



San Bernardino  
Valley College

## *President's Board Report* *June 16, 2011*

### **Nearly 450 Graduates Celebrate Achievement at SBVC's 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement**

It took approximately 15 minutes for the nearly 450 graduates who participated in SBVC's 84th annual Commencement to walk into the football stadium as they headed for their seats by the stage. For most, it was but a brief moment in time after the years of hard work to reach that milestone.

Commencement speaker Jessmyn Hoge, who plans to become a speech language pathologist, is among the first graduates of SBVC's Valley-Bound Commitment program and will be attending CSU Fullerton in the fall.

Jessmyn asked the grads to reflect on how far they have come since their first year at SBVC and reminded them no matter how long it took them to earn their degrees, today was a big accomplishment.

For Patricia Dena, it took eight years. Patricia graduated from Chaffey Community College and Mount San Antonio Community College before coming to SBVC. Patricia also has worked full-time in customer service at Southern California Edison, trying to balance school and work. Her supervisor, Leticia Romero, was among those supporting her at Commencement. Romero said that 20 colleagues also threw Patricia a surprise graduation party the previous week. Patricia said she couldn't have earned her Associate degrees in Behavioral Science and Physical Science without her co-workers' support. "She's helped me a lot," Dena said of Romero. "People traded in days so I could go to school, people traded in hours."

Pedro Peña, 17, was one of 13 graduates from SBVC's Middle College High School who also leaves with an associate's degree. Pedro said he wanted to attend college but didn't think it would become a reality. Attending Middle College High School prepared him for college by helping him learn study skills and discipline. Pedro plans to study chemistry at the University of California, Riverside. "I think Valley College is an excellent stepping stone," said Pedro.

SBVC's 84th annual Commencement saw the awarding of degrees and certificates to 1,111 graduates. Approximately 739 graduates received degrees and 372 received certificates.



Graduates celebrated individually (below). En masse (above) at SBVC's 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement on Friday, May 27, 2011.



## Arts and Humanities Holds End-of-Year Showcases



Ezra Hunt was awarded the Al Beauvais Creative Promise in Glass Award

### ART

The Art department awarded a total of \$2100 in scholarship monies to 17 outstanding student artists at their annual student art show and reception on May 9.



Isaiah's Wild Imagination earned sculptor Tim Martinez one of two Tom Akin Awards

### MUSIC

The Music department held a variety of end-of-year performances, including those by the college choir and *Voci Soli*. Additionally, the opera class produced several performances of *Gianni Schicci*, a one-act opera by Giacomo Puccini, with William Lacy (*pictured above*) performing the role of Gianni Schicci, and a concert performance of *Orfeo*, by Christoph Willibald Gluck, with countertenor Eliezer Rabelo singing the lead role of Orpheus, from Greek mythology.

### DANCE

The dance classes had their end-of-semester showcase on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Dance faculty Maura Townsend and Lori Dismuke provided an educational demonstration of several class activities, followed by the dancers' performances, of skills that they attained throughout the semester.



### THEATER

The theater department presented the spring musical production, *Smokey Joe's Café*, under the direction of theater professor Denise Dales Jacobs. Outstanding student actors helped us all to remember time, *In the Neighborhood*.



## HUMANITIES DAY

The Phineas literary magazine was released at our annual Humanities Day event on May 5. Phineas' student editors select the works published in the magazine and a faculty panel chooses those pieces deemed "best". Awards were presented in Fiction, Poetry, and Art. First place and honorable mention awards were presented in each category. Katherine B. Henshaw won the fiction award for her story entitled  *Holding Hands*. Helena Mullins was presented the first place poetry award for *The Dressmaker* and Rachel Stewart won the first place art award for *Steichen Inspired*.

The final Arts and Lectures program of 2010-2011 brought Dr. Zaman Stanizai to SBVC on Humanities Day. Dr. Stanizai is a published poet and an expert in the areas of Sufism and Islamic culture. Dr. Stanizai presented some of his original works.



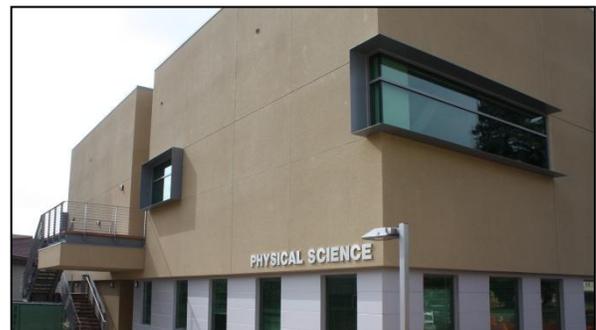
## SBVC Women's Basketball Coach Receives Local Award

SBVC Women's Basketball head coach Susan Crebbin was honored with an Athletic Excellence award on June 10 by the Boys & Girls Club of San Bernardino. The Boys & Girls Club honors community leaders and organizations and Coach Crebbin received the award for "her dedication to local female athletes." As has been the case for many of her seasons, 12 out of the 13 student-athletes on the conference champion 2010-2011 women's basketball roster hailed from within a 10-mile radius of SBVC (including 5 from San Bernardino). In 2010-2011, Crebbin won her second Conference Coach of the Year award, a 4th straight Conference title and career victory #110, which made her the most successful Women's Basketball head coach in SBVC history.



## SBVC Campus to Get Summer Makeover

Finishing touches are complete on the new Physical Sciences Building. Moves into the new building will begin on May 31<sup>st</sup> and will be completed by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Although a very limited summer schedule of classes will be offered in this new facility, the science building will be dedicated in August and put into full service with the fall 2011 semester. Physical Sciences will become the new home for Math, the new



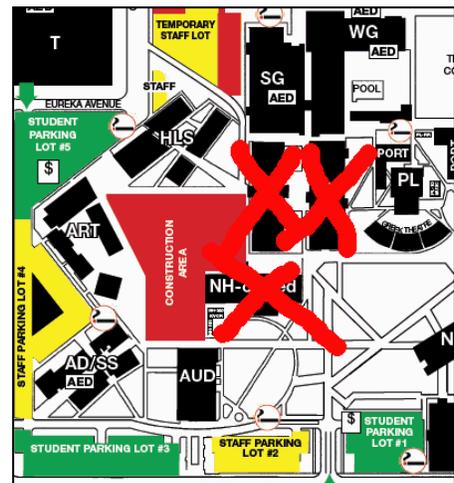
Student Success Center, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Architecture, and GIS. The Science Division office will also be relocated into the new building. Other summer projects include the demolition of the old North Hall, the old Physical Science Building and the old Chemistry Building. These projects are scheduled to begin in June and should be completed prior to the start of the new semester. Even though the building demolition work will be complete, residual landscaping and sidewalk construction will likely carry over into the fall 2011 semester.

The Transportation Center is moving from its current location at the San Bernardino International Airport to the new building recently completed for Maintenance & Operations. The relocated Transportation Center will be across Grant Street and adjacent to the SBCCD Warehouse facility. The move will begin in early June and be completed prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Re-purposing this building for use as an academic facility will provide the college with significant savings on space leasing and will return the diesel repair and warehousing programs back to the campus starting in fall 2011.

Maintenance & Operations has completed its move from the Grant Street facility into the recently completed Grounds and Custodial Building, located adjacent to the athletic fields along K Street. Minor modifications to the building and service yard will be completed during the month of June, allowing all of the college's maintenance operations to be located within a common facility. Future construction projects for the college call for a new Central Plant facility to be built adjacent to the Grounds and Custodial Building. This new facility will provide central air conditioning services for the entire campus upon completion. Construction on the new Central Plant could begin as early as summer 2012.

Summer Projects with Bond Measure M Funds:

- Replacing major portion of old campus sewage system
- Installation of air conditioning in the kitchen of the Campus Center
- Installation of an additional air handler in the Admissions and Records office
- Addition of a new air conditioning system to serve a portion of the second floor of the Health and Life Sciences Building.
- Repair work on the soccer field with the installation of the new sewer line, broadleaf weed control, new irrigation system and re—grading and re-seeding the playing surface.
- Painting the exterior of the Liberal Arts Building and the Technology Building.
- Trimming a number of large trees throughout the campus
- Exterior windows throughout the campus will be washed this summer.
- All of the campus parking lots are scheduled for restriping beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Deaf Student Headed For Employment After Overcoming Disability, Completing Diesel Transmission Program

Before he even graduated from SBVC on May 27<sup>th</sup>, SBVC student Ruben Martin already had a full-time job offer at a diesel manufacturing and repair company in Riverside. Although most students might jump at that opportunity, Ruben was also able to line up an interview with the California Highway Patrol's vehicle maintenance department to keep his options open.

After previously taking several courses in Welding, Ruben wanted to pursue a different course of study and began taking classes in SBVC's Diesel program. At SBVC's 84<sup>th</sup> Commencement, Ruben graduated in front of family and friends while proving anew that being deaf is not a hindrance to pursuing an education and building job skills for a career.

*SBVC student Ruben Martin will be shedding the cap and gown from last month's Commencement to begin work as a diesel mechanic.*



## Science & Technology Day Attracts Nearly 200 Local High School Students

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Science and Technology Day began in the auditorium with a welcome from Dr. Debra Daniels, SBVC President, and Dr. Susan Bangasser, Dean of Science and Health Science. San Geronimo, Pacific, Cajon, Middle College and Arroyo Valley High School students were encouraged to explore a variety of science and technology fields. The workshops included Criminal Science, Water Management, Everyday Chemistry, The Science of Glassblowing and Biotechnology.

Chemistry instructors Dr. Amy Avelar and Dr. Denise Bailey led a hands-on experiment on the Chemistry of Lip Balm. Students from Pacific High School worked in teams to melt beeswax in a large beaker before adding cocoa and shea butter, sweet almond and Vitamin E oils to the mixture. Students also added flavors such as black cherry and strawberry. Leonah Jones, 15, wasn't familiar with making lip balm. "I really didn't know there was so much science to it," she said.

Dr. Don Buchanan, geology and oceanography professor gave students insight into rocks and minerals and their use in everyday life. Calcite is a mineral used in calcium pills and antacids. Students also learned how geographic information system mapping can help them determine their home's susceptibility to earthquakes, flood and fires. Eric Batham, 17, who attends SBVC's Middle College, said he learned about forensic science and forensic art. "I didn't know there was a difference," said Eric. "Forensic science is mostly based in laboratories. They don't deal with who's to blame. Forensic art recounts the scene."



Pacific High School students enjoyed making a homemade version of lip balm in one of several workshops. Approximately 200 students from five San Bernardino high schools spent May 20<sup>th</sup> learning about science and technology careers through workshops and hands-on experiments at SBVC.

## Student Health Services Sees Uptick in Follow-ups, Mental Health Services

Students have been seeking follow-up care in Student Health Services this month after being screened for hypertension, diabetes, depression, anxiety, alcohol abuse, and obesity at the spring health fair. Several students have entered into treatment that might have never been identified without having been screened at the fair. These events have been a very successful partnership effort between the Student Health Service and the soon-to-graduate Nursing students at SBVC.

In addition, Student Health Services (SHS) has seen an increase in mental health issues on the campus. In response to this trend, SHS has done several things:

- SBVC will be offering more group therapy interventions for a variety of issues next fall.
- All SHS staff had the opportunity to participate in a webinar series offered by the National College Depression Partnership on evidence-based management of depression on college campuses. Eight staff members were able to complete the entire series of three workshops; the other three were able to complete parts of it.
- All students signing in to Student Health Services for medical services will be screened for depression and anxiety with a four-question screening form called the PHQ-4. This will assist staff in identifying students that may also be experiencing depression or anxiety and could potentially be missed. This is critical because studies have shown that between 60%-80% of people who have committed suicide were seen in a primary care doctor's office within the month prior to their suicide.

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## Celebrating SBVC Transfer Students

On May 12, 2011, the Transfer Center and Career Services held its annual Transfer Student Celebration with 165 students, friends and family participating. Representatives from UC Riverside and CSU San Bernardino were on hand to welcome the SBVC students who have been accepted to their institutions.

San Bernardino Valley College Students will be transferring to universities all over the country:

San Jose State University  
Biola Univeristy  
UC Riverside  
Bethany University  
Chowan University  
Grand Canyon University  
Cal Baptist University  
Loma Linda University  
CSU Los Angeles University  
University of Redlands  
US San Diego

Menio College  
Texas Southern University  
University of Texas El Paso  
Cal Poly Pomona  
Minot State University  
University of Nevada LV  
CSU San Bernardino  
Long Island University  
Kansas Wesleyan University  
New Mexico Highlands University



CSU San Bernardino Transfer Rep Lucia Zarate congratulates one of the many SBVC students who will be continuing their education on University Parkway in fall 2011.

