



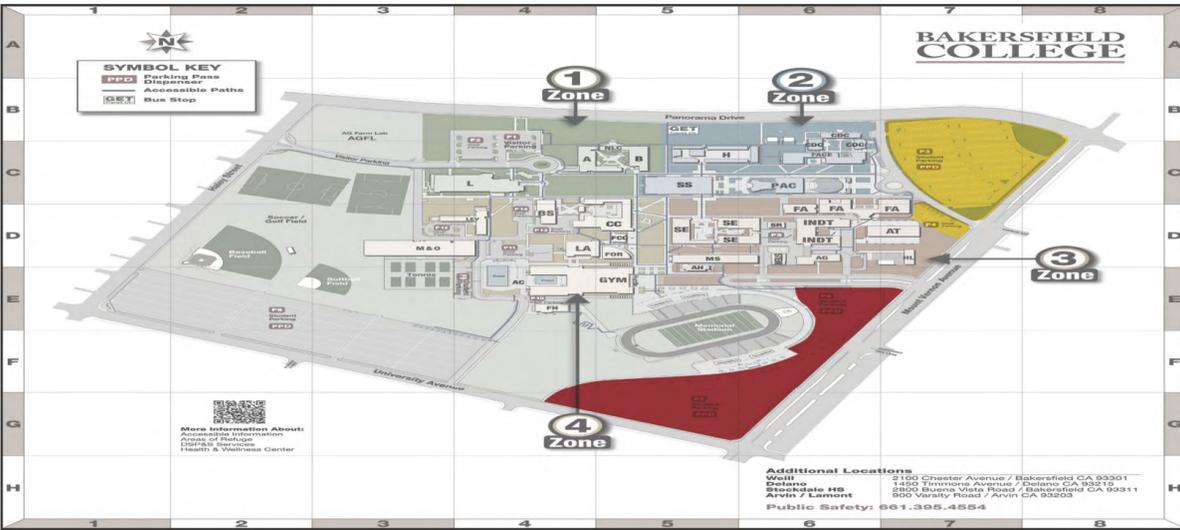
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BC parking lot closed for Measure J project work



A map of the BC campus details which parking lots will be closed and where students can park during the duration of construction.

By Issy Barrientos and Naythan Bryant
Reporters

On March 7 Bakersfield College commuters drove onto campus to see signs that certain parking lots will be closed from March 12 through April 27.

The first of these to be done is the parking lot behind the football field which will take place during March 12-April 27. Students should park in P3, P8a and P8b, or P9.

Construction on the solar panel parking lots is planned to take place on April 30 to May 31. During this time student should park P6, P7, P8a, P8b, or P9.

Jim Coggins, the manager of Maintenance and Operations, said that the lots will be closing due to resurfacing the spaces with new asphalt.

Coggins said that this is the first project that will be funded from Measure J. He later added that all the parking lots will be resurfaced in

some way.

The amount of change that will happen to the lots will depend on their condition. Some of the parking lots will be redone entirely.

In November of 2016, Kern County residents voted on Measure J which allocated \$500 million dollars to the community colleges within the county.

Coggins said that it had been several decades since the last resurfacing.

The spaces are not the only area that will be re-asphalted as the roads inside the the campus will also be included in the project.

BC student Erica Garcia did not initially know that the parking lot will be closing. When Garcia found out she said that she does not like it.

Raquel Rodriguez and Celeste Guerrero talked about the parking closing earlier that day.

They said that they should have done it during the summer.

Public Safety did not provide a comment.

Distinguished Speaker Series welcomes Anita Hill to BC

By Karla Gutierrez
Photo Editor

Anita Hill was invited as a guest speaker to the Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center Indoor Theatre at Bakersfield College on March 8, where she spoke about the issues of sexual harassment and sexual assault.

"I think there's this understanding that, 'Oh everybody grew with this idea of sexual harassment and we always understood if it was a bad thing.' Well that's just not the case," said Hill during her talk.

"In 1991, even as late as 1991, there were very few employers who had anti-harassment policy. The federal government had not made any sexual harassment over sexual assault in college campus as a priority in terms of the department of education did," Hill said.

Hill, who is a professor of social policy, law, and women's gender and sexuality studies at Brandeis University, has firsthand experience dealing with matters related to sexual harassment.

In 1991, she accused then U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment when she worked with him at the United States Department of Education and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Despite support for her accusations, Justice Thomas was confirmed to the Supreme Court.

She talked about a court case that happened with Yale University in which the federal court said that schools had an obligation to issue policies to eliminate sexual harassment on college campuses.

"A woman who started working as a bank teller at the age of 19 years old had been forced to have sex with her



Anita Hill signs autographs for members of the audience after her speech of sexual harassment and assault at Bakersfield College.

manager between 50 to 60 times before she finally left her job," said Hill.

"She had to take that case all the way to the Supreme Court to get the court to declare that the acts and the behavior she had endure were a violation of the law. She lost, really, at the court of appeal. The courts recognized the problem, but the public have not really recognized it."

"Most women suffered in silence. Let me just say that even though there was no public outcry, no government prioritized, some women did step forward. This is one of the places where I want to really think about how difficult it was, but how courageous some people were," Hill explained.

When talking about her testimony against then Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, she mentioned that

someone had pulled out a copy of the exorcist and suggested that she took her testimony out from the exorcist.

When she stated that a lot of people in the crowd gasped,

"Now I assume that they thought I was either demonically possessed or he was demonically possessed, but I think what was really happening was that he was trying to say that women who do these kinds of things, who talk about these types of subjects, are crazy," said Hill.

"Even the whole idea of Clarence Thomas and the high tech lynching was in fact a misuse of our history of race and gender history. What he said was a high tech lynching for the blacks who in any way think for themselves and do for themselves that had different ideas," Hill stated.

Hill told the audience that he was able to portray himself as an unjustly accuse man and a victim of racism.

"Thomas could not really point to any evidence that in our history, an African American woman had accused a black man to be lynched," said Hill, "He completely ignored the fact that African American women had been harassed and have been abused sexually historically and currently" explained Hill.

"It was received as true [by the senators] because they didn't know any better," said Hill.

"There was not an assist that a senator who could actually draw their own knowledge of our racial history to tell the difference between what was true and what was false."

"That truly is something that I'm not convinced we have outgrown today," said Hill.

She cited that one of the most important lessons comes from a senator who said that they would be threatened by real harassment because they gained to testify and dismissed that sexual harassment is crap.

Hill mentioned that she felt they were not just talking about her as an African American woman, but they were talking about everyone.

"In fact, in many ways he was talking to every victim of abuse who has ever had to face a cynical audience that says to you, insist to you, that abuse either does not exist, it isn't real, or that it doesn't matter and no one cares about it."

"Those messages from 1991, we are fortunate though that they did not stop us from moving forward entirely. They might have slowed us down, but they did not stop us," said Hill.

Hill stated that since then there have been many victories. Some of them are just the fact that women



Anita Hill speaks at the Edward Simonsen Performance Center Indoor Theatre on International Women's Day on March 8.

have been sharing their stories since 1991.

"Sharing stories that have been hidden for years, sharing the pain of their experiences of having to face abuse in a workplace or in their home," she said.

"We cannot turn a blind eye and in

the face of knowing how prevalent sexual harassment is and knowing that we have witnessed it, we can no longer call ourselves innocent bystanders."

"We are not bystanders. We know the pain that it causes. We know the story."

KCHCC looking for BC student applicants

By Miranda Defoor
Reporter

Bakersfield College is partnering with the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (KCHCC), the KCHCC Business Education Foundation, Aera, and Chevron for the annual Energy and Agriculture Academy.

The program and scholarships are for students with an interest in energy and agriculture career fields.

The academy is seeking applications from high school and BC students. All applications must be submitted by March 16 at noon for consideration.

High school applicants must be enrolled in field specific courses for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) or agriculture. Both BC and high school applicants must be Kern County residents, and committed to attending all academy sessions to meet the application requirements.

Yadira Guerrero from BC helps to handle student applications and offered advice to students wanting to apply. "Read the application thoroughly, write neatly, and follow di-

rections. You would not believe the amount of applications we get that are missing documents or are illegible."

Although there are specific requirements to apply, Guerrero says students should still apply even if they do not meet every requirement. "Always try because you never know," Guerrero said.

The Energy and Agriculture academy is held over five weekends, starting June 15.

All sessions are located at BC and will be focused on how the energy industry affects Kern County, internships in STEM and agriculture businesses, guest speakers, and field trips to energy plants or agricultural production centers.

Students who participate in all sessions of the academy will become Student Ambassadors, a paid, student level membership, for the KCHCC.

The program and scholarships are funded by grants from Chevron, Aera, California Independent Petroleum Association, California Resources Corporation, and Kern Energy Festival. Scholarships are given to the participating students at a graduation banquet.

B&N lays off employees

By Melissa Puryear
Managing Editor

Declining sales are to blame for Barnes & Noble (B&N) Bookseller's decision to layoff employees across the nation. The layoff affected local Barnes & Noble employees on Feb. 12 in Bakersfield, however, how many employees were laid off is unknown.

Once B&N announced the layoff, it also announced its appointment of Timothy Mantel as Chief Merchandising Officer. Mantel's main role as Chief Merchandising Officer will focus on increasing sales revenue and company profit. Last year's dip in sales have preempted the decision to hire Mantel, according to B & N press release. CEO Demos Pamerio

praised Mantel for his "deep knowledge of retail and proven track record," and stated that these strengths were what B&N needed to revitalize merchandising strategy and generate growth. It's strategic of B & N to implement Mantel if they aim to dominate the book supplier market, as it had in the past.

B&N will focus on reducing expenses that will increase their profits bottom line by the end of the year. With a lineup of famous celebrities available for book signings during the month of March, the likes of former President Jimmy Carter, former President Clinton's daughter, Chelsea Clinton, and actor Sean Penn, the bookseller is back to things as usual, at least in its New York location where the famous are scheduled.



Barnes & Noble Booksellers located on Ming Ave. experienced a layoff of workers on Feb. 12 after holiday sales dipped lower than usual and a national loss of sales revenue during 2017.

FDA shortens wait time for donors with tattoos

By Alexandra Apatiga
Editor-in-Chief

A recent change administered under the Food and Drug Administration, which went into effect on Feb. 2, has shortened the waiting period for those wishing to donate blood who've recently received a tattoo, from one year to seven days.

The new decision comes as Bakersfield College hosted its Annual BC Blood Drive on March 7 and 8 with Houchin Community Blood Bank, providing students information, a chance to register as a donor, screenings, and the opportunity to donate blood.

Individuals with tattoos who may have been previously barred from donating blood can now do so under the new regulations within the state of California. To be able to donate, the donor's tattoo must have been done in a licensed facility, applied with a sterilized needle using new ink – not reused – and have waited a full seven

days or more since getting the tattoo.

In addition to these, donors must also still meet the basic requirements, such as providing a valid picture ID, be at least 110 lbs., be free of illness, cold, or any sign of infection, have eaten a meal at least 3 hours prior to drawing blood, go through a screening, and be at least 16 years old. Any minors were required to obtain parental consent before signing up.

The two-day blood drive at BC welcomed students as they were registered and screened inside the Fireside Room and taken to the mobile trailers just outside the Campus Center at the Renegade Crossroads. Inside the mobile donation centers, medical professionals drew a pint of blood from each donor, providing snacks and drinks as well as t-shirts and stickers for first time blood donors.

According to Stephanie Gibbons, an Account Manager for Houchin who was present at the BC blood drive, Houchin's partnership with



Donor at BC's annual blood drive waits for their blood to be drawn.

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BC has grown over the last decade to what it is today. "We're the only blood bank in Kern County," said Gibbons, explaining that all of the medical institutions in Kern County receive blood from their facility. "We're always holding events like these around town and advertising, because we want to encourage people to donate and help save lives."

"There's always a demand for blood, because there's always something happening, such as a shooting or a car crash, so people need blood all the time," said Gibbons.

According to Gibbons, the new FDA regulations was a big deal. "We've been providing flyers and information to get the word out about the new change, it's a big thing," said Gibbons.

At the BC blood drive, Gibbons also provided insight on how in-depth the registration and screening process was for students, checking temperature, iron levels, blood pressure, pulse, and more.

Arianna Cortez, a BC student and first time blood donor, shared her thoughts on the process she'd undergone after she finished donating blood. "The people who helped me with my paperwork and screening were very thorough, it helped calm down my nerves because they looked like they knew what they were doing," said Cortez.

Another BC student, Jose Gutierrez, was waiting in line to register and donate.

"I use to donate blood in high school, so when I saw the trailers outside, I decided to come here and donate again," said Gutierrez.

Both Cortez and Gutierrez also expressed how important the news that potential donors with tattoos could donate. "I think it's fair because we should be accepting help from those who want to help, especially with a simple act like giving blood," said Cortez, "a lot of people want to donate, so it's nice to hear there's been a change so that they can help now."

Bakersfield Homeless Center sees an increase of need for shelter during this winter season

By Jenny Brito
Web & Social Media Editor

As temperatures continue to drop, locals living on the streets struggle, and many have been unable to escape the cold due to local homeless shelters reaching capacity. Shelters are having to turn some of those homeless away.

Homeless shelters in town have seen an increase in the number of people that are in need of a place to stay, and they are unable to provide a warm bed for everyone.

According to director Carlos Baldovinos, The Mission at Kern County, a local shelter with 240 beds, has

seen an average 15 person increase every night.

Baldovinos explained that an increase in homeless people needing a place to stay is typical during the coldest months, and it is also expected when temperatures reach high levels during the summer. What makes this season different is that it is unusually cold, and shelters were not prepared for it.

However, the director said that they are doing all they can to make sure people are safe and warm. Staff at the shelter have been going to great lengths to ensure that they are able to provide sanctuary to as many homeless as possible.

"No one wants or should be out in the cold. We are definitely seeing an increase, but we expect that to change as it starts to get warmer," Baldovinos added.

The Bakersfield Homeless Shelter has also been providing people with safe shelter in separate dormitories as well as clean clothing to protect them from the cold if they choose to go back to the streets. The shelter's website emphasized that the help provided comes mostly from donations. As demand increases, shelters across town will be in more need of supplies such as clothing and food.

People who have managed to stay in local shelters these last weeks are

thankful for the help. Mario Thompson, who spends most of his time in the streets, shared that there were nights when he could not sleep due to the freezing temperatures.

"I had to keep walking or doing something to avoid freezing. Many of us do," Thompson shared. He added that being admitted to the shelter was challenging because women and children tend to be the priority.

When he cannot find a place to stay, Thompson relies on a shower curtain and a donated raincoat to keep warm. Like him, many others look for ways to cope with low temperatures that are, fortunately, expected to change in the coming weeks.



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Bakersfield Homeless Center on Truxtun Extension, operated by Bethany Services, provides the homeless in Kern County a warm place to stay during the cold winter and hot summer months.

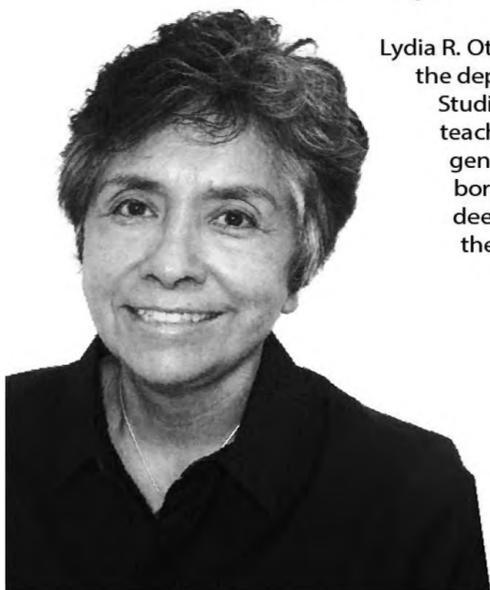


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Service Employees International Union (SEIU) holds protest rally in an attempt to increase the availability of union jobs in Bakersfield community

By Issy Barrientos
Reporter

The Bakersfield chapter of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) held a protest rally with Child Care and other unions on Feb. 26 to demonstrate their want for union jobs in the community.

Veronica Vasquez, a shop steward and the chapter president of the Kern County SEIU, was a speaker at the event. She has been a shop steward for five years and chapter president for 10 months.

Vasquez's job as a shop steward means that it is her job to represent those in her chapter, while her job as president means she educates and advocates for the workers and she holds meetings with other officers to discuss their agenda for the month.

Vasquez has been part of a union in Bakersfield for 11 years but 15 overall, even during her internship she was unionized. "As a union member she did not have to worry about protection, contract negotiations or retaliation unlike her non-union counterparts.

At the rally there were members

from three or four different unions. Rob England, a political organizer, said that there were about 100-120 people at this event.

England said that the case they were protesting, Janus vs. AFSCME, was about dividing the co-workers from each other and that is about limiting the power of working families. AFSCME stands for American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which is the largest union in the United States.

England said that "all a union is, is a group of workers working together." He later added that unions are the checks and balances to special interest groups. They are the counterbalance because they give a voice to the workers.

Throughout the years, special interest groups have waged campaigns to help defund unions. One of these ways is to stop the payment of union dues. Without the union payments it is harder for unions to gather resources to help workers.

The court case will allow workers to get the benefits of being in a union without having to pay for it, if the court favors Janus which means that

resources will be scarce.

An example of this is Right to Work (RTW) which is a set of policies that illegalizes the ability for union workers to negotiate for new contracts by paying for it according to the Economic Policy Institute (EPI). Wisconsin is a state that has such policies according to England. RTW in Wisconsin passed in 2015. He claims that after they went to affect the quality of working standards went down and subsequently the quality of service. It is a "regression in quality of life," said England.

He noted that on average a union worker earns better wages than their non-union counterpart. EPI compared the household income between Wisconsin, before it was RTW, and the average RTW state. The household income for the state was \$55,000 to \$50,000. The EPI report showed that across the board pre-RTW Wisconsin was out performing RTW states. After it passed, CNN Money in 2017 reported that teachers alone saw a 21 percent decrease in benefits.

"Ultimately, what it comes down to is that we are all workers," said England.

Exploring life & nature

By Alexis Pedroza
Reporter

The 5th Annual Spring Nature Festival took place on March 3-4 at the Wind Wolves Preserve Park. The festival included free admission for all to attend and enjoy what the preserve has to offer.

Visitors were able to experience over nine free events, though park volunteers did mention that donations were greatly appreciated.

Most of these events took place in the administration area, which was surrounded by tents with different activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

The preserve quickly filled up with visitors as they enjoyed the first event Raptors, Falcons, and Hawks presented by Steve Hawks.

Hawks explained the basic differences between falcons and hawks to the audience, from the way each bird flies to the difference in their feathers.

An interesting fact that surprised the audience was that both female falcons and hawks were larger than the male ones.

The next event was the Reptile Talk, which was presented by high school volunteers, visitors got to meet and learn about different kinds snakes and tortoises.

They even got the chance to touch and feel them. Visitor, Mary Thomas really enjoyed getting to touch a snake, "It felt really weird and soft," Thomas said.

"It wasn't what I expected a snake would feel like at all because of their scales." People also got to experience and educate themselves about the wildlife that lives at the park including insects.

There was a butterfly tent that displayed hundreds of species that reside in the park. As well as a virtual real-



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Visitors pet and feed mules at Windwolves's Spring Nature Festival

ity tent that was designed to view the type of rock formations in the area, which many thought was very interesting and cool.

The Kern Astronomical Society was present in the festival with their telescopes, for a view of the sun. Member, Gregg Pytlak mentioned that he went to Idaho to view the Solar Eclipse last August with a special telescope.

He assisted in showing visitors how to work a hydrogen alpha telescope so they can see the solar flares of the sun. Guest were also able to enjoy the Meet-A-Mule event that allowed them to feed, pet, and even ride a mule for fun at the park.

Visitor Paul Rodriguez was there with his kids and was happy that they were able to feed the mules. "It's great

for my kids to be able to experience different things," Rodriguez said.

The next event was the Guided Nature Hike, which was led by the park's volunteers that showcased the different hiking trails at the preserve that many people walk on a weekly basis.

Visitors also got the opportunity to be a part of the restoration station, where guest can aid by planting trees to help restore the parks plants.

One of the final events was a movie shown to guest who wished to camp at the preserve, which took place in the San Emigdio Canyon at night under the stars.

The Nature Festival hopes to prompt more visitors to visit the Wind Wolves Preserve and help it maintain its natural environment.

Raising funds in disguise

By Diana Coronado
Reporter

On Saturday, Feb 3 a night to remember and honor the victims of the Las Vegas shooting was held at The Mark Restaurant.

The Sudden Heroes Masquerade Ball hosted by Rita Michelle. Michelle created the film Sudden Heroes, to bring awareness to the Las Vegas shooting and pledged that all proceeds made from it would be donated to a victim's fund.

The event was a black and white attire where guests were able to enjoy music, eat some appetizers, and sample wine.

A trailer of the film was shown to the audience that showed actual footage from the horrific shooting.

Kimberly Rowe was a survivor herself and she opened up about how she felt.

"I'm glad everyone is coming together to show what we went through, proud to be a part of this community that shows support to such an important topic," Rowe said. "It is still hard to go through."

Rowe shared how she strongly feels teachers shouldn't carry guns in classrooms, she also mentioned how she's a Special Education teacher, and she feels her student would be emotionally triggered if they were ever in that situation.

Hostess Michelle expressed how important this fundraiser is to her because one of her family members died at the shooting.

"Family member was a victim, I wanted to do everything I could to help them, using my knowledge in film making was a good way to honor victims," she said.



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Rita Michelle, coordinator and producer of fundraising event.

She commented on how important it is to her that the event is not forgotten even though it happened 5 months ago the victims still have to cope with it every single day.

Towards the end of the night Michelle discussed their next fundraiser will be a golf tournament on April 6 that will be held at the Buena Vista Golf Course.

Mistakes as life lessons

Mental Health: For mental wellness and awareness

By Christina Benavides
Copy Editor

I've learned a lot about myself within the past few years of dealing with mental illness, but the mistakes I made along the way are what I want to elaborate on.

As a teenager, I honestly didn't understand what was going on with myself. I remember engaging in unhealthy forms of self-infliction because I thought I deserved it. At the time, I wasn't searching for a way to get better. I only consumed social media that fed my depression, such as media directed toward people who are dealing with mental health issues. It was a huge influence on me.

During this time, I lost many people. I distanced myself from close family and friends. I was moody daily. I took it out on others around me because I didn't feel like I had someone to go to.

As an adult now looking back on who I was then, I feel guilty for how I treated myself. I resorted to hurting myself thinking it would solve my problems or make me feel better. It didn't. Any kind of mistreatment to yourself doesn't make things better. I'm not too harsh on myself though because it was hard to deal with every day, and it still is. I do believe that I could have tried something to prevent it.

I also dealt with an eating disorder for quite some time. I think most people assume you have to be skinny to have an eating disorder. You don't. You can be any weight and be dealing with one. I still deal with unhealthy food habits. I treated my body like it already had a tombstone. I thought that if I starved myself then maybe I would be worthy of something that I wasn't before. That's something I regret to this day for many reasons.

One reason I want to mention is connected to a friend that I had in high school who committed suicide. She was the reason I wanted to recover from mental illness, and is a constant reminder of what could have very well been myself due to my poor mental state.

It was really strange because when I found out about her suicide, I was dealing with severe suicidal thoughts. I can genuinely say that I could have killed myself that year.

I believe my friend felt alone. When you deal with a mental illness it can be hard to believe that people actually care about you, even if they repeatedly tell you so.

My friend's suicide had me shaken up. It terrified me. It made me think about my own life.

I remember thinking, "Am I going to end up like this if I keep doing this to myself?"

When I got into college, my depression and suicidal thoughts were hard to control. I lost interest in school and interacting with friends and knew I needed change.

I wish I could go back and tell myself to take mental health breaks because I didn't even know I was allowed those during this period. How sad is that? I thought I was so worthless that I didn't want to give myself the time to just breathe.

Now, my time management is better. I'm always reminding myself to do small things to keep my happiness lively. I know what to do when I'm under distress, and this all was learned through my experiences.

Sadly, it has taken me a few years to realize my self-worth and notice how much damage I caused myself, but I think I'm the strongest I've ever been.

If you take anything from my mistakes and regrets; let it be to always make your health and well-being a priority. You can make mistakes. However, grow and learn from them to improve your mental health state.



Christina Benavides

Locals play Monopoly for a good cause

By Hector Martinez
Reporter

Fans of the board game Monopoly had the opportunity to fundraise for the volunteer center and play the game like they have never seen it before during the 5th Annual Monopoly Mania located at the Fandango City Palace. Tickets were only \$35 per person or \$200 for a table of 6, on March 2.

The event included dinner which was served around 6 p.m., and popcorn, dessert, live music, silent auction items, a raffle, and the main attraction which was a live Monopoly game.

Brenda Ratliff was the coordinator of Monopoly Mania, and she explained that she came up with the idea to have this event after her friend, who runs an organization called HandsOn Central California in Fresno, invited her to a monopoly event where she enjoyed herself. After that, she decided to come up with the same event in Bakersfield.

"I came up with new ideas, like serving dinner because they didn't serve dinner, and the dinner is from Coconut Joe's, and that is already included with the ticket they bought,"

stated Ratliff.

Ratliff added that she wanted to make the event more affordable because many other prizes for today's events are \$75 or \$100 or even more, and she wanted the guests at the event to enjoy themselves at a really affordable price.

She said that since it was first done, the event has had such an amazing success that they continue to have it, and it is also one of their major fundraisers for the volunteer center. Ratliff explained that over 196 tickets were sold and that proceeds are going to the volunteer center.

At the event, there was a life-sized jail where participants needed to be taken if they landed on the go to jail spot. Monopoly Mania had jailers walking around the tables looking around for players that needed to be taken to jail for a little bit. All the playing tables had bankers as well, but some bankers were left at empty tables because some guests didn't make it to the event. Laura Wright was one of the bankers who was left without any players.

Wright explained that because she and other bankers didn't have any players they had to sit on any table and play among themselves for a

while until it was time to clean up. She explained that she and the coordinator are friends and she volunteered at the event.

"We and other bankers here know Brenda from church and we attend church every Sunday, and me and other people from church wanted to help so we volunteered," expressed Wright. "We are extra volunteers today because the tables were sold, but the people did not come. So we are just sitting here playing among us and eating popcorn," she concluded.

Wright added that some of the volunteers of the event came from Valley Bible Fellowship and others from the Kern County Teen Challenge, an organization that helps teens recover from drug and alcohol abuse.

Most of the volunteers from team challenge had the duty of serving the food and drinks to the guests and also checking to see if something was needed on a table. Some of the volunteers from Valley Bible Fellowship had the same duties as the members of the team challenge, but other, just like Wright, were bankers at the event.

Wright said that this was the third year in a row that she has volunteered for Monopoly Mania.



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Volunteer Center players are put in life-sized jail cells as part of the 5th Annual Monopoly Mania at the Fandango City Palace.

Nancy Garcia was also another banker who was left of without any players and therefore she played with other fellow bankers such as Wright.

This was barely her second time volunteering for the event, and just like Wright, Garcia was close friends with the coordinator of the event,

and they know each other from the church.

Garcia further explained that she likes to help the church with almost every event they have throughout the year, and she also helps the volunteer center with any event they might have, just like Monopoly Mania.

Read Across America brings literature to kids

By Fitzgerald Graves
Reporter

Read Across America is a national event that the Community Action of Partnership of Kern (CAPK) takes part in annually. CAPK Volunteers and staff convened at the Four-Points-Sheraton to celebrate their participation in this national event known as Dr. Seuss's birthday, on March 1. The goal of the event was to have various volunteers visit Early Head Start facilities through out Kern County and read to the children attending these programs.

A breakfast for the program was held in Bakersfield where Leslie Mitchell, Administrator of Education & Support Services, addressed the audience, followed by a short video with Head-start director, Yolanda Gonzalez who thanked employees and volunteers for the efforts they put forth to make the Head-start programs throughout Kern County a huge success. She said, "Children are working. We are not baby sitters we are not just there taking care of chil-

dren we are also teaching them skills and literacy." Gonzalez went on to quote Dr. Seuss, "The more you read, the more you know, the more you know the more places you will go ..."

Jeremy Tobias, Chief Executive Officer of CAPK, along with other administrators such as Carolyn Coffey, Education Coordinator, took this opportunity to acknowledge and show appreciation to many of the Community Action Partnership of Kern employees and volunteers. Tobias said, "Community service is a very important part to making America great. For the new volunteers it's like chicken soup for the soul. And get ready to enter the Rockstar zone. Giving back is part of our America fabric and volunteering is a big part of that."

Lyndon Johnson is credited for the birth of head-start in his 1964 Revenue Act and Economic Opportunity Act policy to combat the war on poverty. In an effort to change the current landscape this policy was enacted to give children who were identified as impoverished a pathway to avoid the

illiteracy trap perpetuated by poverty. Many head-start programs historically depended immensely on parents and volunteers. With funding allocated by congress, families have been able to break the cycle of poverty through the power of literacy.

Many of the volunteers attending had participated in Read Across America in previous years and were given the opportunity to share their experiences. Casey McBride and Danny Morrison, are local radio personalities in Bakersfield and shared their thoughts. McBride said, "One of the reasons I'm volunteering is because I have the time the other is, my brother was in one of the first head-start programs in Lamont and its important",

Morrison informed the audience that he has participated for 4 years. "I'm a product of Head Start", he said, crediting his mother's love of education was the motivating factor the led her to enroll Morrison in a head start program as the attendees applauded. "What are you clapping for?" he asks "Don't clap for me, Clap for my mom" he said, jokingly,

"Nothing warms the heart more than making a child smile. You will feel like a Rockstar with the love you will receive from the children that you read for today."

Brothers Moises and Abraham Gonzalez, students at Garces Memorial expressed their excitement to be in attendance. Abraham, who is a freshman, was participating for the first time said, "This is my first year doing it and I look forward to doing it." His brother Moises said, "It's my third time doing it and I'm just excited to read to the kids."

Retired school teacher of 34 years for the Bakersfield City School District, Katherine Jordan, who emanated the character Grandma Whoople, began the Grandma Whoople two-months after retirement in 2013, to combat the high rate of illiteracy identified in areas of Kern County-Bakersfield. She was awarded the Bakersfield Beautiful award for active adult. "It was like receiving the Oscar," she said. "I was honored to receive this award, because of all the hard work that we had done to change

the literacy rating in Bakersfield."

As a former Pre-K teacher who graduated from high school at 16, attended Bakersfield College, California Baptist College, CSUB, and National University, her passion to expand literature and change the trajectory of vulnerable youth, led to her read at various libraries, elementary schools, parks, churches and head-start programs throughout Kern County.

Head-start programs connection to Read Across America has an impact on all who participate in them.

The fundamental curriculum provided by the program focuses on literacy, critical thinking, and nutrition to such a high degree that children who participate in these programs have been documented to have greater development socially, emotionally, and academically, based on the National Head Start Association.

Volunteering for programs and organizations that engage these communities in an effort to create positive change, could change; a life, a community, a city, a nation, or the World.

VOTE FOR YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS 2019



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President



DAVID LITTON

Education is investing in our futures. College campus has a wonderful vibration, full of people striving to better themselves. David Litton hopes to contribute positively to the creation of an atmosphere where we may all endeavor to add a little brightness to the world about us. Litton believes BC is our place where we come to polish our minds and prepare our craft for the world. "They should learn beforehand the knowledge which they will require for their art." - Plato. BC is a wonderful community of students, educators, advisers, workers, artists, and craftspeople. Each and every person here has a hope & dream. He believes that we will endeavor to create a healthy and happy community to support each other towards our goals. "The world is a progressively realized community of interpretation." - Royce. We aim to create an environment where One may comfortably pursue happiness through higher-education. At BC, he shares, many of us are exploring the depths of knowledge and creativity made possible through our studies. May we move ever closer to the people we wish to become.

Involvement:
 > Red Cross
 > UCLA Alumni



JAMES TOMPKINS

James Tompkins is a sophomore student at BC. He values greatly the opportunities that have been given to him since becoming a Renegade and has been driven to run for the BCSGA Office of the President. During his time here, Tompkins has been exposed to an abundance of ideas, cultures, and beliefs in an amazingly welcoming environment. It will be his first priority as BCSGA President to ensure that this continues for future Renegades of all cultures, beliefs, and backgrounds. If elected, he would like to advocate for the expansion of the BC Equity Plan to include system impacted and formerly incarcerated students. He will continue to look at the expansion of the Renegade Food Pantry program to serve more of our struggling students. If voted in as your next president, he promises to vehemently, accurately, and passionately represent the Renegade student body, to the best of his ability; while, advocating forcefully for those that are underrepresented.

Involvement:
 > Free on the Outside, member
 > BCSGA, Senator FY18

Vice President



ASHLEY HARP

Ashley Harp states, "You won't be disappointed!"

Involvement:
 > BCSGA, SENATOR FY18
 > Marley's Mutts, Volunteer



JUAN TREJO

Juan Trejo builds bridges, not barriers. He is a strong believer in unity and empowerment. Being able to have such a position in student government would give him a platform to voice the opinions of his fellow peers, as an officer should. He is motivated, driven, persistent, and enthusiastic. It is important for public servants to be transparent and he is as real as it gets and students deserve a leader they can trust and depend on. Not only does he possess the qualities to lead, he has the ability to represent. He wants to successfully create links with the community and assure them that they matter. People of different cultures, interests, experiences, viewpoints, etc., he is ready to connect and create a strong and unified campus.

Senator



ALANEE ESPARZA

This is Alanee Esparza's first year on campus and is involved with Scholarship Seekers Club as the treasurer on Campus and is also a Kern Promise Student.

Involvement:
 > Scholarship Seekers Club, Treasurer



CHRISTOPHER CRUZ

Christopher Cruz would like to be a BCSGA Senator because he would like to hear from students and their opinions of how to make our campus better and stronger.

Involvement:
 > BCSGA, Director of Student Activities and Legislative Manager
 > Measure J, Volunteer



DANIELLE ACKENHEIL

To be a senator means to always serve with integrity. It means to always do the best thing for the people as a whole, showing empathy and compassion while also taking the highest safety level possible.



DANNY ESCOBAR

Danny Escobar is a full-time student majoring in plant science. He is President of the Bakersfield college agriculture club.

Involvement:
 > BC Ag Club, President

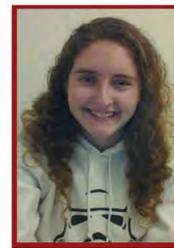
Senator



DIEGO SANTANA REYNOSO

Diego Santana Reynoso is interested in being the voice for all of the students who struggle to keep up with their school workload. As well as the students who feel like they don't belong. His goal as a BCSGA Senator is to help create a better learning environment for all.

Involvement:
 > Free on the Outside, Member
 > Alternates to Violence Project



ELISABETH SAMPSON

Elisabeth Sampson is interested in representing.



HUNTER BISHOP

Hunter Bishop is a Political Science major who is not only passionate about learning the governmental process, but also participating in it. She believes that it is extremely important to be the voice of a student body, and will do everything she can to let the campus be heard. Her mission is to help create a positive environment in which students feel safe and are given the opportunity to prosper.

Involvement:
 > BCSGA, Senator FY18



JOSE AGUILAR

Jose Aguilar is a dedicated and diligent student with success on his mind. He wants to make Bakersfield College an amazing experience for all those who wish to explore all that BC has to offer.

Involvement:
 > BCSGA, Senator FY18
 > Deans List



JOSE EDUARDO LOPEZ

Even though Bakersfield College has over 30,000 students on-campus, how many of them participate in college-related activities? According to Julie Mayfield from US News, "It allows students to become connected to their school: Colleges are full of resources, but the responsibility is on the student to seek them out. Being involved helps them to do that." This relates to BC because as a college it sees many students on a daily basis. There is a correlation with students that participate in student activities and students who do not. If we are to want the success of our students, we must take care of this aspect in a student's life. We must have ongoing activities for our students to participate in. A class is half the battle. The other half is the social connection because much of college learning happens outside the classroom. Jose Eduardo Lopez will bring fresh new ideas on how to go about improving the student experience at Bakersfield College. He will vote on legislation that will make a positive impact on the student's experience. To be a complete student, one must have both fun, along with homework time, to be a cohesive student college.

Involvement:
 > M.E.Ch.A, Member
 > Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Member



JOSHUA RYAN TORRES

This is Joshua Ryan Torres' first-year at Bakersfield College and he believes that BCSGA plays a very important role on our campus.

Involvement:
 > Scholarship Seekers Club, Member



SAMANTHA PULIDO

Samantha Pulido is a first-year student who is majoring in Computer Science and is now running for a Senator position. She has prior experience being multiple club officers at a time while maintaining good work ethic within each club and keeping a high GPA. Her goal as Senator in the Bakersfield College Student Government Association is to establish a stronger relationship between the student population and student government, which will enable greater communication on ideas from students that may enhance Bakersfield College's community. She looks forward working with fellow Bakersfield College students to be able to hear any of their concerns or suggestions, which she will bring up to each Senator meeting. One of her priorities of being a Senator will be making sure that the student population of Bakersfield College has a strong voice in the student senate. As Senator, she will work hard and be dedicated to her work to ensure that the Bakersfield College students are being heard.

Involvement:
 > Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA), Member



THERESA BURLEY

Seeking election upon getting involved with Bakersfield College and putting in oneself's critical thinking and motivation. Creating better ideas for Bakersfield College student's safety, parking structure, cleanliness of entire school, creating more awareness for people to enroll in college.

Involvement:
 > Jesus Shack, Back to School
 > JMDA organizations, Fundraiser

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BC Chamber Singers perform at dinner

By Hector Martinez
Reporter

The Broadway Dinner had Broadway themes and music performed by the Chamber Singers.

The event was a fundraiser for the Chamber Singers for their summer tour of Australia.

The dinner took place at Bakersfield College's cafeteria on March 3 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The tickets costed \$15 if they were purchased before Feb. 14 and after that, they were priced at \$20.

The event included spaghetti dinner made by Chef Eric Sabella and the Food Services crew from BC.

Everyone seemed like they were having a good time, especially with the many different songs being performed by the Chamber Singers.

After each performance, the audience clapped and cheered.

Marina Martinez, a Bakersfield College music major, was there as a volunteer. She helped prepare the cafeteria before the event took place.

"When I got here they told me to help accommodate the things they were selling like cupcakes and other items. I also accommodated the raffle baskets so the people can put the tickets inside them," said Martinez.

Martinez also said that this was not the first time that the Broadway Dinner was done, and that the music program has always tried to have the event each semester.

She added that each semester they change the songs, but they have al-



HECTOR MARTINEZ / THE RIP

Guests enjoy dinner with Broadway themes and watch performance by BC's Chamber Choir on March 3 in the cafeteria.

ways made it a Broadway theme.

This was Martinez's first time attending the Broadway dinner, and she said that she enjoyed seeing the Chamber Singers perform each song.

Christy Thies was one of the Chamber Singers performing that night, and she also does some adult enrollment courses at the high school in Delano.

Thies did not do any solo parts at the Broadway Dinner, but she did have some choir singing throughout the night.

Thies said that she was part of the Chamber choir a few years ago and

decided to come back to perform.

"I definitely wanted to come back and join because this choir is known for being one of the best around. I was in the choir 3 years ago and I re-joined last year," said Thies.

Thies also said that besides singing, each member of the choir had a job.

Some had to sell cupcakes, others were selling cotton candy, and when they were not at their stations, they needed to check on the guests and see if they needed anything. She said they were like "hostesses."

Yasmine Valencia, a CSUB stu-

dent, was an audience member at the dinner and said that it was her second time going to the event and that she had gone last year as well. She said that she was there to watch her boyfriend perform, and to enjoy the songs that were put together by the choir.

Valencia also said that she felt this year's Broadway Dinner looked more organized than last year, and it was also well put together.

"Most of the songs I don't remember by their own name, but so far I know or remember most of the ones I've seen," said Valencia.

Claire Rock a former Bakersfield College student, said she was attending the Broadway dinner for the first time and was having a great time.

"I am enjoying it so far, I love their other choral music as well. I love how it makes the people sing along with the choir members," said Rock.

Rock felt pretty familiar with most of the songs that the Chamber Singers chose to sing, but her favorite song was Right Hand Man because it was performed by one of her friends.

She said that she would most definitely come to future Broadway dinners.

Utilize your resources for success

Student Success: Tips, tricks and practical advice for students

Paige Atkison
Reporter

Keeping up with college courses can be daunting, even if you have a strong support system. As your workload starts to build during the semester, you may find yourself in need of extra support. Learning to locate and utilize the resources around you, can be an invaluable skill during your college years. Whether or not you believe you need to find extra academic or health resources, it can be useful to familiarize yourself with the programs made available to you by Bakersfield College.

Each class you take at BC will be different, and you'll need to find the resources that will aid you in each specific course. You may fly through some classes, passing them with ease; or you may find other courses require you to attend hours of tutoring. Knowing which programs provide which resources will prepare you for anything your next course can throw at you.

Because BC provides so many different academic resources for students, it can be difficult to know which program is right for you. In order to find which resources will be beneficial to you, you will first need to locate which academic areas you are struggling with. If you're struggling with reading comprehension, writing in an academic setting, or building the necessary skillset to succeed in college, an Academic Development course may be the best fit for you. If you're looking to improve your academic success through simple lifestyle changes, the Habits of Mind website and app serves as a how-to guide to academic success.

However, some courses may require you to seek out more robust resources in order to succeed. BC offers multiple academic resources based on the specific subject you are struggling with. If you are struggling with the course material in a math class, the Math Learning Center provides free tutoring to any student enrolled in Math B60 or Math B70. Similarly, the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) department provides tutoring for all STEM subjects. If you are struggling with a course that requires heavy reading and writing, the Writing Center provides free help with any writing assignment. For generalized help with your courses, the Tutoring Center provides one tutoring session per week for students.

Though it's important to prioritize your academic success, it is equally important to care for your physical and mental health. Navigating the community college system can be incredibly difficult, as is navigating the U.S. healthcare system. For students without consistent access to healthcare, access to the Student Health Center can be critical. The Student Health Center provides a plethora of resources for students, including first-aid care, access to over-the-counter medications, pregnancy tests, condoms, and various other services. The Student Health Center also provides BC students with up to 6 wellness exams per semester. Utilizing your school's healthcare resources can provide you with the care you need to maintain your health and your academic standing.

Similar to caring for your physical health, it can be easy to neglect your mental health in the midst of pursuing a degree. However, if left untreated, mental health issues can become a hindrance to your overall academic success. This is why overcoming the stigma of mental illness and reaching out for help can change your academic career for the better. The Student Health Center has licensed marriage and family therapists as well as clinical social workers who can help aid you in finding solutions to various mental health issues. If you are in need of more personalized care, students are offered up to 6 free psychotherapy sessions per semester.

Though reaching out to professors and tutors for extra instruction or booking an appointment at the Student Health Center can be daunting, accepting help is nothing to be ashamed of.



Paige Atkison

Sandra Hernandez represents the Tejon Indian Tribe

By Christina Benavides
Copy Editor

Bakersfield College students received and gained new knowledge about the Tejon Indian Tribe during a presentation hosted by representative, Sandra Hernandez in the fireside room on March 6.

The room was full, causing an overflow of students, as some attendees had to stand up in order to hear Hernandez speak about her culture.

As she spoke she went through a PowerPoint presentation and discussed brief history, achievements, and plans

Hernandez explained that her tribe was one of the very first people who lived in California, and that Tejon actually means "Badger" in Spanish.

"When the missionaries came over the grapevine, and they looked at the valley floor there was an enormous amount of badgers everywhere, so it became the land of Tejon, and because we were the people that were next to the badgers, we became the Tejon people," Hernandez said.



ALEXANDRA APATIGA / THE RIP

Sandra Hernandez, Treasurer and representative of the Tejon Tribe of Kern County, speaks with students about the tribe's history and plans.

She also added that Tejon Ranch is an indigenous homeland because their ancestors worked on it.

The Tejon Tribe was federally reaffirmed in 2012, added Hernandez.

She explained that to this day they are the only ones in Kern County who are recognized.

Hernandez mentioned that during 1940s to 1960s it was labeled the

termination era, which was when Indian tribes were terminated, and disbanded.

Tribes were put on a government list, and if there was not enough of them or they just wanted the land you were on then you were disbanded, she explained.

"This happened to many tribes throughout the state of California, and it did not happen to us, nothing happened to us, we weren't put on the list, we weren't kicked off the list," Hernandez said.

She informed everyone that the government made an error, and they were dropped from the list.

Hernandez added that she thinks of her tribe as a family, and that she believes it's their duty to ensure their children have half of what they didn't have.

She mentioned that the strength they have today from their culture is going to be what drives them in the future.

There was one student who was attending this speaker's event who was thrilled to learn more about Hernan-

dez, her culture, and her tribe.

Matthew Solito, a fulltime student at BC, decided he would attend out of curiosity.

He mentioned that he always drives by Tejon and wanted to know more about it.

"People like us who have always had our culture established, we sometimes take it for granted, and that is what I realized when coming here today," Solito said.

Towards the end of Hernandez's presentation, she sang a song derived from The Tejon Indian Tribe, with another member of the tribe.

Solito mentioned that it meant a lot to him because he participates in folk dancing, and other cultural traditions in his own culture.

"It was really refreshing to see a different and new perspective a culture that you don't always hear about," Solito said.

He mentioned that he believes that this is an event people should all listen to in order to stray away from taking our cultures for granted.

MESA hosts second annual STEM Conference at BC

By Naythan Bryant
Reporter

On March 3, Mathematics, Engineering, Science-Achievement (MESA) held its second annual STEM and Pre-Health Conference at Bakersfield College.

MESA is a source of academic development to thousands of educationally disadvantaged students who want to excel in science, engineering, technology, and math (STEM) fields.

The conference was designed to allow students from all age groups to work with and learn from professionals in STEM fields as well as pre-health.

The overall goal was to provide opportunities for students to further their education and careers in their specified fields through the help of

hands-on workshops, a resource fair, and advice from a keynote speaker. Some of the resources available were college advisors, financial aid counselors, four-year university representatives, industry leaders and student organizations.

The conference kicked off with a presentation from Jose Antonio Gomez. Gomez graduated from Arvin High School where he chose to continue his education and pursue a college degree; he was the first in his family to do so.

Today, Gomez works as a Postdoctoral Fellow at UC Davis where he studies the genetics and biochemistry of chromatin templated processes. In his speech, Gomez urged students to take risks, and to be comfortable with failure.

"The experiments I showed you guys from the lab are the ones that worked. But there were many times in the lab that experiments didn't work. Failure is something you have to be comfortable doing. I learned that failure isn't something to fear at all," Gomez said.

He also pushed students to keep moving forward when facing an obstacle and explained his background growing up with migrant farm workers.

"In those hot summer days that most of you guys are familiar with, that's where I had the feeling that there was something better out there. I felt that education, particularly an education in science, was that way to move forward," Gomez said.

After hearing from the keynote speaker, students split up into groups

and were allowed to attend several workshops throughout campus. There were over 25 workshops combined, all with separate educational purposes for the participants. A few examples of these included Career Opportunities in STEM, Women in Engineering, Agriculture Meets Engineering, and more.

After attending the first two workshops, students met for lunch then made their way to the resource fair where they had an opportunity to meet with experts and professionals in STEM and Pre-Health.

Industry leaders such as Chevron, Univision, and Grimmway Farms were available to answer questions and offer guidance. Several universities also offered their services, such as UC Davis, UCLA, CSUN, CSUB, UC San Diego, and GCU.

Renegade Events

Campus Events

Mar. 12-April 27: Parking lots P6 and P7 closed.

Mar. 14: Gadgety Cafe discusses "Truth: Objective, Invented, Esteemed?" at the Norman Levan Center from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Mar. 15: From Dream to Discovery: Inside NASA at the Planetarium: Math-Science 112 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Mar. 16: Spring Serendade: BS Concert Band and Orchestra at the Edward Simonsen Performing Arts (Indoor Theatre) from 7-9 p.m.

Mar. 19: Spring Fling Easel Event: Frida Kahlo at the cafeteria from 6-7:30 p.m.

Mar. 20: Future Teachers Open House at the Fireside room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mar. 21: Active Shooter Response Training - Multiple Sessions being held at the PAC building (Indoor Theatre) all day.

Mar. 22: Distinguished Speaker Series: Dr. Lydia Otero - Mexican American Women and Historical Preservation at the Fireside Room from 6-8 p.m.

Mar. 22: Dynamic Earth Planetarium show at the Planetarium - Night Sky from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mar. 23: Last day to withdraw and receive a "W"

Mar. 26-31: Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)

Apr. 13: Arte a la Fresco at Noche de Cultura hosted by BC M.E.Ch.A at the Outdoor Theatre.
April 18: SubUrbia performance held in the Black Box Theatre (PAC 107) at 7:30 p.m.

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Wrestling Championship showcases students

By Hector Martinez
Reporter

The 2018 CIF State Boys Wrestling Championships took place over the weekend on March 2-3. The CIF is a state wide championship in California for High School wrestling teams.

Following the two-day competition, the school that took the championship was Buchanan High School. This was Buchanan's third consecutive and their fourth all time CIF State Boys Wrestling Championship.

Mauro Arejo and Mario Moreno were there representing Madera High School, and both of them are seniors. Arejo didn't make it to day two of the championship, and his colleague did make it, but lost and could not make it to the finals.

"It was my first time here and I was really excited to be here... for Mario it was his third time here and he was closer to reaching the finals this year than the previous years," explained Arejo.

Nicolas Lopez is a senior representing Valencia High School at the championship. Lopez explained that, Saturday morning, his school had a

126 pounder still in the competition trying to make it to the finals. Lopez had two matches on Friday, but was unable to win any of the two. He expressed his happiness to be there for the first time.

"It is my first time at the championship, I felt really excited when I made it to the completion.

Some of the CIF State Boys Wrestling Championships Final results were the following: for the 106 pounds Richard Figueroa from Selma got a 6-1 decision over Carlos Negrete from Clovis North. At 113-pounds Maximo Renteria from Buchanan took a major decision 9-1 over Aaron Nagao from Esperanza. Nic Aguilar from Gilroy got the decision 6-1 over Henry Porter from Oakdale in the 120-pounds division. In the 160-pounds division Josh Kim from Santiago got the decision 3-1 over Joel Romero from Buchanan.

The team scores for the CIF State Boys Championship was the following: Buchanan 219, Gilroy 180, Po-way 171.5, Selma 168, Clovis 121.5, Clovis North 119, Oakdale 111, St. John Bosco 106, Frontier 91, Vacaville 84



Mario Moreno from Madera High School wins his match at the CIF State Boys Wrestling Championships. The event has high school wrestling teams competing against each other.



Wrestlers and coaches prepare for their matches before the state-wide tournament begins.

More than hugging

Professional Wrestling Culture: From a fan's perspective

By Karla Gutierrez
Photo Editor

In professional wrestling, there are many different styles. Many people think it's just two people hugging in the ring, but it's more than that, trust me. There is technical, high flying, hardcore, puroresu-style, etc. There's also a style I made up which is called "two big men breaking the ring."

Let me talk about one of my personal favorites which is technical style. This style involves a lot of grappling and submission. Wrestlers who have been known to use this style include Daniel Bryan, Zack Sabre Jr., Chris Benoit, etc. It's interesting to watch them use this style because they make it look like a piece of cake. For instance, Zack Sabre Jr. is very good at making transitions through each hold in the match. He has actually made up submissions on the spot. One that I remember him using was in his match at G1 Climax 27 against Tomohiro Ishii. The submission looked brutal and it was something that I have never seen in the many years that I have watched pro wrestling.

The puroresu-style, also known as "strong-style," is seen more in Japan and different companies. This style has a lot of martial arts strikes. Some wrestlers that have used this and have transitioned from NJPW (New Japan Pro Wrestling) or any company in Japan and have gone to WWE are Hideo Itami, Finn Balor, Shinsuke Nakamura, AJ Styles, etc. They still use the same style, but they have to soften it up a bit so they won't be as stiff (when they use excessive force when performing a move).

Shinsuke Nakamura is known to be the "King of Strong Style." Nakamura does mix in his MMA background with the style and does submission here and there; however, he throws a lot of kicks and strikes at his opponents which can be breath taking. When I see Nakamura perform in WWE and he's in the zone then throws in a random kick, my heart stops just a bit hoping that the opponent is okay because he can be a very stiff wrestler at times. Katsuyori Shibata is a pro wrestler who was known to be very stiff and would put everything on the line every time he was in the ring. He was always taped up in some way, shape, or form as I remember. Anytime he's in the ring, I just say my prayer to his opponent because they're going to be coming out with a chest full of chops and a bruised jaw.

Sadly, during a match against Kazuchika Okada at Sakura Genesis 2017, he head-butted Okada and busted himself open only to get himself paralyzed discovering he had subdural hematoma. It was announced that the match he had with Okada was going to his last match because of how bad the injury was. I have to mention before moving on to the next style is that he is fully healthy. He made an appearance at the G1 Climax 27 where the audience was fully in tears. He was named head coach of the New Japan Los Angeles Dojo on March 4.

If you're into flashy and fast speed, then high flying would be your favorite style because it incorporates all of that and more. High fliers are the risk takers on diving outside of the ring. They're the ones that can flip faster than my test grades, honestly. These wrestlers go to the extreme in doing a 720-degree flip standing on the floor (Will Ospreay). Wrestlers that come to mind are Rey Mysterio, Eddie Guerrero, Will Ospreay, Ricochet, etc. Will Ospreay and Ricochet have set the foundation of the modern high flying style because when those two go in the ring, they create magic. Ricochet recently went to WWE, so I don't know when the next time those two will be facing each other in the ring one day. There are more styles to write about, but hopefully this gives an idea that pro wrestling is not just about two people hugging in the ring.



Karla Gutierrez

BC Baseball bounces back and wins against LA 5-2

By Sabrina Lopez
Reporter

Bakersfield colleges baseball team, bounces back from the previous game played Saturday Mar. 3, that came down to the wire and the Gades lost 6-5. The Renegades second game took place Mar.6 at home against West LA 5-2. The BC baseball team has improved to 7-13 record overall and 2-2 in the Western State Conference.

The game was relatively quiet, un-

til West LA scored 2 runs in the sixth inning, and the Renegades found themselves falling behind. But going into the seventh inning Bakersfield College's offense exploded which led to five runs for BC. With those five runs BC baseball team silenced West LA for the remainder of the game. The Gades were led by Zach Williams, Kyle Willman, and Joe Pineda. Up next for the Renegades is a double header at LA Pierce, then a home match up against LA Pierce Saturday, March 10 at noon.



BC Renegades Desi Garcia (#37) pitcher and Jacob Sanchez (#35) outfielder at a home game against West LA College where BC Renegades triumph with a win of 5-2.

SABRINA LOPEZ / THE RIP

Tennis team is defeated 5-0 by Ventura

By Alexandra Apatiga
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The Bakersfield College men's tennis team lost to Ventura College (5-0) after rain cut the game short on Feb. 27.

BC has won 4-6 games, with Tuesday's game marking the fourth game in the conference (1-3). The singles were cut short after five matches due to rain, but all five matches saw Ventura win.

One of the matches was halted after the first set due to rain between BC's Kaleb Johnson and Solal Cherqui of Ventura, with Cherqui winning the set 7-6.

Bakersfield and Ventura did not play the double matches. BC's next game will be at Glendale on March 8 at 2 p.m. and the next home game will be on March 15, Thursday at 2 p.m. against Los Angeles Pierce College.



Kaleb Johnson during his singles game against Ventura College as he returns the ball over the net. The Men's Team was defeated by Ventura 5-0 after rain cut the game short on Feb. 27.

ALEXANDRA APATIGA / THE RIP



The tennis ball rushes towards Manrico Cabaloza as he prepares to hit the ball during the men's tennis game at BC on Feb. 27.

ALEXANDRA APATIGA / THE RIP

BC Softball team strikes again

By Diana Coronado
Reporter

BC softball team defeated Oxnard College on Feb. 27, with a score of 7-1 for the win. The Renegades pitcher Kylee Fahy came out strong with only giving up one run on three hits and striking out 14.

Jordan Jimenez was 2-3 scoring 2 home runs. Haleigh Hutton was 1-2 with an RBI and a run scored, and Yesenia Saldana was 2-3 with an RBI with two runs scored.

The offense was led by Naizmarie Ubay, who was 1-3, hit a home run and 4 RBI.

The ladies will play against Cuesta College on March 20 at home.



Pitcher Kylee Fahy practices her throws with Catcher Naizmarie Ubay. The BC team defeated Oxnard College with a score of 7-1.

DIANA CORONADO / THE RIP



Jordan Jimenez getting ready to swing past Oxnard college players. The Renegades' Softball team won with a score of 7-1.

DIANA CORONADO / THE RIP

Our experience at the ACP conference in Long Beach

Karla Gutierrez
Photo Editor

In the past, I've gone to conventions; however, I have never been to professional convention. From March 1-3, the ACP (Associated Collegiate Press) convention took place in Long Beach where schools from all over the nation came and learned more about journalism. I personally was looking forward to learn more about broadcast journalism since that is the field I want to work in.

The drive to Long Beach didn't feel long, so by the time I knew it, I was already in my hotel room getting ready to sleep. I got to room with two of my colleague editors, Jenny Brito and Christina Benavides. Christina and I arrived a little bit later than Jenny, so when we got to the hotel it was about 9 p.m. When we arrived Jenny was blow drying her hair, so Christina and I decided to have fun and distract her. Christina started recording her on Snapchat and Jenny would close the door on her. Although, the door was a translucent, so a person can somewhat see the actions through the other side of the door. The recording would continue until eventually Jenny came out and said, "I'm done blow drying my hair."

On the first day, the earliest workshop I went to was by Youth Radio, where presenters talked about "Teen Vogue" and how they look for local stories and turn them into a national one. It was about 9 a.m., so my brain wasn't really into the workshop. I'd say that I was on autopilot till noon. The only workshop that I mostly remember was probably the third workshop that I went to. This workshop delved more into broadcasting and how it's important to be comfortable and know the story. In broadcasting, people look for how someone delivers a story through storytelling. Later that day, Jenny and Christina went to go out and eat around 5 p.m.; meanwhile I just stayed at the hotel.

My mindset was that they were going to arrive early, so I did a 30-minute workout and then just watched

"The Help" and k-pop videos. It was almost two hours till midnight and they came very loopy alongside a reporter Paige Atkison. My first question to them was, "Are you drunk?" They replied that they were just tired. I order McDonalds by UberEats and then stayed up till midnight. During the middle of the night Jenny was giving a therapy session to Christina, at that moment I was uninterested so I plugged my earphones in and watched YouTube videos. Essentially, I got tired so I put music and went to sleep. The next day, we went to walk around the Pike Outlets. We continued walking until Jenny mentioned that she wanted to go to the Ferris wheel. We got on the Ferris wheel and it was so beautiful when we got on the top. The view of Long Beach was breathtaking. I didn't want it to end, but eventually the guy said it was over. Jenny decided to go back to the hotel while Christina, Paige, and I went to the Aquarium of the Pacific. This was my first time going to an aquarium, so I was very excited. We entered and there were many places to start. We got to see everything from sea otters and mini friendly sharks to the big sharks and creatures that looked like the "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" as Porgs. This is her first time at an Aquarium.



went on the trip, so that's what I did. When we got back to the hotel and ate until it was time for us to go to the last presentation of the ACP conference. This was probably the most important one because they were going to give the awards for the best newspapers in the nation. The Renegade Rip got 8th place on the website and 9th on the newspaper. I know it sounds like last place, but really out of all of the nation, we are talking all 50 states, we did a pretty good job representing BC. After the ACP conference ended, there was the CCMA (California College Media Association) dinner. I was the sacrifice of the group to go to this dinner. My advisor, Erin and I went and sat through this dinner just waiting to get the awards our team won. Don't even ask about the food because it was like if I was just eating a hologram plate of food (SpongeBob reference).

When they were going through each category, I was looking at the unique ways other schools designed their paper. I felt like this could be the semester that The Rip can change the way things look and adding more to our digital content. For example, taking the multimedia part more seriously because that's what attracts an audience by visuals. Going to this convention was inspiring and eye opening on why I chose to be a journalism major. We got to explore the world's news in many different ways, whether it's by writing it or by speaking to a camera. My goal is to be a storyteller and to deliver interviews or news in a unique way. I'm still not sure what that is, but I know that in the course of time, I will find it.

CHRISTINA BENAVIDES / THE RIP

Karla Gutierrez posing in front of the fish tank. She's excited to walk around the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach and see all the sea otters and the puffins that were apart of the "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" as Porgs. This is her first time at an Aquarium.



KARLA GUTIERREZ / THE RIP

Christina Benavides posing in front of a tank in the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. She is so excited to see the Palette surgeonfish.



ALEXANDRA APATIGA / THE RIP

At the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, CA, a manta ray swims past the glass with what appears to be a smile on its face.



Paige Atkison, one of the reporters from our paper, to our room and I swear Paige turned as red as a tomato.

Karla played this video on YouTube called "Brain" and I remember Paige was feeling ill at the time so she described herself as the animated, expressionless brain.

The animation did not look enthusiastic for anything whatsoever. I'm surprised she was able to catch a few breaths without passing out because she was laughing hysterically.

I also enjoyed annoying Jenny when we first arrived to the hotel. I kept snapchatting her and she would look directly at the camera when I would zoom in and say, "I knew you were going to do that." And then at night where I had Jenny give me a "therapy session" and consoled in her about a personal problem. Of course, I say therapy session because she has her masters in Psychology, and I love poking jokes at her.

The last speaker I went to was a Los Angeles reporter named Christopher Goffard. He spoke about his podcast "Dirty John" and had me interested in listening to all the episodes, which I will eventually get to in my free time.

Another highlight of the trip was when we attended the awards ceremony at the convention. The Renegade Rip took home two best of show awards, and I also received fourth place for "Best Newspaper Column" from the CCMA's (California College Media Association).

Overall, I had a great learning experience, and on my down time it was joyful to spend time with my fellow editors.

COURTESY OF ACP ATTENDEE

The Renegade Rip posing for a photo at the ACP conference. From left to right: John Hart, Christina Lopez, Melissa Puryear, Megan Fenwick, Lizette Chavez, Alexandra Apatiga, Erin Auerbach, Karla Gutierrez, Paige Atkison, Christina Benavides, and Jenny Brito.



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