

# President's Welcome

Dear Renegades,

Since our founding year in 1913, Bakersfield College has experienced tremendous growth. With 105 years of rich institutional history, students before you have gained the knowledge and skills they needed to achieve their educational and career goals.

Over a century later, many things have changed but one constant remains: *Bakersfield College continues to contribute to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the communities it serves.*

It is the future of Bakersfield, Arvin, Delano, Shafter, McFarland, Wasco and all our neighboring communities, that continually inspires us to become *a better BC*; one that is defined by our academic excellence, forward thinking, and commitment to every student. This year, programs and courses are being offered in more locations than ever and even online. With our recent expansions, it is our goal that college is closer to home so you can advance more efficiently and comfortably on your journey towards degree and award attainment.

This collection of materials is the first of many valuable tools that you'll have available during your journey to success, achievement, graduation, and beyond.

I know college is a big step and it can be confusing and often intimidating. I encourage you to seek help from the various student services available to you. They are designed to help you successfully finish your educational plan in the most efficient way possible. Explore our website or visit the Student Welcome Center for more information regarding services, such as academic advising, tutoring, the writing center, and math lab. We have teams of faculty and staff dedicated to providing the best learning experience which enables you to advance on your educational path.

In closing, I invite you to follow Bakersfield College on Facebook and Twitter, and please subscribe to my blog. As the year progresses, you'll get all the latest news, see highlights from events, and even shout-outs to fellow students, professors, and cohorts.

And finally, to all students, new and returning, I wish you all the best for a successful and rewarding journey as you become a part of our rich history of students who have attended Bakersfield College.

Welcome to the *Home of the Renegades!*

With Renegade pride and collegiality,

Dr. Sonya Christian  
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