

Levan Center Presents Great Books Seminar

The word "seminar" means seedbed; in the seminar the seeds of future reading and reflection are sown. President's Scholars are invited to participate in one Great Books Seminar each semester. The Great Books Seminar emphasizes the classics of the entire Western tradition, without respect to genre or discipline, read in translation.

All of the books you will read in the Great Books Seminars are of enduring value and texts that have had a considerable influence on the subsequent tradition (which is more or less the definition of a "classic"). Consequently, the Great Books Seminar, taken as a whole, form part of the foundation of an education in the liberal arts that will prepare you for your four year college courses.

In the Great Books Seminars, students learn how to read and discuss texts of great complexity; they learn how to ask intelligent questions and how to articulate their perspectives in a non-dogmatic way. There is no lecturing in the seminars, and no grades; the professor is not considered an expert on all of the texts but rather a more experienced reader whose task is to facilitate the conversation. The great thinkers of the tradition have been engaging in a conversation with one another for more than two thousand years, and in the Great Books Seminar YOU have the privilege of participating in that conversation. YOU learn from one another and strive to teach one another, and, for all involved, the Great Books are the primary teachers. By reading and discussing great works, students acquire the habits of mind that mark the liberally educated person.

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Winners of the President's Scholars Leadership \$500 stipends

The President's Scholars Program offered four \$500 stipends to scholars who attended four of the eight activities scheduled for President Scholars in 2010-2011.



Left to right: Mike Stepanovich, Bakersfield College Foundation Director, Victoria Velez, Joshua Diaz, Janet Espinoza, Greg Chamberlain, President, Bakersfield College. Missing from photo: Joshua Wittenberg

What are the Benefits to Being a President's Scholar ?

- A \$100 Honorarium per semester
- Priority Registration
- Mentorship Program
- Incoming Scholars Boot Camp
- Opportunity to receive a \$2000 annual President's Scholar Award
- Participation in the Leadership Academy

Fall 2011 Great Book Seminar

TOPIC: You will read Machiavelli's "The Prince." Books are FREE to participants.

DATES: Participants meet Tuesdays – Sep 20th, 27th, and Oct 4th

TIME: 3 to 5 p.m.

PLACE: Norman Levan Center for the Humanities

ENROLLMENT is limited to a maximum of TEN

President's Scholars. This is a popular event so we will also establish a waitlist of five students.

To sign-up or get more information on these seminars, contact Patti Rapp at 661.395.4614 or by email at prapp@bakersfieldcollege.edu. **SIGN-UP DEADLINE: TWO WEEKS BEFORE SEMINAR BEGINS.** Scholars who complete the seminar will receive a \$50 bookstore voucher and a letter of completion from the college President.

Mark Your Calendars

These functions are open to President's Scholars ONLY. Scholars who participate in at least four of the six President's Scholars scheduled functions become eligible to receive one of the three \$500 stipends available.

Times and locations are still to be identified. More information will be forwarded via email and will be on the President's Scholars Website soon to be available.

Sep 2011	It's All About Time Management!
Oct 2011	Yes You CAN Afford College! Scholarships, Grants and Loans Coffee & Conversations With College Administrators
Nov 2011	Preparing You for Transfer to a 4-Year College/University
Dec 2011	Roundtable with the Presidents
Jan 2012	Leadership 101 Fireside Chat - Experiences in an Ivy League College
Feb 2012	The Process of Becoming a Global Citizen
Mar 2012	Job Readiness-Preparing for the Future
Apr 2012	One Voice Really Can Make a Difference
May 2012	Roundtable with the Presidents

President's Scholar Facts

Program in Effect Since.....	1999
Scholars Completed.....	65
2 years in Spring 2011	
Returning Scholars (Fall 2011).....	84
Returning Re-Entry Scholars.....	8
Incoming Scholars (Fall 2011).....	217
Incoming Re-Entry Scholars.....	2

President's Scholars Program



FALL 2011

Message From The President

In 1999, you were probably just 7 years old, learning the fundamentals as a second grader at your elementary school, preparing to enter college. Now, 12 years later, as a member of Bakersfield College's Class of 2013, you have been recognized as part of a select group of students of outstanding talent and character to participate in the Bakersfield College President's Scholars Program.

Each year since 1999, Bakersfield College has recognized students of excellence through the President's Scholars Program. The Program, funded through community donations, recognizes approximately 320 students each year for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to education.

The Bakersfield College President's Scholars Program provides unique opportunities to participants, including workshops and book seminars designed to help you get the most out of your education. These events, which are open to President's Scholars only, are held through the academic year and focus on the essentials of education, including interpreting your learning style, understanding financial planning, and managing time. You'll also have exclusive opportunities to meet face-to-face with me at our annual Conversation with the President seminar.

In recognition of this honor, as a President's Scholar, you will receive a \$100 honorarium each semester you participate, for up to four semesters or two years. You'll also have the ability to register for classes before the College's general student population, allowing you a wider selection of courses from which to choose.

In addition, President's Scholars who participate in at least four of the annual workshops and/or one of the book seminars become eligible to receive one of three \$500 educational stipends available annually. This additional investment in your education will help you succeed in focusing on your studies and furthering your educational goals here at Bakersfield College.

I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities presented to you through the Bakersfield College President's Scholars Program. If I can be of any assistance to you during your education, I encourage you to contact my office at 661-395-4211.



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