



# The Guide to Bakersfield College

## 2011-2012

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This is your guide to all things students need to know at Bakersfield College, besides your classroom learning, of course! We think you'll find this little handbook worth its weight in gold for the important information it contains.

If you have any questions or suggestions for next year's "Guide to Bakersfield College," please feel free to contact the Bakersfield College Student Activities Office located in the Campus Center at 1801 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield, CA, 93305, 661.395.4355 or email us at [sgasec@bakersfieldcollege.edu](mailto:sgasec@bakersfieldcollege.edu).

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## OUR MISSION

With its heritage as a foundation and an eye toward the future, Bakersfield College provides the high quality education necessary for our socially and ethnically diverse students--whether they be vocational, transfer-oriented, developmental, or some combination of these--to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

We will accomplish our mission by:

- Establishing strong connections with our student and business communities
- Understanding the needs of our diverse student population
- Responding to student and community needs with efficiency and flexibility
- Honoring our long heritage of community involvement
- Remaining vigilant in scanning our present and future environment within which we operate
- Promoting tolerance and patience with all of our stakeholders

## OUR VISION

The diverse communities we serve will trust Bakersfield College with their most precious resource, people. Our high standards of education and service will earn that trust. Our values will be evident in all that we do.

## OUR VALUES

**People** We value our students, faculty, staff, administration and our communities. We recognize that education is a human endeavor. It is personal and hinges on the mutual respect and trust of the learners, the providers, and the communities they serve.

**Integrity** We hold our academic and fiduciary responsibilities to the highest professional and ethical standards. These areas are measured for accountability in order to maintain the trust of our students and community.

**Education** Education is the reason our institution exists, both for its own sake and for the benefit of the local, state, and national economy. People who are educated are more geographically and economically mobile and better able to contribute to society as a whole.

**Courage** We value the courage to learn, teach, and lead with the moral and mental strength to do what is right as students, faculty and staff in the face of personal or professional adversity.

**Diversity** We respect and embrace the strengthening power of diversity. We recognize and delight in the differences between people and cultures. This helps us function better in our increasingly diverse community.

**Tradition** Our traditions are the precious heritage that defines who we are, where we come from, and why we should be proud.