

Renegade Roundup



**104th commencement, first baccalaureate
graduating class**

May 9, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

I ask that you pack the Memorial stadium for the 104th commencement on Friday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. If you made other plans, cancel them and bring friends and family to spend the evening at BC, enjoying Chef Sabella's food in the huddle, listening to music in the stadium and then participating in the commencement.

Our first baccalaureate graduating class of 7 will walk across the stage; almost all past presidents of Bakersfield College, will be present – Presidents Greg Chamberlain and Sandra Serrano, and two who served as presidents in an interim capacity, Bob Allison and Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg. Rick Wright will not be able to attend. We will have three trustees in attendance – Trustee Agbalog, Trustee Carter, and Trustee Thomas. Chancellor Tom Burke will also be there.

I got an email from Michele Pena today saying that we have over 2000 graduating this year and over 900 have ordered caps and gowns. Last year we had 613 walk across the stage, and this year we will have over 900. This increase resulted in Jennifer Serratt, today, frantically contacting the vendor that we rent chairs from with the request to bring in 400 additional chairs.

I also got a note from Chief Counts that his entire staff of Public Safety Officers and cadets will be working the graduation event. All hands on deck.

Then I got an email from Bill Potter saying “Pictures of new parking lot, we will be ready to open it Friday for Commencement.”



So, my dear friends, you cannot miss out on this historic commencement. Make sure you attend graduation. Make sure you invite friends and family to a fun evening of food, music, and accomplishments. And make sure you ask them to bring their friends and family to spend the evening with us at Memorial Stadium celebrating the newest Renegade graduates.

We are BC!
Todos Somos BC!

With Renegade Pride and Collegiality,

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