December 16, 2014

Chancellor Brice Harris
California Community Colleges
1102 Q Street, Suite 4554
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Chancellor Harris:

I am writing to express my strong support for Bakersfield College and their application to the new California Community College Baccalaureate Pilot Program. Established by the passage of SB 850 earlier this year, this program will allow California community college students to obtain an affordable degree in one of many unique areas of study.

Bakersfield College’s proposal to offer Baccalaureate of Applied Science degrees in Industrial Automation will be a new and exciting step in the school’s long and rich history. This program will provide a vital skill in an important industry, translating into a stronger employment base and economy in Bakersfield and the entire San Joaquin Valley.

The hard-working people of Kern County deserve this opportunity and I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shannon Grove
Assemblywoman, 34th District