



PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community



TAKING FLIGHT:
SOARING WITH PARTNERS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

GOAL 1

ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO STUDENT ACCESS & SUCCESS.

GOAL 2

BE A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, & ANTI-RACIST INSTITUTION.

GOAL 3

BE A LEADER & PARTNER IN ADDRESSING REGIONAL ISSUES.

GOAL 4

ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH DELIGHTS & DAZZLES SBVC COMMUNITY

San Bernardino Valley College kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month 2023 with a series of celebratory events that brought a sense of community and festivity to the campus, beginning with a special resource fair for students.

During the fair, representatives from clubs, departments, and programs were on hand to chat with students about what they had to offer. The mood was festive, with live music, and food and ice cream served.

On September 20, a SBVC Salsa Symposium was held in the Liberal Arts Courtyard, and on October 5, Latinx students spoke about their college experience during a special panel discussion.

There were also several virtual events, including lectures from Rocky Garza and Gaby Natale, and film discussions about the movies "Chavela" and "The Book of Life." To cap off Hispanic Heritage Month, Jose Hernandez, the first Latino astronaut, came to campus on October 12 to speak to students about his life, out-of-this-world moments, and striving for excellence.



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SBVC LAUNCHES NEW D.E.E.P. PROGRAM

The new Dedicated Engagement to Empower Part-Timers (D.E.E.P.) Program at San Bernardino Valley College is giving part-time and re-entry students the boost that they deserve.

Launched in August 2023, the goal of D.E.E.P. is to ensure that first-year or re-entry students who are enrolled full time at SBVC have the resources necessary to be successful. Services and benefits provided include counseling, financial assistance, priority registration B, free textbooks, and a special designed orientation. By removing barriers, these students are more likely to fully integrate into the SBVC community, stay enrolled in classes, graduate, and transfer to a four-year college.

"The program's focus on serving the part-time student body came about after examining the specialized counseling programs available for that population at SBVC," Ayanna Spivey, D.E.E.P.'s student services coordinator, said. "The results showed a student enrolled in fewer than 12 units, which determines a student's part-time or full-time status, limited a student's ability to apply to several programs on campus. This information directed the decision to offer a program that allowed students to receive specialized services and benefits that meet the student's life circumstances."

To be eligible for the program, students must complete orientation and placement and submit a FAFSA/DREAM Act application. D.E.E.P. expects about 100 Wolverines will join the program during its first year, with dozens already signed up.

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SBVC PHARM TECH DEPARTMENT & LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY FORGE PHARMACY DOCTORATE PATHWAY

In a groundbreaking partnership that promises to transform the future of pharmacy education in the region, San Bernardino Valley College's Pharmacy Technology Department has joined forces with Loma Linda University's (LLU) School of Pharmacy. Together, they are creating a unique pathway for SBVC students to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree. This collaboration opens doors for aspiring pharmacists by offering unprecedented financial incentives, apprenticeship opportunities, and invaluable experiential learning.

Spearheaded by faculty chair Robyn Seraj, the focus of the program is to provide an opportunity for residents east from the campus and for SBVC students to consider an academic pathway towards PharmD. The program is designed to be completed in 12 months, although students are encouraged to obtain their Associate's in Science. Currently 22 students are enrolled, taking their first semester courses.

Additionally, CVS is offering an apprenticeship program for SBVC students that will waive their course fees. While being in the program, students will be able to obtain core skills and shadow professionals. In August, SBVC held informational sessions that provided an overview of the program's expectations.

"This collaboration between the SBVC Pharm Tech Department and LLU's School of Pharmacy is a game-changer and a testament to the power of collaboration in higher education," said interim president Dr. Linda Fontanilla.



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FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$500K IN SCHOLARSHIPS

As of August 2023, the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation has officially awarded \$511,227.14 in SBVC student scholarships, which is one of the highest amounts ever awarded in the history of the college in a single year. In total, 426 students were awarded 575 scholarships, with some students winning more than one scholarship. "I am so thankful to the SBVC Foundation for their dedicated and unwavering commitment to helping fund scholarships for our deserving students," said interim president Dr. Linda Fontanilla. "We know these funds will go far in assisting them on their academic journey and help them enter brilliant future careers."



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REMEMBERING 9/11: SBVC VRC PAYS TRIBUTE

On September 11, 2023, at precisely 9:11 am, the Veterans Resource Center at San Bernardino Valley College hosted a deeply moving and poignant event to honor the memory of the tragic events that unfolded on September 11, 2001. This special gathering brought together students, faculty, and community members to pay tribute to the lives lost and the heroes who emerged during one of the darkest moments in American history.

What made this event particularly unique and meaningful was the opportunity for guests to participate in a symbolic act of remembrance. Attendees were invited to draw a name from a shadow box, each name representing one of the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice on that fateful day. These names served as a reminder of the individuals whose lives were tragically cut short.

After drawing a name, participants were guided to a flight of steps, where they were joined by Don the Fire Fighting Ensemble and equipped with a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), similar to those used by firefighters on 9/11. The SCBA added a sense of authenticity to the experience, allowing participants to feel the weight and equipment that firefighters carried as they courageously ascended the stairs of the World Trade Center towers.

Mayor Deborah Robertson of Rialto and the City of Rialto Fire Department also witnessed the impact of the event. The feedback from students was reflective, some stating the experience was "emotional" and "humbling."



Rialto Mayor Deborah Robertson (4th from left) attends 9/11 tribute.



Rialto Fire Department Chief Brian Park spoke at the event.



One participant was SBVC Trucking student Kahrhan Harris.

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SBVC RECEIVES \$25K GRANT FROM SOCAL EDISON

The San Bernardino Valley College Foundation has once again been awarded a \$25,000 grant from Southern California Edison. The funds will be used to provide \$1,000 scholarships to 25 students studying STEM subjects. This scholarship, which was first awarded by the Foundation in 2014, is granted to students who are low-income and studying environmental science, chemical engineering, applied physics, statistics, or any other STEM major, and plan to pursue a career in a STEM field.

The majority of the funding from Edison International is awarded to underserved groups, with more than half of the funding going toward educational and environmental programs. By receiving these grants, San Bernardino Valley College will be able to continue offering valuable classes that provide students with essential skills and prepare them for future careers.



The Edison grant is available to eligible students, providing them with the necessary support to complete their studies successfully.

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SBVC FACULTY RECITAL: A NIGHT OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE



On September 16, San Bernardino Valley College hosted an unforgettable faculty recital that exhibited the exceptional abilities of its esteemed instructional team. The recital, which took place in the North Hall building, boasted an eclectic range of musical instruments and styles that left the audience spellbound.

The event began with a captivating performance by chamber chorale professor, Dr. Choon Yoon, followed by performances by Nick Gomez, Brigham Welch, Julie Edwards-Matanga, Margaret Worsley, Alex Lavruk, and Dr. Robert Berry. Most of these performers are currently teaching classes at SBVC, and with a few available classes still open for the fall semester, the recital offered potential students a glimpse into what they can expect from the courses. The diverse selection of instruments (including clarinet, piano, and accordion) and musical genres showcased in the recital served as a testament to the talent within the SBVC community.



Center: Alex Lavruk



Left to right: Margaret Worsley on clarinet, Dr. Robert Berry on bass viola, and Alex Lavruk on accordion



Right: Dr. Choon Yoon

EVENTS

Oct 17 | Health & Resource Fair
10:00 AM | Gym Quad

Oct 26 | Horror Film Festival
6:00 PM | LIB-149

Oct 19 | SAGA Drag Show
6:00 PM | B-100



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