December 11, 2014

Bakersfield College
1801 Panorama Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93305

Re: Letter of Support for the Baccalaureate of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Industrial Automation

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to support the proposal by Bakersfield College to bring a four-year baccalaureate of applied science (BAS) degree in Industrial Automation to the southern San Joaquin Valley to meet the significant workforce training needs in the area. Clinica Sierra Vista supports the mission of Bakersfield College to provide opportunities for students from diverse economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds to attain degrees and certificates, workplace skills, and preparation for transfer, and its vision to contribute to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the communities it serves.

Clinica Sierra Vista is an essential health care system serving our communities' low and moderate income and uninsured and underserved in the Southern San Joaquin Valley for over 42 years. We operate dozens of health care access points in Kern, Inyo, and Fresno counties. Clinica has many years of experience and success in administering outreach case management, and preventative programs to the community. They address many barriers to improve health for our underserved populations.

Please accept this letter as a recommendation from Clinica Sierra Vista as to the dedication, commitment and quality of education that is provided by Bakersfield College. If you have any questions regarding this letter of support please feel free to contact us through our main office at (661) 635-3050.

Thank you,

Stephen W. Schilling
Chief Executive Officer