



San Bernardino  
Valley College

## *President's Board Report*

*May 8, 2008*

### **Congressman Joe Baca Holds Women's Conference at SBVC**

Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) hosted "Financial Literacy for Women", at San Bernardino Valley College on April 20th in the Library Viewing Room. The free conference focused on financial freedom and included an update on economic legislation such as the economic stimulus package and actions taken to address the mortgage foreclosure crisis.

More than 50 people attending the half-day conference dedicated to educating and encouraging women to take steps that could result in a better financial future for

themselves and their families.

"My hope is to motivate women to think about their finances and plan for the future.



*(From L to R) Barbara Baca, wife of Congressman Joe Baca and SBVC professor James Robinson and President Daniels.*



*CBS 2 News Anchor Laura Diaz shares a story about her career with attendees*

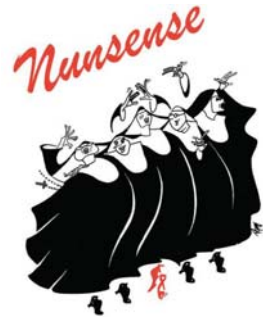
Too often we get caught up in the everyday expenses and don't look ahead," said Congressman Baca. I want to give women an opportunity to understand how important legislative action can and will affect their lives".

Motivational and financial guest speakers include CBS 2's News Anchor Laura Diaz, Department of Labor's Judy Penman, and Financial Advisors Elizabeth Gamez and Rebecca Cervantes.

## Hysterical Nunsense! Performance Wraps With A Sellout

For the first time in four years, the SBVC Theatre Arts Department presented a musical in the historic SBVC Auditorium and the results were heavenly.

The musical comedy Nunsense! was directed by Denise Dales Jacobs and starred 13 San Bernardino Valley College students and former students—including San Diego Opera member Joanne Lapointe (the Spring 2008 SBVC Artist in Residence).



"So many people came up to me and said they were coming back and bringing somebody with them to a show later in the week. It truly was a "habit-forming" experience as I went to every performance," said Marjorie Price, Division Dean for Visual, Performing and Media Arts.

And they did. Sunday's final performance was completely sold out while the early returns from the 5-night run in the historic SBVC Auditorium averaged about 300 people per night.

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## "Extra Edge" Program Introduces College to Local Middle School Students

In place for several years now, the Extra Edge Program focuses on college-going opportunities for middle school students. This year, San Bernardino Valley College and Cesar E. Chavez Middle School (SBCUSD) partnered to provide a program with three components. The first event was a Parent Night held at the middle school on April 16th and featured welcoming remarks by Principal Stephanie Cereceres, a former SBCCD board member and current President of the SBVC Foundation. Opening remarks were given by President Daniels, and presentations by Damon Bell, Dan Angelo, and Kericia Sarpy on reasons to attend college, college opportunities, and financial aid reached approximately 140 students and parents in attendance.

The second component of the program took place on April 18th and included in-class presentations by SBVC faculty and administrators to students in the AVID (Advancement Via Individual "Determination") Program. The presenters talked about the importance of education in their lives, their own career paths, and career choices within their own fields. Staff presenters were: Bill Kastner, Welding; Ed Gomez, History; Diana Avila, Mathematics; Mary Beth Barrios, Counseling; Rutina Taylor, Counseling; and Dave Rubio, Director of Athletics.

The third component of the program entailed a campus tour of SBVC on Wednesday, April 30th. More than 219 students from Cesar Chavez Middle School were expected along with teachers and counselors. The day culminated with lunch and an opportunity drawing in the Greek Theatre.

## 81 Artists Contribute 265 Pieces to Student Art Exhibit

In a ceremony on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Clara and Allen Gresham Art Gallery, the best of the best in student artwork was recognized in one of the most popular exhibits of each and every year.

The jazz group Blue Wave West provided a soundtrack for the reception and awards ceremony that recognized 81 student artists and 265 contributions that ranged from glass and pencil to oil and even aluminum foil.



Winners included:

Tom Akin Scholarship: \$100

Victor Corrales  
Grace Pretorius  
Keith McGrew  
Linda Smith  
Joel Compton

Beryl Larkin Scholarship: \$100

Edward Saenz  
Rachel Stewart  
Alyssa Taitague  
Irma Beltran  
Ralph Love  
Sam Hanna  
Gilbert Gonzales

SBVC Art Club: \$50

Ceramics- Lynn Mudd  
Drawing- Victor Corrales  
Painting- Edward Saenz  
Computer Graphics- Linda Smith  
Glassblowing- Ben Hanna  
Photography- Diego Napoles  
Design/Drawing- Anndee Ballew  
Graphic Design- April Gallegos  
Scholarship- Grace Pretorius  
Design in Glass- Bette Vest  
Life Drawing- Victor Corrales  
Personal Development in Ceramics- Richard Soltero  
Sculpture- Nancy Perez  
Best All Around Student- Grace Pretorius \$100

Creative Promise: \$50

Joel Compton



San Bernardino Art Association: \$50

Elaine Mosqueda  
Bette Vest

Kiwanis of Rialto: \$100

Nancy Perez

Friends of the Gallery: \$50

Diane Grant  
Jason McGrew  
Terry McDermott  
Jamar McDaniel



## Wheelchair Hoopsters Roll Up Funds For New Visions Club



*SBVC faculty member Elaine Akers (center) gets a shot off despite being surrounded by defenders.*

More than 150 supporters came to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game at SBVC's Snyder Gym to benefit the New Visions Club on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and were treated to several spirited games and a host of unique raffle prizes.

In the first match, SBVC students, staff and faculty faced the Rolling Bears—the 2008 Southern California Conference Champions in the Wheelchair Athletic Association and were soundly trounced 36-8. In the second game, it was ladies night as SBVC staff and students faced the Rolling Bears but only managed two points. In the final game of the night, the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Redlands Company gave the Rolling Bears a game before falling by only a few points.

The event raised approximately \$1000 for the club while donated raffle prizes included a Thomas Kinkade painting and autographed photos of L.A. Lakers and L.A. Angels stars.



*Superfan James Ramos (SBCCD Board of Trustees) roots for the SBVC squads.*

## Children Are the Winners at “Read Across Campus” Events

During the first week of April, the Child Development Department and Child Development Center hosted the “Read Across Campus” event to promote the importance of reading to children.

The “Read Across Campus” started with a book fair that raised approximately \$800 to be used for additional books in the classroom. Then, on April 2nd and 3rd, the Center invited readers from all across the campus with more than 50 volunteers responding to the call—including two faculty members, Dr Terry Maul and Dr. Daniel Walker.



*Volunteer Valerie Cruz dressed up as the Cat-in-the-Hat.*



*Dr. Terry Maul reads from a Dr. Seuss book to preschool students at the CDC.*

After sharing their talents, readers were able to enjoy a delicious piece of a Cat-In-The-Hat-shaped cake made by Child Development Center teacher Margie Wheatley.

Children chose from over 14 different literacy activities along with dancing, singing and hearing the famous book, Green Eggs and Ham, read by the Cat-in-the-Hat followed by a snack of green eggs and turkey ham for breakfast.

“Thanks go out to the Parent Resource Center, Inland Empire Parent Magazine, and to all of the SBVC participants, readers, teachers, parents and volunteers for making the week a wonderful success for the children,” said CDC Director Melissa Thompson.

## Juliann Martin Recognized For County-Wide Child Development Contributions

Child Development Department Faculty Chair Juliann Martin was honored at the Annual Inland Empire Child Development Legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 28th, in Ontario. At this annual breakfast, one person from San Bernardino County and one person from Riverside County receive the Hometown Hero award for their outstanding work as advocates for children in our communities.



*Juliann Martin (center in red) receives her award.*

## Health and Wellness Fair Comes to SBVC

Spread out across the campus quad, students, staff, and faculty learned about how to make healthy choices in their "Block Party and Health Fair-- Journey To Health, Wellness, and Recovery" fair on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.



Along the way, students were encouraged to visit vendor and informational booths to get their "passport" card stamped and qualify for prizes.

Rapid HIV testing, tai chi demonstrations, a BBQ lunch, massages, live music in the Greek Theatre, and other attractions were packaged with an abundance of information on health and wellness. Throughout the week, numerous lectures and seminars were given on topics as wide-ranging as smoking cessation, steroids and how to get help with drug and alcohol issues.



## Memorial Scholarship Established for Margaret Dodds-Schumacher

San Bernardino Valley College Associate Professor of Psychology Margaret Dodds-Schumacher passed away on April 1st and a memorial scholarship fund has been established in her name by the SBVC Foundation. Through her years of counseling and teaching, Margaret made a personal investment into the lives of our Valley College students.

Born and raised in Yonkers, New York, she received her BA from the College of New Rochelle and her PhD in Psychology from Claremont Graduate University. She also earned two Masters degrees from Fordham University and Fuller Theological Seminary School of Psychology.



*Margaret Dodds-Schumacher*

A vigil was held on April 9th at The Holy Name of Jesus in Redlands and a funeral mass was conducted the following morning. The New Visions Club at SBVC held a memorial event for her in the Greek Theatre on Thursday, May 1st.

"Even through the screen she channeled her bright, kind, and giving personality. Know that every life she touched, whether it was in person or online, was changed for the better. She lives in all those she came across. That makes me lucky, joyful, and proud that I got a chance to know her," said Kimberly Sessions, a student in one of Dodds-Schumacher's online Psychology course.

## Former NFL Player One of 24 Extended Police Academy Graduates



*All 24 Graduates from Class 027 will forever live out their theme: "First 2 Arrive, Will 2 Survive".*

Representatives from law enforcement agencies from all over Southern California descended upon Crafton Hills College on Thursday, April 17th to congratulate the 24 graduates from the 2007-2008 San Bernardino Valley College Extended Format Basic Law Enforcement Academy Class 027.

Keynote speaker Francis D. Coe, Chief of Police for the neighboring City of Beaumont, encouraged the graduates to always remember their training and strive to uphold the oaths they had taken to serve and protect.

One of the graduates was former NFL wide receiver Mark Seay. A participant in Super Bowl XXIX for the San Diego Chargers, the 41-year old Seay previously lost two brothers to gun violence during his lifetime. Seay's sponsor and long-time supporter is San Bernardino Valley College Alumnus Jack Brown, (Stater Bros. Markets Chairman and CEO) who presented him with his certificate.

The extended academy program is part of a joint effort with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Training

Center and was described in 2007 as "an exemplary example of extended academy education" by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards & Training (CPOST).



*SBVC Alumnus and Stater Bros. CEO Jack Brown presents SBVC Extended Academy Graduate and former NFL Player, Mark Seay with his certificate of completion*

## **April Outreach Activities**

Here are just a few of the more high-profile outreach activities from the month of April (beyond school visits and small-scale table-settings).

For a complete list, contact Margaret Gonzalez at 909.384.8909.

### Saturday, 4/5 and 4/6

Redlands Bicycle Classic –Over 400 people in attendance was a great turnout. Financial aid information and handouts provided.

### Tuesday, 4/8

Inland Empire 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National College Fair, Rancho Cucamonga – 84 high schools from surrounding cities participated. Information about SBVC, including schedules, vocational catalogs, applications provided.

### Friday, 4/11

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Middle School's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Day – Over 40 community participants in attendance, classroom presentations on setting goals, careers, and being successful through education.

### Saturday, 4/12

Provisional Accelerated Learning (PAL) Center – Worked in conjunction with Dr. Mildred Henry on workshop presentations to their students; making sure the students understood SBVC should be their first choice.

### Tuesday, 4/22

Citrus High School – All About Career Day 2008 – Worked with the high schools to let them know of the different programs available here and at CHC.

### Wednesday, 4/23

San Bernardino High School Job and College Fair – We were able to acquaint a number of the students regarding the vocational opportunities that exist at SBVC.

### Friday, 4/25

SBVC High School Senior Day – The Financial Aid Office along with the Outreach/Recruitment Office hosted 455 students from surrounding feeder schools to campus introduce them to a number of wonderful programs.

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## **Student Profile: Ruthie Nguyen**

On Thursday, May 22nd, more than 1100 students will graduate from San Bernardino Valley College, but few will have nearly 35 friends and family members in attendance to witness the next phase in a life-changing transformation from alcoholic to college graduate.

At 24 years old, Ruthie Nguyen will graduate with an A.S. degree in Chemistry and a 3.9 GPA as she prepares to head to Cal Poly Pomona in the fall with hopes to eventually attend pharmacy school.

Born in Texas, this Colton resident has overcome Texas-sized challenges caused by alcohol abuse and is now excited about a future she very nearly destroyed. After high school, Ruthie excitedly entered

college as a freshman at UC Riverside. She quickly was overcome by the challenges of trying to balance the party lifestyle with the ability to function successfully as a student.

"I tried to do both, but I was losing control," Ruthie said. "So I ran away from everything."

"Finally, my friends and family convinced me that I needed to seek treatment for my problem," Ruthie shared. "Going through treatment at age 21 was really tough. But, even though I made some bad decisions in my life, I was really grateful for the reality that it wasn't too late."

After getting clean, Ruthie joined the family business working in the family-owned furniture store. It didn't take long for Ruthie to realize that she wanted more.

"My family was telling me 'Start learning the business and then eventually some day you can take it over,'" Ruthie said. "But, I had no desire to do that and realized that I was going to need more education to figure out what I wanted to do with my life."



*Ruthie Nguyen*

Following a 4-year break from school and 5 months of being clean and sober, Ruthie enrolled at San Bernardino Valley College because it was close and she had tried taking a class back in 2001.

"I remembered taking an English class at Valley back when I was struggling with alcohol and the professor gave me every chance to succeed, but I just threw away all of those opportunities," Ruthie shared. "I knew Valley was a gateway to get back into school and even from the day I took my assessment tests, I knew I wouldn't be the same without getting my education here because I could do anything. The faculty members here are very nice and helpful and I've made some good, healthy friendships."

Ruthie took an interest in Chemistry classes and started investigating different careers that could flow from that interest. She joined the Caduceus Club (Health/Medical Career Club) and the AGS Club (Honors Society). Today, she still attends A.A. meetings, has a sponsor, and attends a support group that all help her deal with many of life's issues.

"I didn't realize that I had problems dealing with adversity and that I was an angry person," Ruthie admitted. "I've learned how to take responsibility for my actions instead of sulking, blaming, and moving on."

These days, her life is studying and doing whatever it takes to prepare for pharmacy school--including volunteering at Colton Pharmacy three days a week.

"If you want something, and are willing to work for it, you can do anything you want. It's not easy, but if you need help, you have to get help," Ruthie said. "I feel like I could even talk to my professors and even my dean. Keeping myself busy and involved kept me focused."

And for those of you in San Bernardino looking to add some furniture to your home on Thursday, May 22nd, you'll have to wait until Friday because Ruthie's friends and family will be busy celebrating Ruthie's graduation from SBVC on Thursday, May 22nd.

***Save The Date***

**Tuesday, May 13**

4:00 p.m. - Sun Room

**Spotlighting Our Success: 2007-2008 Faculty/Staff Awards**

At this 14<sup>th</sup> annual event, awards such as Outstanding Professor, Innovator of the Year, Classified Employee of the Year and District Employee of the Year and more will be presented. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served at this free event.

**Saturday, May 17, 2008**

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. – Campus Center

**Diploma-Bound: Recapturing, Reconnecting and Reengaging Disconnected Youth**

Join SBVC, the City of San Bernardino and a host of school districts for this day-long summit dealing with high school drop outs and help bring attention to this high needs population. The Summit will create a place for topical discussions which will lead to the development of a region-wide action plan, and help to build upon existing local education reform efforts. For more information please call 909.384.5133.

**Sunday, May 18**

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – SBVC Auditorium

**Nuestra Graduación – Latino Faculty/Staff/Student Graduation**

Contact Patty Jones for more information at 384.8975.

**Thursday, May 22, 2008**

6:00 p.m. – Arrowhead Credit Union Park

**San Bernardino Valley College Commencement**

More than 600 students will walk in this memorable ceremony as friends and family fill the bleachers to celebrate the bestowing of certificates and degrees for the class of 2008.

**Thursday, June 5, 2008**

12:00 p.m. – Grassy Area behind Physical Science Building

**Annual Classified BBQ**

Managers, Directors, and Supervisors come together to host a lunch for the Classified Staff which is preceded by a morning softball match on the baseball field. Contact Gary Kelly at 384.8904 for more information.