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CSUB To Host Free Professional Learning For Educators Series

January 26, 2016 — California State University, Bakersfield’s (CSUB) Kern Rural Teacher Residency will hold the Free Professional Learning for Educators Series, open to all Kern County educators on the CSUB campus. The series will take place one Saturday per month during the months of January through April. The goal of this program is to provide greater professional development opportunities and to foster active collaboration among administrators, classroom teachers and credential students. Anyone in the education field is welcome to attend. The first session, takes place on January 30, 2016 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. It will be held in conjunction with the Mini Maker Faire. Breakfast for attendees will be provided.

Effective teaching is essential for student success. To support the growth of local educators, the Kern Rural Teacher Residency program provides high-quality professional development in a variety of areas. Each event in the series will have an educational theme or focus while simultaneously integrating elements of the Common Core State Standards, Next Generation State Standards, and literacy across disciplines.

“These Professional Learning for Educator sessions are teacher developed, teacher focused, and teacher led. It’s exciting that CSUB continues to build connections with educators in the community,” said Dr. Kristina LaGue, Associate Professor and Principal Investigator of the Kern Rural Teacher Residency. “We want to offer this service to provide opportunities for collaboration and to thank teachers for their important work.”

A variety of topics regarding technology will be discussed on January 30th, including: technology for classroom management; using Google without Google Classroom; technology for students with special needs; Common Core tech tips for Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium; grant writing for the classroom; and the use of apps to provide students with immediate feedback.

The Kern Rural Teacher Residency Program addresses the need for qualified educators with low attrition rates in high-need rural schools with minority and English-learner populations. It is a partnership between CSUB’s School of Social Sciences & Education and three Central Valley California districts: Buttonwillow Union School District; Lamont Elementary School District; and Semitropic Elementary School District.

For more information about the Kern Rural Teacher Residency or to register, please visit www.grostem.org.

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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 45,000 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 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.