffle, though, the Financial Aid office can act fully as a student service and not split time as a filing service.

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#### Finals:

- Finals will take place Dec. 5-11.
- The finals schedule is based on the day or days that the class takes place. The time the class starts will also determine what time the final will take place.
- For the full final schedule visit <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/academics/finals>

#### Scholarships:

- The deadline for BC scholarship applications is Dec. 18.
- The scholarship process is now an online automated scholarship system. There are no longer any paper scholarship applications.
- For more information about scholarships, visit <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/finaid/scholarships>

#### Transfer:

- Nov. 1-30 was the time for applications to be submitted for UC transfers for the fall of 2016.
- Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 was the time for applications to be submitted for most CSU transfers for the fall of 2016.
- For more information on transfer deadlines visit [csumentor.edu](http://csumentor.edu) or [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu)

## Black Friday causes madness at Wal-Mart

By Alex Rivera  
Reporter

On Nov. 26, as everyone stuffed their faces with turkey and spent time with their families, I had to prepare for the aftermath of Thanksgiving. It's a day where everyone begins their holiday shopping because of the savings on Black Friday, a day I dread working in retail.

I'm an assistant manager for the biggest retailer in the world, a business that is everywhere: Wal-Mart.

Many of us managers prepare for these holidays months in advance, knowing that many of us will not be spending time with our families as we are trying to keep the business successful.

Once Black Friday comes, it seems that all the preparation that we do goes out the window as the madness and overwhelming amount of people literally come running through our doors.

This year, Wal-Mart tried a couple of new things, one was running all the Black Friday sales that were in store online as well, hoping to deter the amount of people in our stores. We also did a sale at a set time of 6 p.m., no longer doing sales in increments.

Now let me tell you about a day in the life of a Wal-Mart employee on a crazy day like this. Many people have their jokes about Wal-Mart, often mentioning how ghetto it is or having only two registers opened when there are 26 registers throughout the front end. But something that really shocked me that night was that for the first time since I have started working there, my store had every single register open. On the previous Black Fridays that I've worked, that was something we had yet to accomplish.

I had always heard about a website called peopleofwalmart.com, which is a website dedicated to exposing the strange people and crazy incidents that happen at Wal-Mart through photos and videos. Let me tell you, I felt like I was watching those videos over and over again in real life as I was sitting back and watching the store crumble down.

It's tough working as an overnight assistant manager. I had

to learn how to balance school, work, and try to sleep when everyone else around me is awake. It's hard to balance my personal life as well, due to the fact that I sleep all day to prepare for a long night's shift.

I rolled into the store at about 4:50 p.m. and could already hear my store manager freaking out on the walkie-talkie.

During Black Friday, I was in charge of a group of about 30 associates responsible for running the exit doors as well as the 50-inch TV's that were on sale.

In my head, I was already preparing for altercations with many customers as well as fights that were going to be over silly deals.

Our store had set up a fence that lined people up all the way around the building. Luckily, we had locked the entrance doors on the other side of the building and made those the exit only doors, which I was in charge of.

I had to stand outside in the freezing weather with two other people to help direct traffic and tell them to line up on the other side of the store, because this was no longer an entrance and would only be an exit.

Who knew this would become such a big deal for many thinking they would be slick and try to sneak in? Unfortunately, they were not as smart as some other customers as they came into the store to "shop" at around four o'clock and waited in the store until the sale started, as we are not allowed to kick them outside.

Within the first hour of my shift, I was already being tested and began to hear every excuse in the book so that I would let them in through my doors. Some excuses were as extreme as "my child is in there alone" or "I left my cell phone inside."

I would not budge with any of the customers that were coming my way, and they all became very angry and even began to swear at me, calling me every name in the book and even going as far as throwing punches at me, leaving no choice but to call security and have them escorted off of the premises.

As each curse word was thrown my way and more threats

were made, the angrier I became, and eventually, I decided to be rude back to those who decided not to treat me with respect.

Let me remind you this is all happening within the first hour of my shift. The sale for the store had not started yet.

It finally hit six o'clock, and we opened the doors and people came rushing into the store, becoming something we could not control. Everyone was shoving each other and knocking each other down, trying to get a spot in line for items that were not guaranteed to be there.

It seemed like the purge was happening in my store. With the amount of people yelling and just being trampled on, it was something you always see vines about all over the Internet.

One item I was shocked to see people fight so much over was the Tupperware that was only \$7.

Those stupid Tupperware containers were a hot item that people just demolished the pallet for.

From a distance, I began to see a real live tug of war match between customers over, let me remind you, Tupperware, not a TV or Xbox, but Tupperware.

Watching my store manager go through her first Black Friday at a Wal-Mart itself was pure entertainment, as she was just standing in awe with her jaw wide open, not believing what she was seeing happening before her own eyes.

She did not want to believe all of our crazy experiences through the years and vowed that this time it would be different and that we would be prepared.

Once the customers retrieved all of their items, they all headed for the exits at once.

This was the area I had to be at to check every single receipt, verifying each item in the cart was purchased and not trying to be stolen, which was a struggle in itself.

People began to grow irritated and started to use their shopping carts as bumper cars to make their way through the exits, forcing me to call for reinforcements to get the exits running smoothly.

This year was by far my best



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The crowd lines up waiting for the Black Friday sales to start at the Wal-Mart located on Fashion Place.

Black Friday because my store was only busy for the first three hours of the event.

We were able to still have our regular business hours and shut the store down at midnight, but it was still a huge struggle to get the store cleaned to make it look as though the night before had never happened.

So please shoppers, at least think about all of us who are away from our families and missing out on a feast as we get stuck eating the frozen pizza rolls for our Thanksgiving dinner.

I'm hoping soon that Black Friday will become a thing of the past and all of the amazing savings will start to become cyber-based, because for the past three years, I have not been able to spend time with my family during the holidays.

### Top Ten

Most anticipated movies to release in 2016.

#### 10. Ghostbusters

Release Date: July 15

Director: Paul Feig

Starring: Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy, Katie McKinnon, Leslie Jones

#### 9. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Half Shell

Release Date: June 3

Director: Dave Green

Starring: Megan Fox, Stephen Amell, Will Arnett, Johnny Knoxville

#### 8. X-Men: Apocalypse

Release Date: May 17

Director: Bryan Singer

Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence, Evan Peters

#### 7. Finding Dory

Release Date: June 17

Director: Andrew Stanton

Starring: Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks, Diane Keaton, Eugene Levy

#### 6. Assassin's Creed

Release Date: December 21

Director: Justin Kurzel

Starring: Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard, Michael K. Williams, Ariane Labed

#### 5. Captain America: Civil War

Release Date: May 6

Director: Joe Russo

Starring: Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Elizabeth Olsen, Paul Rudd

#### 4. Kung Fu Panda 3

Release Date: January 29

Director: Alessandro Carloni

Starring: Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, Jackie Chan, Lucy Liu, Dustin Hoffman, Seth Rogen

#### 3. Independence Day: Resurgence

Release Date: June 24

Director: Roland Emmerich

Starring: Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman, Liam Hemsworth, Vivica A. Fox.

#### 2. Deadpool

Release Date: February 12

Director: Tim Miller

Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin, Ed Skrein, T.J. Miller

#### 1. Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice

Release Date: March 25

Director: Zack Snyder

Starring: Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Jesse Eisenberg

Source: Movie Insider

## Panelists speak on promoting change in the Delano community

By Javier Valdes  
Copy Editor

The Bakersfield College Delano Campus Cultural Historical Awareness Program (C.H.A.P.) hosted its last event of the fall semester at the Robert F. Kennedy Lecture Hall on Nov. 19.

The concluding event "Promoting Change: The Importance of Community Involvement," was arranged by the new Delano Campus programmer for the Department of Student Life, Anhelica Perez.

The panel discussion focused on the importance of civic unity in Delano and how it brings about the betterment of the community. Panelist included Delano City Council member Liz Morris, Delano Chamber of Commerce executive director Janet Rabanal, Delano High School head volleyball coach Larissa Portillo, and Delano mayor pro tem Ricardo Chavez, with Perez serving as moderator.

Questions posed to the panel varied from how to get started with civic duty to what community members can do to encourage the younger generations to stay in Delano.

In regard to civic duty and how the community can become involved, the panelist pushed involvement and networking. Morris suggested that those who would like to become involved can start by joining a cause, using those efforts to meet people. "Get involved in some type of or-



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From left to right: Janet Rabanal, Larissa Portillo, Liz Morris, and Ricardo Chavez serve as panelists at the Promoting Change event, while Anhelica Perez served as the moderator at the last BC Delano campus' Cultural Historical Awareness Program event.

ganization, start off with that, because there is all sort of good organizations that do good things for people," said Morris. "Once you get involved, you will get to know those people, and that's how you increase your network."

The panel continued throughout the evening discussing how instilling confidence and how giving back to the community can influence those around you.

As a coach, Portillo urged the need for accountability and the importance of watching her team grow.

"You have to be respon-

sible...learn how to be vocal and stand up for what they believe in," Portillo said. "I can see the transition in how they talk, how they approach things, and their mindset. It's so rewarding to see the individual growth and growth as a team."

As to how the Delano community can encourage the younger generation to remain in Delano, the panelist pushed the need to get involved. They suggested that although many leave because they don't believe Delano provides as many opportunities as a big-city would, involvement

can change that.

"We hear a lot that there is not much to do in our community ... there is a lot of things happening, but you have to get out there, you've got to get involved and be the change you want to be in this city," said Rabanal. "Our unemployment rate is now at seven percent, it went from 35 percent to seven and that's for you."

The event ended with a general Q&A session. BC Delano Campus professor Oliver Rosales confirmed that C.H.A.P. would be returning with more free events next semester.

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**- James Acton**



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Fans dressed up as their favorite characters from various comic books, shows and video games at the Bakersfield Comic-con on Nov. 22 at the Kern County Fairgrounds.

## Comic-con returns to Bakersfield

By Chris Miller  
 Reporter

The eighth annual Bakersfield Comic-con was a hit for both vendors and attendees alike.

The comic-con was held on Nov. 22, at the Kern County Fairgrounds and was organized by Steven Wyatt.

The special guests attending this con were cartoon/comic artists Aidan Casserly, Dan Parsons, Ashley Marie Sey Lively, Drew Johnson, Stephanie Lesniak, Eric Mengel, Mike Hampton, Dennis Culver, Lonnie Millsap, Ken “Lazy Bones” Thomas, Nate Watson, Derek Fridolfs, Mike

Kazaleh, Keenan Marshall Keller, Tom Neely, Tone Rodriguez, Mike Vosburg, Sergio Aragonese, Chris Marrinan, and Stan Sakai, as well as radio personality Dale Berry, sideshow show performer George “The Giant” McArthur, two-time WWE Women’s Championship winner Lisa Marie Varon, and “Land of The Lost” cast members Wesley Eure, Kathy Coleman, and Phil Paley.

Coleman, along with her fellow “Land of The Lost” cast members, were available for autographs and pictures throughout the entirety of the con. The cast members even brought along t h e y e l -

low raft from the show’s opening sequence for attendees to take pictures in.

When asked whether she was enjoying her time at the Bakersfield Comic-con, she said, “Absolutely, in big capital letters!”

Coleman and her fellow cast members attend about three to four cons a year, and this was their first visit to Bakersfield.

“We have done conventions before but never in Bakersfield,” she said. “There’s still a big following. It’s nice going to these conventions to help people relive their childhood.”

Other vendors, such as artist Christopher Cayco, 27, enjoyed his time at the convention as well. Cayco freelances his artistic skills and sells his artwork at conventions he attends, as well as posts some of his art on his Youtube channel, youtube.com/ccayco. His biggest seller is a poster he drew with every-single known Pokemon all bunched together in the one picture.

“I know a lot of people are still in church, but there’s still a lot of people here,” he said.

Erwin Ledford, 30, a comic artist originally from Bakersfield, loves to and always attends the Bakersfield Comic-con.

“I know the gentleman who runs all of the cons, and we do this all the time,” he said. “This is my fourth year doing a comic-con because it’s the fourth year my comics have been in print.”

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to say, “Bakersfield Comic-con is great because I grew up here and it’s easier to relate with and create an audience here. Bakersfield is the best show consistently because the audience knows me.”

James Acton, 45, (stage name Alexander Aethelwulf) re-enacted a medieval battle alongside his fellow Horsemen of Judgment Keep members and enjoys doing it every time. Acton and his fellow members attend many cons and put on shows for attendees. He has attended cons for around 22 years. He and the rest of the Horsemen of Judgment Keep often battle other groups similar to theirs using real-world battle tactics. Each piece of gear they have is hand-made.

“We are doing this to research the history of it and the athleticism of the times. I mean, we’re all nerds and jocks. Only makes sense we go to these conventions,” he said.

Performers and vendors weren’t the only ones who attended and enjoyed their time at the Bakersfield Comic-con. Martin Torres, 19, thought it was the best convention he’s attended yet. Torres was cosplaying as fighting game icon, Ryu. He was inspired to cosplay as a fighting game character after getting back into the fighting game genre again from watching Twitch streamer, Maximilian Dood. His outfit was entirely homemade.

When asked to comment on what he thought about the convention, he said, “It’s cool, I’m having a lot of fun right now. I also went to the Bakersfield Comic-con back in 2013 at the Marriott Hotel. It’s definitely bigger and better than last time. It’s just cool to meet with people who like the same thing.”

Jonathan Deleon, 17, felt at home while attending the convention. Deleon was cosplaying as iconic movie character Ash Williams from the “Evil Dead” series. His outfit was completely homemade, including a cardboard depiction of Ash’s iconic chainsaw attached to his arm.

“At home, you’re the odd one out because everyone thinks the things you’re into are weird. Here, the people are really friendly and you can be yourself,” he said.



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# Students audition for upcoming production

By Carissa Diaz  
Reporter

Auditions for Bakersfield College play and theater class were held on Nov. 18 and 19 in the BC Indoor Theater. Students had an opportunity to be a part of an actual audition, giving them experience for future shows.

The play is from a novel by Jane Austen called "Sense and Sensibility." It tells a story, from the Regency Era, about having to live in poverty because of a scandal from a family member's wife and then finding love only to get their hearts broken again.

Part of the requirements for students who auditioned were to enroll into Theater B27 for spring semester.

It also requires a British accent that is expected from the actors who were auditioning. In auditions, students were to fill out a form then read from a monologue and act out the script that is given to them.

These auditions gave students a chance to get familiar with the character and receive information from the professors so they know more about the play. This also gives theater professors a chance to see the actors live.

Theater professor Kimberly Chin said, "I have them read from the script then I see the transfor-

mation once I give them a little guidance about the character and I love to see these actors take a great note on that."

When being involved in shows it's great to be aware of the time commitment that will be put into organizing the play.

It is expected that students' free time will revolve around the play and making sure they know their character.

Helping build the scenery and being in the theater running through lines all day is also another job that is expected when trying out for a play.

Chin said, "It's exhausting, so you do have to be healthy and have the right mind set that you might be in a theater building from 9 a.m. to midnight or something if we had to do that, but I really try to respect the students time."

The play has 14 roles available for students trying out. On the first day of auditions there were 18 people who tried out and 25 would be expected to try out altogether. Chin said that she was hopeful about getting more students, but wasn't too surprised that there wasn't a big turn out. Normally auditions are held in the evening rather than during class hours, and that may have had an effect.

Marina Martinez, a student

auditioning for a part, said, "It's like a competition and since it's a limited part play it's a bit nerve-racking"

Many students are new to trying out for plays and having to audition for a class. Then there are those who are beginning their theater majors such as Humberto Lopez who was another student auditioning for a part. He said, "It is nerve-wracking, but being nervous always helps build a character that I'm trying to portray, so I always feel that it makes auditions much easier."

When being asked about the auditions so far Chin said, "I feel very confident all of the students that have auditioned so far have some natural talent; many have been taking our classes, they do have the enthusiasm that's necessary."

Auditions are held every year for the two shows they put on which include being a part of the class as well. This gives students audition experience because some have never auditioned for a role.

Chin said, "I do try to make the audition process comfortable, one on one where I get to know the person and gage their skill level. Even if they have never been in a stage play or taken our classes, I encourage them to come out."



Above: BC students Marina Martinez, music major, and Humberto Lopez, biology/theater major, audition together for the play adaption of "It's A Wonderful Life."  
Left: BC students audition in front of performing arts professor Kimberly Chin.

CINTHIA LOERA  
THE RIP

# BC alumnus Meadows gives advice to crowd

By Cinthia Loera  
Reporter

Bakersfield College alumnus Bob Meadows, Mission Bank's Riverwalk/Business Banking Center vice president and manager, spoke of his accomplishments and gave advice to students on Nov. 19 in the Science and Engineering building.

The event concluded the Career Series presented by BC Student Alumni Nexus.

Throughout his presentation, Meadows spoke of his experiences as a Bakersfield College student in the '70s and about how specifically his time as editor in chief of the Renegade Rip helped form his work ethic and gave him the communication skills that he has utilized throughout his entire career.

He went on to describe the obstacles and jobs he had to overcome before entering the banking industry over 36 years ago.

Meadows spoke in detail about the process he goes through when having to choose a potential employee.

He explained how he finds it

important for applicants to look professional from the moment they walk into his building to turn in a resume or application because he analyzes and decides whether he will even consider hiring a person within the first few minutes of initially meeting them.

"If you come to an interview for a job, I'll make you wait because I can," said Meadows. "I want to see what you're going to do within those few minutes that I have you sitting in my lobby nervously waiting."

Meadows also spoke about how important the actions of employers on their personal time can be.

He said that his company looks through their employees' social media accounts and that they know they should always be careful about what they post.

He also mentioned that he always keeps up a clean, professional appearance, even when off work because he knows he always represents his company's image.

When Meadows was introduced before his presentation,



JAVIER VALDES / THE RIP

Bakersfield College alumnus Bob Meadows concluded the career series events for BC Student Alumni Nexus. Angela Paquette served as moderator for the event where Meadows reminisced about his time at BC and the obstacles he endured on his path to becoming a Banking Center vice president for Mission Bank.

his resume was read out loud, which listed his many volunteer accomplishments over the years. He later went on to say that every employer is looking for a well-rounded person.

"We're looking for somebody

that gives of themselves without necessarily looking for a return on that," said Meadows. "It says you stepped outside and did something extra to help our community improve, so we want to see that."

A member of the audience asked whether students should focus on finding their passion or begin building basic working skills first and then focusing on passions.

Meadows said he believed they

should put some thought into and decide on what their passion is, while also getting things done that they may not like but will need it in order to get far enough to reach their dream job and be able to do what they love.

# BC set to perform the classic 'It's A Wonderful Life'

By Felicity Tomisaka  
Reporter

Bakersfield's College Theater Department will be putting on the play "It's A Wonderful Life" at BC's Performing Arts Center Indoor Theater.

Opening night is Dec. 2 and will continue through Dec. 5. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., the show begins at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 5 as well.

A donation of \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students is suggested.

Kimberly Chin, professor at BC and director of "It's a Wonderful Life," said, "We'll have a pre-show with Mr. & Mrs. Claus."

Bryson Clark, who will play lead character George Bailey, said, "I was just taken back by how great of a story it was and how I've never heard of it up until this point. I really thought this would have been something I would have seen prior."

Co-star Miranda Chavez, who plays Mary

Hatch, has seen the original movie that became a holiday classic.

"I'm going to try and portray my character Mary to the best of my ability and really give the movie credit but also trying to create her in the way I envision her," she said.

Humberto Lopez, who plays the assistant of Mr. Potter, the richest man in town and the irritant to Bailey's character, said,

"I have seen it, but I think always bringing something new to the table is always much better than trying to do what they already did."

Jessica Atkiso, the assistant manager, said, "I have read the entire play and seen the movie and it's actually one of my favorite movies to watch around Christmas time...but it depends on the situation and the family you grew up with and if it's a traditional holiday for you."

Marina Martinez is the stage manager of the play said, "It's something you can see so many different performances of 'It's a Wonderful Life' by different theaters or whatever, but each person

they will give the character their own view of how they see it so you see them start to give them their own characteristic even as something as simple as a towns person."

The stage play is different from its movie adaptation where the characters in the movie are not in the play, but their dialogue is used by other characters.

"For example, in the film we actually see George Bailey's father but he isn't depicted in the stage version. There are scenes in the movie that are not easy or even possible to recreate on the stage, and so the playwright has omitted those scenes," said, Chin. "Being a director, it's my job to deliver the message of the playwright, that message being the greatest gift, and the greatest gift is your life."

Chin is hoping for a great turn out each night and that the play gets publicity.

Chin also hopes that this family-friendly story will be a great way to start off the holiday season.



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# Transgendered seek respect at event

By Crystal Valdez  
Reporter

Transgender Day of Remembrance is not solely a day to mourn the deaths of members of the transgender community. It is a day to celebrate resilience and to celebrate change.

A celebration took place in Bakersfield on Nov. 20 at the Kern County Liberty Bell from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ivy, member of Bakersfield LGBTQ, hosted the event. There was a series of speakers of distinct backgrounds who spoke before an audience about their struggles, their stories, and their support. The objective of this event was to honor those who lost their lives and to bring about positive change in the community in order to allow transpeople to live authentic lives.

Ivy said at the start of the event, "We will...raise awareness and hopefully prevent some of the misunderstandings and self-loathing that leads to violent crimes against transpeople by others, or more tragically, by our own hands. Today is Transgender Day of Remembrance, so we are going to remember."

Ivy then went on to talk about when she first realized she was transgender. She recalled being a child and playing house with her cousins and her siblings. Whenever they played that childhood game, Ivy always found herself wanting to be the mother - she always wanted to play the female role.

"What society doesn't understand is that I am human, I make mistakes, I strive to be successful in life, and I have feelings too. No, my parents didn't fail as parents, no, I wasn't molested nor am I psychologically unstable. My journey hasn't been easy, but what in life is?" Ivy added after sharing her experience as a child.

After her introduction, Ivy introduced Ariel Marie, fellow member of the LGBTQ community. Marie started two years ago, she was reborn and she was standing in front of the audience as her "authentic self," and her transition would never end.

Marie said, "For 20 years I struggled to match my inside with my outside. When I came to terms of accepting my inside as my outside...when I finally made the decision to be myself, there was no stopping, each step I took, my steps got bigger."

She went on to say that just as every other woman in today's society, she wants to work, she wants to be successful, and she wants to be respected.

Another speaker who demanded similar rights for transgender women was Audrey Chavez, with the Bakersfield AIDS project.

Chavez told the audience about how before she knew about the word transgender, she knew AIDS.



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Audience members at the Bakersfield Transgender Remembrance Day event listen to speeches given by community members.

Chavez lost her brother to AIDS almost 23 years ago, and during that time she met a member of the transgender community with whom she immediately fell in love. She had a pair of shoes at the podium that belong to that transgender woman, Anita Valdez, who was in the hospice stages of AIDS at the time.

"She was a beautiful woman who only wanted to find a man to love her and to treat her right. Getting in the way, though, was a society that wasn't ready for our transgender community," Chavez said about Valdez.

Chavez then put the violence against transgender women into perspective for the audience. According to Chavez, non transwomen make up little over half of the US population, yet transwomen are four times more likely to be murdered than their counterparts.

She continued, stating the science that spells out in great detail the birth difference construction in the womb is unknown by the vast majority of people in America.

"Even when science is shared, many people will say that science is often wrong, and that science doesn't matter, or that the bible trumps science. So the culture remains disdainful and hostile against fellow human beings," Chavez said.

She added, "We must make no excuses for being true, real, cor-

rect, and authentic."

After Chavez, David Lollar spoke on behalf of the California Teacher's Association. He spoke as an ally to the LGBTQ community. Lollar acknowledged the large number of lives being honored that night. However, he emphasized that the only number that mattered to him was the No. 1.

Lollar said, "One life lost is one too many. One future erased, is one too many. And I say, not one more."

He added information about how the community can stop criminals through legislative action, but the way to stop hateful ideas and murderous belief systems begins with education.

On behalf of the Kern High School District, Lollar concluded, "We will continue to keep you safe, we will continue to educate our community, and, as always, we will continue to love you."

There were several members and representatives of different religious congregations spoke at the event, offering support and guidance to members of the transgender community.

Andy Kendall with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kern County offered his condolences and apologized on behalf of every faith community that abuses of transgender people.

He also spoke about the many promises his congregation made

in order to progress. Kendall said his congregation promises to avoid making assumptions about a person's gender identity based on their behavior. They promise to respect a person's self-label and to respect a person's chosen name and their chosen pronoun. Additionally, he said they promise to not assume that a transgender person only wants to talk about transgender issues.

Kendall laughed as he said, "Some of y'all might fish or garden, or have other interests. We would like to hear about that. You're a whole person."

Kendall then assured the audience that the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kern County is committed to public action in order to change laws.

In addition to Kendall, Unity Church pastor Chuck Courneyea spoke at the event.

"My heart is just bursting with pride right now. Although we are here to mourn those who have been murdered, killed, or committed suicide, it is nice to know that I am part of a community, that my brothers and sisters of the religious faiths are here in solidarity as allies and support for all people," Courneyea stated. He went on to say that he is happy to see that those who attended the event have a place to go when they need help.

As the rally came to an end, Ivy welcomed Bakersfield LGBTQ Chair Whitney Weddell to



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Bakersfield LGBTQ member Ariel Marie holds her candle alongside other audience members.

the stage.

Weddell said, "We live in a violent world...but tonight we who are gathered here are taking a stand to call for an end to transphobia, to create a world where people can be accepted for who they are...by those they love and by those they encounter in their everyday lives."

Weddell said that as chair of Bakersfield LGBTQ, she is appalled that an event of this nature must be held every year, and she

is appalled that hateful people are pushing for a ballot measure that would deny transgender people the basic human right to use the appropriate restroom.

On behalf of all the organizations present at this celebration of Transgender Remembrance Day, Weddell told everyone standing before her, "We are prepared to stand up for you, to advocate for you, and to educate others about your rights so you won't have to do it alone."

## Muslim student finds most are not informed

By Marcus Castro  
Editor in Chief

Due to the terrorism that ISIS has committed, some people are blaming Muslims as a whole for all the destruction and terror that ISIS has caused.

For years, the Muslim community has been looked at by some people as a destructive group, and many of the people that look at Muslims this way base their judgments off of what they hear from the media or people around them.

At times, people of Islamic faith respond by saying that most of the people who judge Muslims harshly have been misinformed about the religion and haven't taken the time to learn what the religion is about.

Bakersfield College student and member of the BC Muslim Organization Yosra Ali said, "It's definitely unfortunate. What I've noticed, sadly, is that a lot of people are not informed or are very ignorant about a lot of things in regard to our religion, politics and culture. I feel like it's an ob-

ligation upon every single person in our minority group to inform people."

This issue is very relevant in the United States. Some of the people in the Islamic community who are citizens of the U.S. feel as if they are not treated as citizens.

"We are treated as in we are not 100 percent American. You're always going to be judged differently. You're always going to be treated differently. Regardless of how American we are, it's always looked upon twice. We are as American as you are," said Ali.

Ali went on to explain that people of all walks of life are all humans. She said that we have all gone through struggles, and we all live our lives. She explained that everyone wants to be happy, safe and in peace, and people don't understand all of that in regards to Islam.

"Whenever they see a Muslim, they think right away all you care about is to destroy or to make people's lives miserable. That's not true at all," said Ali.

## TRANSFER: Students get ready to leave

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tems expect different courses or units. Some courses that are recognizable by the CSUs aren't recognizable for the UC transfer or private college, which is where IGETC comes in to use. You're able to choose any degree you want on the campus, so you can use this checklist to complete all the

requirements you need and be able to apply for both a UC or CSU if you're undecided.

The CSUs are looking for a high GPA with the required classes met. When it comes to UCs, awards and recognition are also very important because it catches their attention. Marquez said, "What are you doing on the campus, these

things matter to them because it tells them who you are outside of the classroom."

The numbers for students who applied for transfer admission guaranteed have increased since the 2013-14 school year. Although the set numbers aren't in at the moment they will be after everything is complete.

## New series hosts 'Conversations'

By Marcus Castro  
Editor in Chief

The Levan Center at Bakersfield College has started a series called Conversations, where relevant topics are discussed by faculty, students and people of the community.

"In terms of my time on the campus, other than just in the classroom, it was one of the nicest things I've been involved in," said BC philosophy professor Reggie Williams.

Williams explained that Conversations is looking to be a once a semester event.

The first Conversations already took place on Oct. 20,

where Williams was asked to be the faculty member to run it. Williams brought up the topic of the wealth gap between black and white Americans.

"It went really well. There were 130 people there. There were almost no seats. There was fantastic participation from the audience," said Williams.

The Gadfly Cafe events at BC are a similar series. The difference between them, as explained by Williams, is that the Gadfly has a faculty member explain the topic of discussion for about five minutes then the faculty member is to facilitate discussion for the re-

mainder of the event. In Conversations, the faculty member is to play a larger speaking role throughout the whole event.

Williams explained that he believes that the first Conversations was beneficial to the students and others who attended, and the future Conversations events will be beneficial as well. He said that he got a lot of good feedback from the event from students and members of the community.

The next Conversations event will take place in the spring semester, and the topic of discussion will be about artificial intelligence, robotics and other areas of futurism.

## SCHOLARSHIP: Much easier new process

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Of the thousand submissions, more than half are still undrafted, meaning they are incomplete. Freed from file cabinets, Financial Aid staff are able to engage in "a huge push to get everyone to completed status," Dozier said.

With phone calls and emails, Financial Aid wants to make sure that every student who qualifies and applies gets an equal competitive opportunity.

There is still time for students to apply for this year's scholarship season, but they need to move on it now. After the deadline, students will have to wait until next September and any undrafted applications left over this year will be lost.

To get in under the wire, students can go to the Financial Aid tab of their insideBC and follow the links for the online scholarship application program. To find out more or ask questions, visit the Office of Financial Aid, or call 395-4428 for the Panorama campus office or 720-2000 for BC Financial Aid in Delano.

## Work on campus

By AK Pachla  
Reporter

My first experience working a student job on a college campus was... I'm just going to say it... horrible.

I was 19 and enrolled in a small state university in northern Michigan. I didn't qualify for financial aid, because the Department of Education was still counting my parents' income as mine even though I was a legal adult, so I couldn't get Workstudy. When I tried to find work off-campus, I was told directly that no one would hire a college student, period.

So I went to my school's job placement office and asked about working on campus. I told them what I did (at the time, I was an experienced office assistant) and asked where I could work. Naturally, all the jobs I would have wanted were reserved for Workstudy students. Even if the position was available, I couldn't fill it because I wasn't in Workstudy.

The only job left on campus for students without Workstudy was washing dishes in the cafeteria and since every non-Workstudy student there was competing for it, everyone got about three hours a week. The job was to basically stand over a hot, stinking puddle of water and try to spray food off plates without getting doused in mess. Naturally, I didn't last very long.

I came away from that experience thinking that work and school was just something I couldn't do at the same time. If the only jobs I could get were necessarily soulcrushing, there wasn't going to be any way for me to do that and succeed academically. Turns out I couldn't do either anyway at that point in my life, but my first impression of what it was like to work on campus, as first impressions do, stuck.

When I was offered Workstudy at Bakersfield College, I relayed the exact story I just told you to the people in Job Placement and said I wasn't sure if I could do both. When Denise Crawford from WorkAbilityIII heard that, I almost thought she didn't hear me right because she didn't even blink. "We'll see." I started working at WorkAbility right away and after a month, I transferred to the Department of Public Safety.

It is, without question, the best job I have ever had, and I genuinely don't think I'd be half as successful at school if I wasn't working there. It's not about the money, although that's nice. The money is already part of the Workstudy grant. It's already mine. I just have to show up to get it. It's also not necessarily about job skills, either. I already know how to use office equipment and none of the specialized skills I've learned at BCDPS are going to transfer to my eventual career. I'm a fair to middling police dispatcher, but my life is destined to more about bylines than call signs.

My job at BC is about my place in this community. Anyone who knows me might think it's uncharacteristic for me to identify personally with any sort of law enforcement agency, no matter how small the jurisdiction, but the next time you see one of the Public Safety officers, take a good look at the insignia on his shoulder. It reads "To Protect and Educate."

Isn't that what we're all here for? Isn't that what every job on this campus is about? The faculty educates us in their passions, protecting us from ignorance and irrelevance. The staff educates us on procedure, protecting us from losing pace and falling behind. The administration educates us on leadership, protecting us from discouragement. Even foodservice and maintenance educate us in the virtue of patience (largely by example) and protect us from getting sick or hurt. Every job here is important, and every employee is essential, because everyone has the same ultimate goal.

Maybe that sounds lofty, and it's likely my opinion is biased. After all, as a Workstudy student, I'm insulated against a lot of the harsher realities of employment in general that regular employees of the college are subject to. Perhaps they have a better informed opinion than I do, but I hope I'm not too far off. Given what I've experienced at BC so far, I don't think I am.

## Drug testing in the workplace

By: Chris Miller  
Reporter

There are those who might feel that subjecting him or herself to monthly drug tests while at work, or urinating into a cup before he or she is even considered for a job interview infringes on that person's rights to do whatever that person chooses to do with his or her own body.

However, what those people won't admit is, it's not about their right to personal choice, it's more about their selfish inability to break a habit that can affect their work. Drug testing at the workplace is a necessity.

Sure, recreational marijuana is legal in Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington.

But, just because something is legal doesn't mean it can't lead to some dire consequences oftentimes involving people who aren't

even the ones indulging with substances that bring the user under the influence of that very same substance. Under the influence are the key words here.

Take alcohol, for instance. There's nothing wrong with downing a couple shots of Fireball or drinking until the person passes out. But, what makes getting that drunk so bad is if that person tries to go to work while under the influence. Being under the influence not only affects job performance, but also it can put people in danger depending on the job in question.

A drunk school bus driver may end up driving onto the wrong side of the road and crashing into the oncoming traffic, killing the school kids on the bus as well as the driver and passengers who crashed into the bus. For this reason, employers do not allow their employees to be under the influence of alcohol while working. So, wouldn't it make sense that same policy should be applied towards both legal and illegal drug usage?

If being under the influence of alcohol while on duty can be dangerous, isn't being under the influence of some other kind of substance just as dangerous? Of course it is.

Recreational use of any kind of substance doesn't affect anyone else but the user, but when that user is either as high as a kite or as drunk as a skunk while at work, there's a problem here.

So, when somebody claims that drug tests at the workplace are a bad thing, you can bet your bottom dollar that person is some sort of an addict and cares little, if at all, about their performance at work or the well-being of those around them.

By Alex Rivera  
Reporter

Drug testing in the workplace is a major part of the hiring process in many companies, as well as a huge part in ensuring that employers are able to maintain a safe work environment.

But I believe drug testing in the workplace has many cons to it that your average supervisor may overlook. Many employees feel that if they are asked to do random drug testing that it invades the individual's privacy. Employers do not have the right or cannot intrude on an individual's privacy without serious cause and a manner that is reasonable.

Many claim routine and random drug testing clearly invades their privacy. The programs that these employers have in place subject their employees to humiliation and intrude on their privacy routinely and randomly, not because there is reasonable cause.

Knowing that employers do random drug testing of their employees also brings the morale down in the company. It is not an effective means for screening out employees whose on-the-job performance is being impaired by drugs. The results of drug testing only indicates if traces of a drug are present in a person's body, not whether a drug is affecting a person at work.

There are a number of things that a drug test will pick up on, as well as several things that it is more or less useful for. For example, marijuana can stay in the body and blood stream for weeks after use.

A drug test will pick up on things done by a private citizen when they were not at work that will in no way affect their work. In addition, if an employee is addicted to heroin or cocaine it will not be detected unless the individual uses it daily or prior to the screening.

Many employers do not understand the cost of doing random drug testing in companies because it is not coming directly out of their pocket. Sending dozens of associates for drug screenings without probable cause on a routine basis cost companies thousands of dollars.

Workers against drug testing in the workplace often threaten to sue their employer for violations. Even if the worker loses the case, the business still stands to lose money from downtime needed to fight the case and attorney fees. Implementing a random drug-testing program can cost thousands of dollars and may result in no one testing positive.

Impairment testing presents a possible alternative to drug testing in the workplace that may end the drug testing debate altogether. These tests could be more effective than random drug testing because they test a person's current state.

The impairment test measures brain function, such as hand-eye coordination, reaction time, and quick decision-making ability. Other emerging techniques include tests that measure tiny eye movements to determine whether a person is impaired, and agility tests that measure movements.

If there is no probable cause for an individual to be drug tested, then I believe it is unnecessary to have a routine random drug testing. It is costing companies too much money, as well as making employees feel humiliated and shows no sign of respect for the individual.



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## Parking on campus not worth what you pay for

By Victoria Miller  
Opinions Editor

Driving through the parking lots on campus, I noticed how they were falling apart. The parking lot surrounding the football stadium and the parking lot that used to be free parking are pothole-ridden and the asphalt is extremely rough.

As I was driving, I was cringing at the knowledge that my tires were being chewed up and at the potential damage the potholes could do to my suspension and steering alignment.

This may not be a problem for students who drive vehicles with off-road capabilities. But I own

a very small Saturn that is made for city streets, and these parking lots are closer in resemblance to unpaved fields than city streets.

Noticing this made me wonder why students should pay \$40 to park in these decrepit lots.

The two up-kept lots are visitor parking and the lot under the solar panels. Students can't park in visitor parking and the solar panel parking lots are the first to fill up, due to the proximity of the campus.

Staff gets free parking, and their parking spaces are all close to campus, as well as in great condition, while students are required to pay \$40 to park in lots that are incredibly rugged.



With the amount of money the school receives from parking passes alone, it's questionable why the parking lots are in this condition. Naturally, anyone would assume that the money the school receives from parking would first go toward the

up-keep of parking lots and the maintenance of the campus in general.

This, apparently, is not the case.

The maintenance of the parking lot around the football stadium should be a priority for the school. The parking lot isn't the only thing that needs work, but the stadium itself could use some TLC. Maybe a good starting point could be finally placing the mulch (that currently takes up a large amount of space in the parking lot) in the stadium like the school said it was going to at the beginning of the semester.

People are always complaining that no one shows up to sup-

port Bakersfield College football. Now, I'm not saying freshly paved parking lots and a more appealing stadium are going to bring in the desired amount of attendees into BC football games. But, a more welcoming atmosphere and an environment students can be proud of might encourage them to support their college football team by going to games.

BC officials should re-evaluate their priorities. They should make it a point to make students feel they are being considered. Providing crappy parking lots and requiring students to pay \$40 a semester to utilize them is not being considerate.

## The adverse effects of meeting strangers on social media

By Rhiannon Stroberg  
Features Editor

With the Internet being a great place to socialize and meet different people in different countries, it's also a way for people to satisfy their strange desire to meet complete strangers or buy things from strange people.

When I was growing up, my mother had always told me not to talk to strangers, but being the curious little girl I was, I did anyway. At a young age, I sat on a homeless man's lap at McDonalds and began a conversation with him. I loved meeting new people. As a child, I was a social butterfly who loved the attention to be on me.

As I grew up, I started trusting strangers less. Instead, I would socialize with strangers in online

chat rooms and would befriend them on my social media sites such as Facebook, Myspace and Twitter. I felt safe knowing that I only talked to these people online and that they couldn't physically hurt me because I didn't know them personally.

The curiosity that people naturally have to talk to strangers to see how similar their lifestyles might be to their own is insane.

In online stranger video chat sites such as Omegle, Chat Roulette and Camzap, you can talk to just about anyone on the other side of the camera not knowing who they are or what their intentions may be.

Recently, a friend posted to Facebook that she and her husband seriously think they had just talked with a member from ISIS on Omegle. She said,

"He was dressed different, so we commented on his strange clothes so he started speaking Arabic and typed to us 'Allahu Akbar.' Scary, scary. And he was definitely a white guy."

It could have been someone pulling a well-played prank or it could have really been someone from ISIS, the point is by being on those video chat sites where you are exposed to anybody and everybody on that site, you don't know what type of person you will run into.

I have recently watched a movie on Netflix called "The Den" in which a girl, named Liz, is doing a project on a video chat site of the same name, The Den, to see how many strangers she can talk to.

While Liz is on the website passing through people to talk to,

she stumbles across a girl whose webcam seems to be broken. Instead, a picture of her replaced the missing video chat. Liz, one day, sees the girl on the camera, but the girl seemed to be in distress and shortly after, Liz witnesses the girl's murder.

Liz went to the police and had confided in her friends about the situation, but little did she know that she downloaded a hacking link to her computer and the hackers, who were the same people who killed the girl Liz met online, used her computer and webcam to completely destroy her life and they use her online account for The Den as a way to lure her friends and family to her own death in the movie.

I'm not saying that everybody who's using video chat sites are

going to get savagely murdered, but what I'm saying is that even people on Craigslist run into these horror-movie like clichés.

For example, a story erupted earlier this year about a pregnant woman who was meeting up with someone on Craigslist who was selling baby girl clothes.

The woman whom she met up with had used Craigslist as a way to lure that pregnant woman to her house, where the woman cut the baby out of the pregnant woman's body.

The point I am trying to get across by using these examples is that you don't know exactly who you're talking to and as mentioned earlier, you don't know what their intentions may be.

The internet is indeed a great place to internationally meet new friends without having to leave

the comfort of your own home, or to find a great bargain from people in your local community, but I would strongly advise people to start being more cautious.

I'm not saying go on hiatus from all video chatting, social media sites, or Craigslist, what I am saying is to always be aware of whom you're talking to and how you met them.

If you're using Craigslist to conduct a sale or to purchase things from people, I would strongly suggest bringing people with you to prevent such a horrifying event, like the one mentioned above, from happening.

Before meeting up with someone you've met online, think carefully about your safety and what you will do to protect yourself in the event that the meeting turns awry.

Movie Review

## Mockingjay exceeds expectations

By Rhiannon Stroberg  
Features Editor

"Mockingjay Part 2," the second part of the final installment of the popular movie franchise "The Hunger Games" hit theaters on Nov. 20, and as a fan of the books, I was excited to see if "Mockingjay Part 2" met my expectations.

Jennifer Lawrence reprises her role for the last time as Katniss Everdeen, the girl on fire who volunteered as tribute in place of her sister Primrose Everdeen and won the hearts of the people of Panem with her on-screen romance with her District 12 Hunger Games male tribute Peeta Mellark, played by Josh Hutcherson.

The film kicks off to where it originally left off, with Katniss getting treatment and speech therapy after being nearly strangled to death by her brainwashed estranged on-screen lover, Peeta.

Katniss had learned that President Snow injected Peeta with tracker jacker venom to alter his memories to make Peeta turn against Katniss, the one person he loved, and for him to see her as an enemy. Katniss sees proof that Peeta hates her and wants her dead when they use Primrose as bait to see if he remembers a familiar face without triggering his hatred toward Katniss.

After seeing that, Katniss is an-

gry and wants to storm the Capitol, but she is informed that they still need District 2 to join the revolution so Katniss is sent there, along with her camera crew and Gale Hawthorne, her potential real-life lover who is played by Liam Hemsworth, to try and get District 2 on the rebel's side.

They infiltrate an explosion that completely barricaded District 2 workers and the rebels held any survivors, who escaped through the train tunnel, hostage. Katniss is then held hostage by some guy from District 2 but is let go after talking to him. Katniss delivers a speech telling District 2 to recognize who the real enemy is, but her speech ends with her being shot in her bulletproof Mockingjay suit causing bruising to her ribs and lung.

After hearing of Peeta's improvements, Katniss is used to see if she triggers Peeta's angry outbursts. She becomes upset when she sees Peeta speaking rudely and negatively toward her when she decides that she wants to join the combat team to invade the Capitol to take down Snow.

President Coin of District 13 refused to let Katniss go. Katniss develops a plan to join the combat team that included Peeta, Gale, Finnick Odair, a tribute from District 4 and an ally with Katniss and Peeta, along with the camera crew and a

few other people that don't play a large part in the movie.

Once the team is assembled on the outskirts of the Capitol, the action begins which completely balances out the lack of action that was missing in "Mockingjay Part 1." They must fight their way to the Capitol with different killing pods that can be triggered with slight movement. "Let the seventy-sixth Hunger Games begin," Finnick said mockingly after learning that the Capitol was laced with these various destructive pods that were controlled by Gamemakers in an attempt to kill off the invading rebels.

The part that freaked me out the most was the creepy zombie-like lizard creatures that attacked Katniss and her squad, killing an important member of their team. After that incident, the movie seemed to go by pretty fast but not without sweeps of sadness rushing over me after another important character of the series is killed.

An emotionally charged scene that had Katniss' mentor Haymitch Abernathy, played by actor Woody Harrelson, reading a letter from Phillip Seymour Hoffman's character Plutarch Heavensbee, the Gamemaker that helped Katniss escape the arena during the Quarter Quell and helped aid her in her mission, had me reaching for the tissues I brought with me.

Because of Hoffman's death, the director had to give a few lines away to other characters and instead of doing what the directors of "Fast 7" did in the wake of Paul Walker's death, by using CGI digital enhancements on his brother as stand-ins, the Hunger Games director decided to use footage of Hoffman that they haven't used for the films yet, which I personally believe pays a little tribute to him. Knowing a digital replica did not taint his performance in one of his last films makes me feel as if he had been there the entire time.

Due to the fact that I have already spoiled most of the movie, I refuse to spoil it any further with the death of other characters, but just know some parts may make people confused if they haven't read the book. I will spoil the answer to the lingering question on every Hunger Games movie fanatics' mind, "Who will Katniss end up with?" Katniss ends up with the sweet baker boy, Peeta, who has fully recovered from trying to murder Katniss. The film concluded with Katniss singing the song she sang to Rue when Rue was on her deathbed.

Go watch "Mockingjay Part 2." It just might meet your expectations like it did mine.



Album Review

## Logic's sophomore album drops with success

By Jacob Tovar  
Reporter

New artists come across obstacles after signing on to these major record labels. The creating of a debut album that sparks a flame but has enough firepower to call for a second or sophomore album is the big obstacle.

Fluent hip-hop head and Maryland native Logic released his sophomore album, The Incredible True Story, on Nov. 13. After a week went by, Logic and his team sold around 135,000 copies.

Quentin Thomas and William Kai narrate the Incredible True Story on their fictional journey along the Aquarius 3, in route to a planet called paradise.

Inside the Aquarius 3 is a program system that guides them through space. Her name is Thalia. Thalia appears periodically in the album. The story takes place 100 years into the future, 2115.

The journey starts out with the first song, or instrumental, "Connect." Connect puts you in the drivers seat of the Aquarius 3. It paints a picture for the listener for preparing for takeoff and finally traveling into space.

Logic hits you with the third single on the album both written and produced by Logic himself, "Fade Away." Logic talks about how "They gon' know my name until it fade away."

While the setting of the story is 100 years into the future, he is implying that his name is still relevant and has not faded away yet.

As Logic still understands the only thing given in life is death, it is just a matter of time that his name will fade away but he intends to make his mark in the hip hop industry.

The second single "Like Woah," off of The Incredible True Story, has an artistic feel to it. Produced by Logic and his in house producer, 6ix, Logic raps about how he feels like a postman sending out letters to his fans. Being pretty active on social media, especially twitter, Logic tries to reply to every fan and implies he cares more about the art and his fans rather than the money and fame.

His first single off the album, "Young Jesus" is a raw 90's hip-hop track compared to the others. With Wu-Tang, Big L and, Mobb Deep influences, this track stands out from the rest and puts you in a 90's hip-hop state.

As the journey continues, one of the more popular tracks, "Lord Willin'," has an easy listening feel to it. Logic states many times he preaches: peace, love and, positivity. Despite this, he understands that life and everything it has to offer is not under his control, and Lord willing he makes a difference in a positive way.

On the next track, "City of Stars," Logic creates a different sound than the rest of the album. Along with auto tune, he comes off more of a singer than rapper. This song is meant to have any meaning the listener wants it to have. "My life was fine just fine way back before you. Now when



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you reach out, I just ignore you." Being in Logic's place, he paints a breakup of him and a woman who he personates as hip-hop. As the beat transforms to the second half of the song, Logic blows some steam off his chest calling out his record label, Def Jam "Much love to Def Jam even though they under shipped me." This referred to his first album Under Pressure where some fans utilized Twitter and mentioned the major retailers didn't carry the album.

Toward the end of the album, "Never Been" explains how he doesn't care about all the people who talk down on him and hate on him. He's working like he hasn't before to become successful.

The last track on the album sums up the journey of Thomas and Kai and their journey to paradise. During this track is a sample from Allen Watts' famous speech "Do You Do it, or Does It Do You?" where he mentions "Better to have a short life that is full of what you like doing than a long life spent in a miserable way." At the end of the song Thomas and Kai reach the planet Paradise by a countdown to touchdown by Thalia.

The True Incredible Story is an in depth story with science fiction roots and hip-hop flows. If you're looking for a mainstream artist, Logic is not for you.



## RENEGADE MINDS "If you could have any job you wanted, what would it be?"

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Luke Duffel, 21,  
Music: "I would really like to travel around with my own orchestra and perform my compositions."



Kristen Caldwell, 20, X-ray Technician: "I would want to be an X-ray tech."



Ethan Thomas, 18, Pre-med: "Something in pharmaceuticals, I would probably be a pharmacist."



Juan Contreras, 20, Math: "If I could choose any job in the world I would rather be a choir director."



Ketsiyah Faber, 16,  
Music: "I would be a music performer."

## Renegade Events

News

The CARE and CalWORKS program invites BC staff, faculty and students to "Adopt a Family" from their Holiday Tree, located in the EOP&S office. All eligible students child (ren)'s name, age and gender are placed on a holiday decoration and hung on their Holiday Tree.

**December 2 and 3:** Open Web registration begins for spring semester

**December 7 through 11:** Final Exams

**December 11:** Fall session ends

Music

**December 5:** Andre Nickatina. B-Ryders, 8 p.m.

**December 19:** Winter Choral Concert: Home for the Holidays. Bakersfield College Choirs and the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra will perform. BHS, Harvey Auditorium. 7 p.m.

Workshops/Fairs

**December 3:** CAS workshop, metric conversions. MS-6, 2 to 3 p.m.

**December 5:** Christmas craft fair, South West bowling lanes. Handmade items for holiday shopping. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**December 5:** Aldi Hiring event. Grocery store chain will be hiring shift managers for new store opening in May. Marriot convention center. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**December 5:** IT'S POSSIBLE matriculation event. 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. In one day, complete assessment test, orientation, new student workshop, create an education plan, and register for classes. Register online, 2 different sessions (early morning and early afternoon).

Lectures/Discussions

**December 5:** A Season of Miracles by Aliza McCracken. Author book signing and reception. Barnes & Nobles Booksellers. 4 to 7 p.m.

Miscellaneous

**December 2, 3, 4 and 5:** It's a Wonderful Life play production. SPARC indoor theater. 8 p.m. Also, 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 5.

**December 3:** Season of Light showing at the Planetarium. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children 5-12 years old. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For details visit [bakersfieldcollege.edu/planetarium](http://bakersfieldcollege.edu/planetarium)

**December 4:** A Culinary Christmas Carol Dinner. \$40 for dinner and entertainment, plus silent auction. Fireside Room. 5:30 p.m.

**December 5:** Guns 'N Hoses charity boxing event. Hosted by the Bakersfield Falcons. Tickets available at Rabobank Arena Box Office or Ticketmaster, VIP \$73, Ringside \$38, \$33, \$28, Lower Risers \$23, Upper Risers \$18, plus facility fees.

**December 5:** Kern County Animal Services Low-Cost Vaccination, Licensing & Microchip Clinic. Vouchers available for qualifying residents. Micro-chips are free and vaccinations prices as low as \$3. Buttonwillow Park (Hwy. 58 & Meadow St.) in Buttonwillow. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call 661-868-7100 or 661-868-7135 for more information.

**December 10:** Season of Light showing at the Planetarium. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children 5-12 years old. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For details visit [bakersfieldcollege.edu/planetarium](http://bakersfieldcollege.edu/planetarium)



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# Heathcott brought the heat for volleyball

By Mohamed Bafakih  
Sports/Online Editor

Daryan Heathcott brought out the heat in her last name all season long for Bakersfield College's volleyball team.

Her impressive sophomore campaign, which included a state-leading 452 kills and capped off with an All-Southern California selection, gave the Renegades a needed scoring threat as they managed to reach the second round of the regional playoffs.

Once the final serve was dished out and third-ranked El Camino College ended 11th-ranked Bakersfield College's season on Nov. 28, Heathcott immediately realized that was her last moment as a Renegade.

It hasn't been an easy road for the six-foot matchup nightmare, but her competitive nature became a realization of her ongoing success.

Born and raised in Bakersfield, volleyball was just a recreational outlet for her, beginning in eighth grade at Rio Bravo-Greeley School where she played for the school.

"I was athletic," Heathcott said in retrospect to her advantage with the sport.

"I was one of the tallest people at RBG and I was powerful, but I was just having fun with it."

Heathcott jokingly stated her power was there since birth but credits having two older brothers as well.

Prior to high school, she joined a local volleyball club team, Club Jamba, and saw immediate strides as she made Frontier High School's junior varsity team as a 14-year-old freshman.

"We had a great team that year, and it (volleyball) never got old," she said. "I played club every summer after that, so I played volleyball year-round."

Heathcott mentioned her and her mother became close because of the sport, and regardless of where the sport takes her, family will be a deciding factor.

As a junior and senior at Frontier, she totaled 208 kills and 117 blocks in 171 sets for the Titans before graduating in 2013.

Her playing time was limited in her first year at BC under head coach Carl Ferreira as she tore her meniscus following her senior year, but she valued her moments of learning on a sophomore-heavy team.

"I've completely turned around 180 degrees since my first year here," Heathcott said. "I've really understood the mental side of the game, and I had teammates my freshman year who helped me improve."

Due to an academic slip, she red-shirted last season and for Ferreira, he knew timing was the most important factor for Heathcott's progression.

"She has grown as a human being, she has grown as an athlete, and she's better because of it...you cannot teach time," Ferreira said.

Ferreira also stated how Heathcott's "great" attitude, work ethic, and not cheating herself with the game (whether it's practice or being a redshirt) led to her great play.

It took time for Heathcott to really look past her doubts, and the cross between her confidence and her high level of play took notice.

"It's crazy to think what I accomplished this season with that many kills and being No. 1 in the state. I never thought I would be in such an amazing position. I had a goal to win this season and I'm a competitive person, so I did everything I could to be successful," she said.

As for what's forthcoming for Heathcott now that her BC career is over, she remains confident toward her next volleyball endeavor, which coach Ferreira included California State University-Stanislaus as a possible landing spot.

"I really don't have a preference with where I go. I obviously want to go where I'm wanted, so I'm kind of just waiting for the best opportunity to roll around – as long as I keep playing I'm going to be happy no matter what level," Heathcott stated.

#### Heathcott's Sophomore Success

Total kills: 452 (1st in state)

Kills per set: 4.35 (4th in state)

Total attacks: 1,090 (3rd in state)

Block assist: 61 (6th in state)

Total points: 522.5 (1st in state)

Points per set: 5.0 (6th in state)



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Sophomore Daryan Heathcott led the state with 452 kills on her way to being named to the All-Southern California Team and WSC first-team.

# BC volleyball loses in the second round of playoffs



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BC's Lorena Ramirez (3) dives for the ball while her teammates Daryan Heathcott (19) and Hannah Pope (5) watch in the match against Canyons.

By Carl E. Littleberry Jr.  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College volleyball team's season ended over the weekend, as the team lost to El Camino College 3-1 on Nov. 28 in the second round of the Southern California Regional playoffs.

BC powered its way into the playoffs after winning six of its final seven conference match-ups, finishing the regular season with a record of 16-12 on the season and 8-4 in conference play.

With their only loss coming to College of the Canyons on Nov. 18, in which BC won the only set Canyons has lost in conference play, the team had plenty of confidence heading into its first round match-up of the playoffs as they awaited the seeding for teams.

"This late in the season we are just trying to focus on not making mental errors and playing our best volleyball when we need to," said coach Carl Ferreira.

BC had to travel to Palomar (15-8 overall, 12-4 Western State Conference South) in the first round but still beat the Comets 3-1 with scores of 26-24, 23-25, 26-24, and 25-20 in the final set.

Palomar didn't just hand the win to the Renegades as each of the first three sets were decided by two points. The Comets were no match for BC's leading scorers, as Daryan Heathcott with 23 points (17 kills, 5 aces) and Mackenzie Hernandez, 20 points (17 kills, three blocks), proved to be the deciding factors in the match.

With the win, BC moved onto the second round to face El Camino in Torrance.

El Camino proved too much for the Renegades, as the team was easily defeated in four sets with scores of 25-11, 22-25, 25-13, and 25-16.

BC struggled on the offensive side, averaging 17 more attacks at the net than El Camino, but only connecting on 13 percent leading to a total of 38 points scored by the team in the match compared to El Caminos 65.

A combination of errors by BC and balanced offense from the El Camino team (4 players in double-figures in scoring) was too much for BC to



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BC's Daryan Heathcott (19) goes up for the block against Canyon's Katie Rutecki (6).

overcome as the offense couldn't score with regularity on El Camino's defense.

Leading scorer Daryan Heathcott finished the match with 12 points (10 kills, 2 aces), however, she had a team-high 12 errors as the team would commit a total of 35 nearly doubling the 20 errors made by El Camino.

Although the loss ended the Renegades season a bit earlier than Ferreira would've liked, he stills feels as though his team accomplished a lot this season, most notably with Heathcott being named to the All-state first team and his team rallying late in the season to secure its spot in the playoffs.

"We did a lot of great things this year. We won six straight to make the playoffs after a long season, and I felt like we could win it all up until the last point was scored," said Ferreira.

Ferreira feels as though his team

#### POSTSEASON RECAP

##### First Round

(11) BC vs. (6) Palomar:  
BC won 3-1 (26-24, 23-25, 26-24, 25-20)

##### Second Round

(11) BC vs. (3) El Camino:  
El Camino won 3-1 (25-11, 22-25, 25-13, 25-16)

steadily improved throughout the season, and he was pleased with the leadership his sophomores showed with facilitating the team internally.

"I feel as though the coaches are external, and this season, I wanted our sophomores to take our freshman under their wings and teach them what I couldn't. I'm proud of our players. They had an exceptional season from top to bottom," said Ferreira.

# Athletics is adding two new sports to the BC roster

By Mohamed Bafakih  
Sports/Online Editor

Bakersfield College will be introduced to two athletic programs over the course of the next year.

Sand volleyball, or beach volleyball, will make its inaugural debut for BC in spring 2016, while men's soccer – after more than a 20-year interlude – will return next fall.

With overwhelming confidence in regards to its possible success, sand volleyball and

men's soccer means BC just stands without water polo, men and women's dive teams, men's volleyball, and women's badminton to complete its full array of available programs.

"They're the next two sports to add," BC athletic director Sandi Taylor said on the additions of sand volleyball and men's soccer.

Sand volleyball made its debut with the California Community College Athletic Association last year with 16 schools, and although Taylor was "lobbying

and researching" for it last year, this "up-and-coming" sport is ready for BC.

Because Bakersfield College doesn't have a designated area for the sport, the sand courts on Truxtun Extension, or possibility CSUB's facility could be the "home" sites based on schedule and availability.

Wrapping up his ninth year coaching the volleyball team following a second round playoff loss, soon-to-be first year BC sand volleyball coach Carl Ferreira is anticipating the arrival of

the sport to Bakersfield College.

"I think it's going to be an unbelievable opportunity for the athletes of not only Bakersfield College, but the community of Bakersfield," Ferreira said. "It's a national thing, but I think what's going to happen eventually is you'll see it trickle down to the high schools as well. We want to be at the forefront and not behind, and give our kids the same opportunities to play the sport."

Ferreira mentioned it's an open opportunity to try out, but only 10 individuals make the cut

to join the team. The season will begin in March with BC competing in the expansion conference of the Western State Conference.

As for men's soccer, the passion for the game runs deep locally and with talent looming throughout Kern County, Taft College seems to get a chunk of it because it has been unavailable at BC for over two decades.

Although BC has had various club teams over the past few years, fall 2016 will be the start of an official men's soccer team. "We are confident men's soccer

is going to be off the charts," Taylor said.

Longtime women's soccer head coach Scott Dameron also added, "There are a lot of guys that will be excited to play here...between the school, facilities, and a lot of support, I think a lot of people are going to want to play here."

Spring classes have been made available for those who are interested in the training course, and more information can be obtained by contacting the athletic department.

# Thanksgiving Classic sweep for BC

By Mohamed Bafakih  
Sports/Online Editor

It has been a preseason feasting for Bakersfield College's men's basketball team as the Renegades have started the season 6-1, following a Thanksgiving Classic Tournament sweep hosted by BC here at Gil Bishop Sports Center.

Besides the 80-78 loss to Chaffey on Nov. 13 at the Fullerton Tournament, BC has outscored the six other opponents by an average of 24 points and is in the midst of a five-game winning streak.

Prior to the Thanksgiving Classic, the Renegades traveled to face familiar non-conference foe L.A. Pierce in an exhibition matchup on Nov. 20 where BC defeated the Brahmas, 86-74.

Pierce knocked BC out of the playoffs in the first round last year, but 50 percent

shooting from the floor (33-for-66) and four-of-five starters in double-figures led by 6-9 sophomore Deandre Dickson's 22 points and 13 rebounds powered the Renegades to a win.

The bench for BC played a pivotal role in the following game against Porterville in the opening day of the tournament on Nov. 27, however, as it accounted for 51 of the team's 90 points.

Sophomore point guard Jameik Riviere came off the bench and had a game-high 19 points on 7-for-13 shooting, five rebounds and two assists in the 90-55 rout over the Pirates.

"I challenged him before the tournament, and he responded," head coach Rich Hughes said. "He's dynamite, and in my honest opinion he's the best guard in the state of California."

Riviere is averaging 15.6 points, 5.3

assists and four rebounds through the first seven games on 46.5 percent shooting from the field.

The following day, the win margin was a lot slimmer as the state's 18th-ranked team, Fullerton (6-2), fell to BC, 72-65.

It was Dickson for the Renegades who led the way with 21 points (10-for-19 FGs), 12 rebounds and three blocks, while Nick Velasquez added 18 points on 7-for-8 shooting (3-for-3 from beyond the arc) and five assists.

Dickson joined teammate Lawrence Moore on the final day of the tournament on Nov. 29 as the leading scorers in a blowout win over Barstow (2-8), 95-64. Both Dickson and Moore finished with 16 points apiece, as Riviere and Velasquez tallied 14 points each.

Barstow managed to keep it close ear-

ly as it went into the half down 33-25, but a 62-point second half performance for BC pulled them away from the Vikings.

The Renegades are ranked eighth in the state in points per game, averaging 86 points per game, but are also shooting at a high level as they're ranked third in the state in field goal percentage (51.5).

Defensively, BC is forcing 18 turnovers (10th in the state) and is giving up 65.7 points per game – around how many Hughes wants from his team.

BC won't make its return home until the conference opener against College of the Canyons on Jan. 9. The Renegades will be on the road throughout the following month with tournaments at Skyline (Dec. 11-13) and Allan Hancock (Dec. 28-30), and an exhibition against West Hills Coalinga (5-3) on Dec. 18.



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Above: Deandre Dickson (23) dunks on Porterville's Leonard Herring. Left: BC's Shane Christie (22) goes up for the layup against Porterville. Above left: Jameik Riviere (1) floats it up over Fullerton's guards.

## BC women's basketball team winless, falls to 0-5

By Carl E. Littleberry Jr.  
Reporter

On Nov. 11, Bakersfield College's women's basketball team suffered its fifth straight loss, losing to West Hills-Lemoore 75-61 continuing the team's rough start to the season.

This marked the team's most competitive game of the season as they led by three heading into the fourth quarter. However, West Hills outscored BC by 17 points in the fourth quarter after trailing for most of the game.

"We didn't play defense, and their center (Michelle Brown) killed us for it. Basically, we stopped scoring and they didn't, so we have to work on finishing games," said head coach Paula Dahl.

The lack of defense was rare for the BC team considering the Renegades are in the top eight in team defense including points, blocks and steals.

The leading scorers for BC were Kennedy Nielson with 17 points and Mckaela Tyler with 13, however both combined to shoot 9-of-34 (28.7 percent) from the field. The team as a whole didn't fair much better against the opposition as BC routinely struggled to score effec-

tively shooting 30 percent on the game, marking the fifth straight game the team has shot less than 35 percent from the floor.

Dahl, however, doesn't see the early season scoring struggles as a problem and used a weeklong break in between games to fix certain deficiencies in the team. "I've never been so grateful for a break in scheduling in my life. We are looking for more consistency with player roles and that should help with the shooting struggles we've been having," said Dahl.

The plan for the team moving forward is to run more and to get more players involved to fix the stagnate offense. With a more focused approach in practices, Dahl is hoping her team can take a step forward in being more competitive on the court. "We're being more competitive in our practices and trying to run a bit more. If we can't run we can't score period, so the focus at this point is to get our more efficient scorers involved and to sure up our point guard position," said Dahl.

The team hasn't let the early struggles hurt them as a whole as they have come together more in recent weeks as more rolls are being defined. "They are fine,



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Kennedy Nielson (30) charges up the court as West Hills' Tarah Pires (5) looks to slow down the break. BC would drop its fifth straight game.

they understand what we are trying to do. We can't focus on wins and losses; it comes down to learning and improving," said Dahl.

The team will resume play after its

two-weeklong hiatus as they travel to Santa Ana College for the Santa Ana College Tournament to face Moorpark College (1-5) on Dec. 3, before returning home at Taft on Dec. 18.

## Wrestling looks ahead to Regional

By Marcus Castro  
Editor in Chief

The Bakersfield College wrestling team competed in one last tournament before they move on to the postseason.

The team traveled to East LA College on Nov. 21 to compete in The Brawl. BC finished the tournament in third place out of 11 teams.

"We had some ups and downs. You know, The Brawl is actually a good testing ground for us. We had some guys wrestle real well. Jose Robledo being one of them; he won the tournament," said co-head coach Marcos Austin.

Robledo (197-pounder) took first place in his weight class.

Torrey Casper (125), Norman Abas (133), Zach Mitchell (184) and Jason Dibble (Heavyweight) all placed third in their weight classes.

Armando Saldana (157), Jacob Maas (165) and Christian Espinoza (184) placed fourth in their weight classes.

Next up for the team is the Southern Regional Championships at Mt. San Antonio College on Dec. 5 where BC wrestlers look to qualify for state.

Head coach Brett Clark explained that the 12 wrestlers to move on to compete have already been chosen. Each weight class has one wrestler from the team except for 125 pounds and heavyweight as they each have two wrestlers moving on.

Coach Austin said, "All 12 guys have a good shot. I mean, that's easier said than done. But they are peaking at the right time."

After the Regional meet, the qualifying wrestlers will compete in the CCCAA Championships. The State competition will be held in Fresno on Dec. 11-13.

## BC women place 14th

By Felicity Tomisaka  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College men's and women's cross-country teams competed at the State Championships on Nov. 21 in Woodward Park in Fresno. The women placed 14th out of 27 teams and the men placed 18th out of 28 teams.

Sydney Roman was BC's top finisher in the women's race, placing 55th out of 211 finishers with a time of 19 minutes 57.5 seconds for 5 kilometers (3.1 miles).

"I just knew that I had to do good, and I did," she said. "I gave all I had on that course, and it showed off because I had a PR (personal record) which I broke a 20 (minutes) and I'm really happy for that. I'm really happy how I finished the season off."

Kelly Hartfield finished the race with a time of 20:17.2, taking 77th, and teammate Alyssa-Lynn Paul took 102nd place with a time of 20:38.1.

Southwestern's Aminat Olowora placed first overall with a time of 17:02.

With 208 participants in the men's four-mile, BC's Jacob Franco placed 90th with a time of 22:06.1. Ethan Walker from Canyons placed first with a time of 20:09.8.

"I kind of wanted to break into the 21s (minutes) at Woodward, but I was a couple of seconds shy," Franco said. "I'm kind of a little bit mad about that, but I'm happy that I came out on top and all the teammates did good. We had a good race and a lot of improvement, and I'm happy about the race."

Christopher Moreno finished the race with 22:15.9, taking 112th. Teammate Mason Holbrook took 121st place with a time of 22:21.6.

Coach Pam Kelly said, "Our goal was always to qualify for state as a team because our conference is so tough. To get out of our conference is a challenge, to get out of Southern Cal becomes a challenge but not usually as big as a challenge as getting out of our conference. I think they had a fairly good year. A year we can work on building on and be excited about."

## SPORTS...THROUGH THE LENS



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Above: BC's Norman Abas (125 pounds) holds Austin Armendariz from Victor Valley College in a cradle scoring near fall points.  
Left: BC's Sabrina Spink (9) and Ventura's Adrina Palacios (24) both go up fighting for the ball.



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Above: BC's defensive line stops Hancock's running back Malik Williams (4) from jumping over them.  
Left: Middle-blocker Mckenna Baameur (11) gets the kill off of West LA's Mari Dear's (5) head.



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BC's Dominic Frasch (29) lays out for the ball in a game against Pasadena.

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