

California State University, Bakersfield and Bakersfield City School District Receive Grant to Prepare a New Generation of Teachers

(July 11, 2016) – California State University, Bakersfield and Bakersfield City School District have been awarded a grant by the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation to expand practice-based training for new K-8 teachers in implementing the state’s math and science standards. The Department of Teacher Education at California State University, Bakersfield prepares highly qualified teachers and professionals to teach in the K-12 public schools and to work with children and families in other educational settings. California State University, Bakersfield is among [11 California State University \(CSU\) campuses](#) earning S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation grants.

“We are very appreciative of this grant. It supports our goal of partnering with K-12 schools, community colleges, and community-based organizations to raise the level of educational attainment in our region. Having innovative teacher education programs is a critical starting point for achieving our goals,” said CSUB President Horace Mitchell. “Our long-term goal is to prepare highly qualified new teachers for schools throughout the region, and together, we can achieve our ambitious plan.”

The grant will fund the Kern Urban Teacher Residency program, which prepares cohorts of CSUB credential candidates in intensive, high-quality clinical practice in close partnership with the Bakersfield City School District. Credential candidates will complete their coursework in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) lab school on the CSU Bakersfield campus supported by a team of expert faculty from CSU Bakersfield and cooperating teachers from the Bakersfield City School District.

Investments made by the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation will expand the CSU’s [New Generation of Educators Initiative \(NGEI\), an initiative focused on preparing](#) highly qualified math and science teachers for the elementary and middle grades – the formative years in the educational pipeline that lay a foundation for students’ long-term success and college and career readiness.

“We applaud California State University, Bakersfield and Bakersfield City School District for this bold effort that will benefit students across the entire region for decades to come,” said Loren Blanchard, CSU executive vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.

For more information on the NGEI, visit <http://teachingcommons.cdl.edu/CSUNewGen/>.

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About CSUB

California State University, Bakersfield is a comprehensive public university committed to offering excellent undergraduate and graduate programs that advance the intellectual and personal development of its students. An emphasis on student learning is enhanced by a

commitment to scholarship, diversity, service, global awareness and life-long learning. The University collaborates with partners in the community to increase the region's overall educational attainment, enhance its quality of life, and support its economic development. The University was founded in 1965 and opened for classes in fall, 1970. Its vision is to be the leading campus in the CSU system in terms of faculty and academic excellence and diversity, quality of the student experience and community engagement. The University's faculty is world-class, with nearly 75% holding the highest degrees in their respective fields.

The University serves more than 9,500 students at either the main campus in Bakersfield and CSUB - Antelope Valley and counts approximately 47,000 alumni from its four schools: Arts and Humanities; Business and Public Administration; Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering; and Social Sciences and Education. The University offers undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate and credential programs, and the doctorate in educational leadership, and CSUB's Extended University serves the community by offering additional professional development, certificate, and degree programs.

For more information about CSUB, please visit www.csub.edu.

About BCSD

Bakersfield City School District's mission is to ensure a safe and nurturing learning environment in which all students receive an effective, state of the art, comprehensive curriculum that utilizes research-based strategies and data-driven decisions and where all parents and community members are welcomed and engaged in the learning process.

For more information on Bakersfield City School District, please visit www.bcsd.com.