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CSUB Hosts 4th Annual Better Together Teachers Summit

July 17, 2018 — Registration is open for the fourth annual California Better Together Teachers Summit on Friday, July 27 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center (SRC) on the California State University, Bakersfield campus.

The California Teachers Summit brings together educators, administrators and those interested in pursuing a career in teaching at nearly 40 locations across the state, including the CSUB campus. The day allows teachers to share ideas and network with fellow educators.

“This event is unique. The purpose is to celebrate teachers, to thank them for the incredibly important work that they do, and to inspire them to continue making a positive impact on the lives of kids and families,” said Dr. Kristina LaGue, Chair of CSUB’s Department of Teacher Education. “Over 8,000 teachers have already signed up to participate in one of the 40 locations across California. Each year, our event at CSU Bakersfield grows, and our current registration is the second highest in the state at more than 600 educators and future educators!”

The main keynote, Sir Ken Robinson, will be livestreamed from CSU Fullerton to all 40 locations across the state. Sir Ken Robinson has led numerous national and international projects on creative and cultural education. His 2006 TED talk, “Do Schools Kill Creativity,” has been viewed online more than 40 million times, and he is the most watched speaker in the history of TED.

In addition, there will be TED-style EdTalks presented by local educators and EdCamp discussions on timely topics. Rayshell Fambrough and Ana Cornejo will be the local keynote speakers for the CSUB event. EdCamp breakout sessions will address timely topics that the participants select the day of the event.

Rayshell Fambrough will be delivering a talk titled, “Transformational Literacy.” Rayshell is passionate about transforming education in a way that prepares students for the complexities of contemporary life. She is an advocate for curiosity and creation as the foundation of learning.

Rayshell holds a master's degree in education administration and a master's in education with special emphasis in special education. She previously taught Mild/Moderated Special Education, where she was voted teacher of the year by her peers, and she also has served as a school site Academic Coach. As an Educational Technology Specialist, she is currently responsible for developing curriculum and providing ongoing professional development that leverages 21st century skills, technology, and student autonomy to accelerate learning of all students.

Ana Cornejo will be giving a talk on "Being a Teacher Means Being an Activist." Ana is a first-generation immigrant from Mexico. She graduated from Bakersfield College with an A.A. in human services and liberal studies. She holds a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from California State University, Northridge. She obtained a teaching credential and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from California State University, Bakersfield. Currently a fifth-grade public school teacher, Ana is passionate about education and believes that every child should have access to an education that is rigorous, enriching, and empowering. She is also an advocate for immigrant and LGBTQ+ rights.

The Summit is free to all California PreK-12 teachers, teacher candidates, school administrators and other educators. To register or learn more about the summit, please visit: <http://cateacherssummit.com/register/>. More information can also be found on Facebook and Twitter. Join the conversation by using the hashtag #BetterTogetherCA.

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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 10,000 students between the main campus in Bakersfield and CSUB, Antelope Valley and counts approximately 50,000 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 a doctorate in Educational Leadership Program (Ed.D). CSUB's Extended Education and Global Outreach serves the community by offering additional professional development, certificate, and degree programs.

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