



# President's News

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*Thank you for your friendship and your love.  
However life may turn, this gift will be  
A mountain that has made its mark on us.  
Our lives will never be the same for having  
known you, your charm, your wit, your  
caring nature....  
Knowing you has changed our lives forever.*

*Years will not this part of us remove.  
One lives for just a brief eternity,  
Thank goodness we knew you.*

*Author Unknown*



## SADNESS AND GRIEF SURROUND PLANS TO CELEBRATE THE LIVES OF TWO VALLEY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES

We mourn the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Maureen Martínez who was lost in a sudden surge of water in City Creek on January 10, 2005. Please join us as we celebrate her life in a special gathering on **Tuesday, January 25, from 3:00pm - 5:00pm in the LA 100**. A program is being designed that includes an opportunity for those who wish to call to mind fond memories of our time with Maureen. A short reception will follow.

We also mourn the loss of Pamela Slade, Transfer Center Coordinator, who succumbed to cancer late last fall. A memorial gathering will be planned for later this semester and was delayed at the request of the family.

# FINAL MISSION STATEMENT APPROVED by College Council

## SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE COLLEGIAL GOVERNANCE – Regulations to Board Policy 2225 (Formerly Board Policy 1660)

### MISSION STATEMENT

San Bernardino Valley College is a comprehensive college dedicated to making lifelong learning opportunities accessible to a diverse student population. The college serves high school graduates and those over eighteen years of age. In addition, the college provides a gateway to higher education and vocational training for non-traditional populations, including: qualified high school students; re-entry adults; immigrants; the educationally or financially challenged; and those who cannot or choose not to attend the main campus.

The mission of San Bernardino Valley College is: to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities; to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in business, industry and the professions; to advance the state and region's economic growth and global competitiveness through continuous workforce development; to work in partnership with the local community to improve the quality of life in the Inland Empire; and to prepare students for active participation in a multicultural society. The faculty and staff of San Bernardino Valley College are committed to student success and to teaching and service excellence.

### Educational Philosophy

#### We believe

- That a well-educated populace is essential to the general welfare of the community.
- That a quality education empowers the student to think critically, to communicate clearly, and to grow personally and professionally.
- That an enriched learning environment promotes creativity, self-expression, and the development of critical thinking skills.
- That our strength as an institution is enhanced by the cultural diversity of our student population and staff.
- That we must provide students with access to the resources, services, and technological tools that will enable them to achieve their educational goals.
- That we can measure our success by the degree to which our students become self-sufficient learners and contributing members of society.
- That plans and decisions must be data driven, and based on an informed consideration of what will best serve students and the community.
- That we must model our commitment to lifelong learning by maintaining currency in our professions and subject disciplines.
- That, as part of the collegial consultation process, all levels of the college organization must openly engage in sharing ideas and suggestions to develop innovative ways to improve our programs and services.
- That interactions between all members of the college community must be marked by professionalism, intellectual openness, and mutual respect.
- That we must hold ourselves and our students to the highest ethical and intellectual standards.
- That we must maintain a current, meaningful and challenging curriculum.
- That students succeed best when following an educational plan and when enrolled in classes that meet their interests and goals, and match their level of academic preparedness.
- That all members of our campus community are entitled to learn and work in an environment that is free from physical, verbal, sexual, and/or emotional threat or harassment.
- That students learn best on a campus that is student-centered and aesthetically pleasing.
- That we must be responsible stewards of campus resources.

### Vision Statement

San Bernardino Valley College will become the college of choice for students in the Inland Empire and will be regarded as the “alma mater” of successful, lifelong learners. We will build our reputation on the quality of our programs and services and on the safety, comfort, and beauty of our campus. We will hold both our students and ourselves to high standards of achievement and will expect all members of the college community to function as informed, responsible, and active members of society.

