We don’t expect the state budget to get any better, and we don’t expect any changes to health care, said Washington Community College President Dr. Carole Byrd.

"We’re encouraged that the governor has not proposed any cuts to higher education, and that the legislature is considering important changes to the student aid system," Byrd said. "But we know that the state budget is too small to cover the costs of providing quality education and training to our students."

The governor’s proposed budget includes cuts to higher education and an increase in student fees, Byrd said. "We are working closely with our partners in the legislature to ensure that the state budget supports the needs of our students and our communities," she added. "And we are committed to finding innovative ways to support our students and our programs.”

The SGA is also funding a new, student-led program to encourage students to wear red on Feb. 2, to raise awareness about heart disease among women. Students, staff and faculty are being encouraged to wear red on Feb. 2, to show their support for the cause.

"We are proud to be part of a national effort to raise awareness about heart disease among women," said Thompson. "And we are thrilled to be working with our partners at the American Heart Association to make sure that our students and our campus are a part of this important effort.”

Donations are also being accepted at th...
The Bakersfield College Foundation, BC culinary department, along with the help of Executive Chef William Bloxsom-Carter of the Playboy Mansion, hosted the fourth annual Sterling Silver Dinner on January 28.