

Bakersfield College President Sonya Christian named Woman of the Year

Monday, March 14, 2016

Assemblyman Rudy Salas, D-Bakersfield, nominated Dr. Sonya Christian, President of Bakersfield College, for Woman of the Year, 2016.

The California Legislative Women's Caucus celebrates Women's History Month today by honoring women from around the state in the Assembly chambers. Each Assembly member in all 80 districts will honor a woman who has contributed greatly to her community. Assemblyman Rudy Salas, D-Bakersfield, nominated Dr. Sonya Christian, President of Bakersfield College, for this honor.

"I'm proud of this recognition of our work at Bakersfield College, in partnership with business, industry and other partners," said Dr. Christian. "I'm especially honored because Assembly member Rudy Salas is someone who quietly works to move mountains for our community; and his portfolio of accomplishments in the assembly is remarkable."

"Dr. Sonya Christian has consistently demonstrated her commitment to improving and empowering our community," said Assemblymember Salas. "I am proud to recognize Sonya for her leadership in making sure that students have every opportunity to succeed and achieve their educational goals."

Dr. Christian in 2013 became the 10th President of Bakersfield College. Under her leadership, the College has undergone a renaissance with booming enrollment, community excitement, and a focus on removing barriers to student success. Dr. Christian has re-energized the campus and community of Bakersfield College, and positioned the College as a state and national leader.

Dr. Christian has maintained Bakersfield College's 100-plus year history of quality instruction while shepherding BC through an exciting phase of expanded opportunities for current and future students.

Dr. Christian was instrumental in the approval of the bachelor's program at Bakersfield College, making the college one of 15 community colleges in the state to be approved in the pilot program. And on the national level, Bakersfield College was selected as one of 30 colleges to participate in the pathways project to redesign community colleges.

"It is so appropriate that Dr. Sonya Christian has been recognized by Rudy Salas and the California Legislative Women's Caucus," said Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, Executive Vice-President at Bakersfield College. "The Women's Legislative Caucus has long stood for supporting the interests of women, children and families throughout California. That aligns with President Christian's values and interests in supporting programs and services that will benefit women and their families. It is such an honor that Assemblyman Salas nominated Dr. Christian for this prestigious award."

The Woman of the Year event was founded in 1987 by Assemblywoman Bev Hansen (R) and Assemblywoman Sally Tanner (D), who noticed that the California Legislature had no events planned for the month of March, Women's History Month. In celebration of the contributions to society made by remarkable women throughout California, Hansen and Tanner arranged to invite one woman from each Senate and Assembly district to come to the Capitol and be honored for their accomplishments. The women were to be recognized as Woman of the Year in a formal ceremony on the floors of the Senate and Assembly. This yearly event, sponsored and organized by the Women's Caucus, is greatly anticipated by all Legislators today.

More information can be found at: <http://womenscaucus.legislature.ca.gov/woman-of-the-year> (<http://womenscaucus.legislature.ca.gov/woman-of-the-year>).



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- President's Blog (<http://bcpresident.wordpress.com/>)

BUSINESS HOURS

- M-Th: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
- F: 8 am - 12 pm
- Closed Saturday & Sunday

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