NOTE: You will now hear two alarms!

Tomorrow, Thursday, October 20, at 10:20 a.m., Bakersfield College will be participating in The Great California ShakeOut. All classes, offices and departments at Bakersfield College’s Panorama and Delano campuses, along with the Weill Institute, will be participating.

What Does This Mean To Me?
As a staff member at Bakersfield College, you will be expected to fully participate in the exercise. (Faculty, please look for a second email with instructions specifically for you.) This means that at 10:20 a.m., you will hear a brief alarm, and receive a text message and email from BCAlert, announcing that it is time to begin the earthquake drill. You will initiate the Drop! Cover! Hold On! scenario and hold that position until you hear the fire alarm.

The fire alarms will be activated at 10:22 a.m. At that time, you will evacuate your building in a calm, orderly manner and make your way to the designated meeting location. Follow the instructions of staff posted at exit doors as to where to walk to.

As each building is evacuated, it will be searched to ensure there is no one still inside. Once the search is complete, the Building Administrator will receive word that it is okay to return inside and you will continue with your day. Please make sure you exit quickly and safely as soon as you can after hearing the alarm. This will expedite the search process and allow you back to your work area sooner.

Make sure you take your personal belongings with you when you leave your work area.

Questions about Bakersfield College’s participation in The Great California ShakeOut can be emailed to amchiang@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

Following the exercise, we welcome your thoughts, feedback and suggestions. Please email amchiang@bakersfieldcollege.edu if you would like to offer any feedback about the exercise and we will review it in our post-event meeting.