

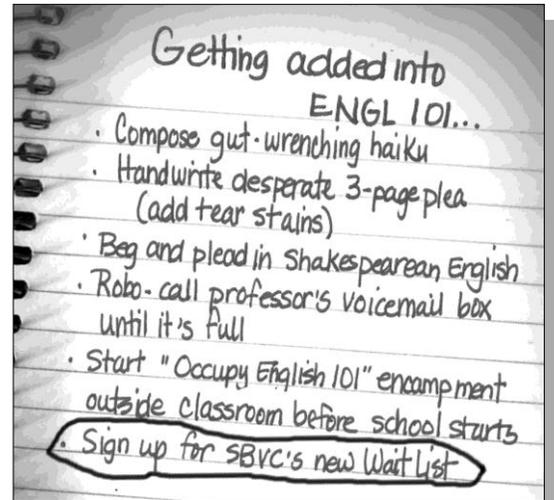


## ***President's Board Report*** *August 9, 2012*

### **Wait List Pilot Project Debuts with English Classes**

Starting in the fall 2012 semester, SBVC is testing a "waitlist" for class sections ONLY within the English department to help provide a more objective and organized way of helping students enroll in the closed classes they need. SBVC faculty and staff worked diligently with District Computing Services (DCS) to work out the details of the program at the end of the spring semester and over the summer.

Utilizing feedback from students and faculty during the fall semester, an improved full-feature "waitlist" will be ready for the spring 2013 semester. More information on how the process works is available [www.valleycollege.edu/waitlist](http://www.valleycollege.edu/waitlist).



### **Largest Valley-Bound Commitment Class Arrives on Campus for Orientation**

Totaling nearly 200 students, the 5th incoming class of the award-winning Valley-Bound Commitment (VBC) Program arrived on campus en masse in mid-July for their first day of class as SBVC students. Thanks to continued funding from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, these students' college expenses (books, fees, parking) will be covered for their first year.

Split over four orientation groups, the recently-minted high school graduates officially became college students today as VBC Counselors Marc Donnhauser and Dr. Denise McCrary (pictured above) introduced themselves to their students and provided them with critical



information to make the transition into college. From the importance of showing up on time to avoid getting dropped from classes to ensuring that college becomes a priority amidst family, social, and personal situations, the counselors are laying the foundation for what to expect when the semester begins on August 13th.

## **Green Jobs Grant Provides Free Training to Local Residents**

Sponsored by an Employment Development Department (EDD) grant made available to the San Bernardino Community College District's Professional Development Center (PDC), a cohort of 24 students recently completed an 8-week program of instruction in Water Supply Technology at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC).

The EDD Green Jobs Innovative Fund issued the grant to the PDC in 2011 that funded the training for this second cohort (the first cohort participated last summer and the final cohort starts in January 2013).

The training commitment required seven hours of instruction offered Monday-Thursday as well as three all-day Friday field trips over a span of seven weeks. Fees for the program, along with all books and supplies, were provided by grant funds. Field trips included visiting the City of Redlands Wastewater Plant and the Water Treatment Plant, the City of Rialto Water Treatment Plant, the Orange County Sanitation District in Fountain Valley for the "Toilet to Tap" process, and The Upper Newport Bay's Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center which focuses on water and environmental conservation.

In addition to the two credit classes and field trips, students received instruction on mathematics with a specific focus on water industry standards and formulas. They also received instruction in writing and oral communication (one speaker spent several hours instructing students on résumé writing and interview skills).

As part of the learning environment, a tutor for the math and water courses was available every day. Each of the students has already been registered to take the state licensure exam on September 15th to become a "Distribution 1 Operator". All participants are eligible to take the "Treatment 1 Exam" as well. One final aspect of the grant provides for an 8-hour review session to be offered to students two weeks prior to the state exam.

Applicants to the program were screened by the Professional Development Center (PDC) and CRYROP (the Colton Redlands Yucaipa Regional Occupation Program). In order to participate, applicants must have been unemployed or underemployed, be a San Bernardino County resident, have a valid ID and Social Security card, and if male, were registered with selective services. The students also took a math assessment to ensure their math skills were adequate. Additionally, San Bernardino County reviewed the paperwork and verified that the applicants were qualified to be co-enrolled in the Workforce Development Department's (WDD) Employment Resource Center which provides other assistance as needed (such as gas cards).

About two weeks before classes began the cohort arrived on campus for an orientation to the program, instructions for taking the online orientation, and directions to schedule their assessment exam. The students were then ready to register for the class. Once the students were accepted into the program they applied to SBVC and enrolled in WST 061 (Water Distribution I) for the first four weeks and WST 071 (Water Treatment I) for the remainder of the term.

For more information on the Water Supply Technology program at SBVC, contact Achala Chatterjee at 909.384.8904. For more information on the Green Jobs Initiative Fund, the PDC, or about participating in the January 2013 cohort, contact Deanna Trussell at 909.382.4066.

## Big Bear Super Saturday Event



On Saturday, July 28th, SBVC representatives traveled to Big Bear High School for Super Saturday—a “one stop” center where students took the assessment exam, met with a counselor, obtained their student identification, and enrolled in classes. Twenty-eight students were served and shared how grateful they were for offering these services in just a few hours without having to leave the mountain and for holding courses at Big Bear High School.

SBVC counselors Richard Long and Laura Gomez worked through lunch to give students their undivided attention. Mary Valdemar helped square students away with their individual financial aid situations, Arleen Delgado and Carol Brown coordinated the assessment testing of 21 new students (the largest group to sign up for assessment in recent memory), and April Dale-Carter worked the phones and computers from inside the Admissions/Records Office back at the SBVC campus to speed along the process of issuing student identifications and much more. Along with SBVC Professor Lorrie Burnham from the Science Division, SBVC Coordinator for the Big Bear Program Kevin Amburgey, who serves as the connection with SBVC throughout the year, wore many hats on Super Saturday to ensure a successful morning.

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## New Banners Debut on Campus Light Poles



A collection of more than 70 colorful banners were erected on light poles around campus July to replace the 85th Anniversary banners. Every one of the 11 different designs highlights various aspects of campus life with original photographs of actual SBVC students, faculty, and alumni.

Many thanks go out to SBCCD's Graphics Specialist Gloria Piggott at the Print Shop for the great design and Gino Vargas in M&O for his hard work hanging the banners.

## Quick Updates from SBVC Student Services

### Counseling

Counseling has experienced a high number of continuing first time and prospective students requesting counseling services. From July 2nd through July 18th, (11 business days) Counseling services have been provided to over 3,000 students.

### Puente

PUENTE celebrated its 30th Anniversary (Statewide) in 2012. SBVC is beginning its 29th year with the Puente Project on campus. The current Puente Team, Mary Copeland (English) and Laura Gomez (Counseling) are beginning their 3rd year of co-coordinating the program and are recruiting interested students now for the Puente Class of 2012-2013.

### Extended Opportunity Programs & Services/Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (EOP&S/CARE)

EOP&S/CARE staff has spent the summer screening the nearly 500 applicants for fall 2012 semester and giving multiple orientations while providing counseling sessions in advance of priority registration.

### Library

Math and Chemistry textbooks for held behind the counter on reserve for in-library use as part of the Textbook Bank are getting heavy usage from students who are very happy to have access to required textbooks without having to invest in purchasing it for themselves. This option is also widely available during each semester across all subjects as approximately 80% of all required textbooks are purchased by the Library for student usage. Many students report that without this availability, they wouldn't be able to continue their education at SBVC.

Library faculty has been busy re-organizing the floor space and moving furniture around in the Reference area of the Library to enhance services to students in three ways: better visibility of the Reference area from the entrance to the Library, reconfigured furniture to allow a librarian and a student to sit side-by-side at a computer workstation, and arranging for a second faculty librarian to work at the regular Reference Desk to assist other students at the same time—thus doubling the amount of student contact. It is hoped that increased time spent with these skilled faculty members in a targeted, one-on-one supportive environment will give new and returning students accessing online resources the skills they need to develop and focus their research, access appropriate materials, and utilize their findings to craft successful course projects.

Several database computers outside of the Library Lab have been set up for returning students to register for classes, apply for financial aid, make appointments for assessment, and request transcripts.

## Student Health Services (SHS)

Two new counseling trainees, Victoria DeWoody and Nicoleta Dragon, will begin working with Student Health Services at the beginning of fall semester to provide additional psychological counseling services. These trainees come to SBVC from the counseling/psychology master's program at California State University San Bernardino.

Mental health educator/counselor intern Kindra Edmondson will be returning in the fall to provide specialized group counseling for high risk groups on campus and to assist in training of faculty and staff in early identification and referral of student at risk for depression/anxiety/ and suicide.

## Financial Aid

Starting in January 2013, eligible AB 540 students can apply for State financial aid including Cal Grant, BOG Fee waiver, and Chafee grant as a result of the passage of the California Dream Act of 2011 (Assembly Bill 130 & 131). Students transferring to CSU and UC institutions may begin completing the online 2012-2013 Dream Act application now. In the Fall 2012 semester, a Dream Act BOG Fee waiver application will be made available for students attending SBVC in Spring 2013. Continuing or new SBVC students may complete 2013-2014 Dream Act applications beginning on January 1, 2013 for Fall 2013 semester.

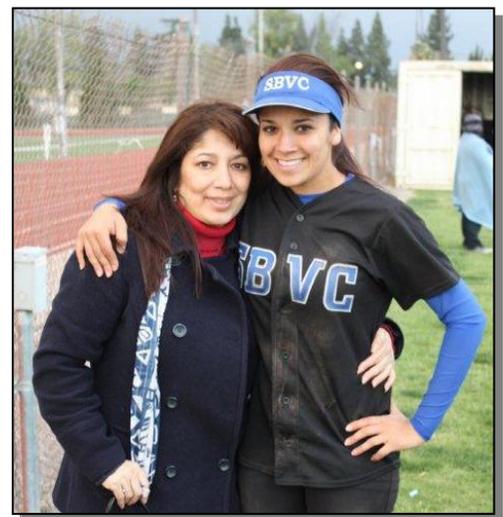
27,822 FAFSA applications have been received for the 2011-2012 school year resulting in disbursements of \$18,589,726 in Pell Grants, \$1,128,980 in Cal Grants, and \$350,717 in SEOG awards.

21,663 FAFSA applications have been received to date for the new 2012-2013 school year

## **Double Play: Mother & Daughter Set New Course in Life with Education**

Success stories in the Silicon Valley often begin inside of a parent's garage—with the entrepreneurial lessons learned from those halcyon days forming the basis for monumental successes in the technological world.

Here in the Inland Empire, Yvette Robles and her six young children lived in the garage of her mother's San Bernardino home for four years—not as a revolutionary new business was taking shape—but simply in order to survive. Although they likely didn't realize it at the time, the lessons from those four challenging years would also shape all of their lives for generations to come. Trapped in an abusive relationship, the refuge of her mother's garage was the only escape for Yvette and her children.



*SBVC students (and mother and daughter)  
Yvette Robles and Bonnie Quintero*

“I remember the fear in my son’s voice when he asked me if his dad was going to be in a bad mood when he got home. That’s when I knew I had to break the cycle—I felt like he might harm me if I didn’t get out,” Yvette said. “Refusing to leave situations like that seemed to be programmed into my family for some reason and so I knew I just had to leave and I left with nothing. It was a horrible time in my life and women and children need to know that there are options--- something that I didn’t know about for so long.”

Somehow, through the difficult years of babies and toddlers growing up together in the cozy confines of a garage, the importance of education emerged as an absolute necessity—a reality evidenced by the lofty educational goals her kids are pursuing nearly a decade later.

Yvette’s oldest son graduated from UC Berkeley and proceeded to earn his Master’s degree from Cal State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB). Three of her sons are currently studying at local community colleges while her daughter Bonnie joined her at SBVC last fall after being accepted into the Valley-Bound Commitment program which provides a free first year of college for local high school graduates.

Now residing in Colton with five members of the family still living at home, Yvette is inching closer to completing the requirements in the human services field with the goal of transferring to CSUSB.

“I want to help people who are in the same unhealthy situations as I was. I want to let them know that education is the key or they will continue to struggle like I did,” Yvette said. “I had to work, take care of kids, and be a mom first, but I told my kids that it’s not if they are going to college, it’s just a matter of where.”

Outside the classroom, Yvette enjoys cheering on her daughter Bonnie who is the starting shortstop on the SBVC softball team. Bonnie’s goal is to earn her Master’s degree in social work from CSUSB—and she’s well on her way after earning a 3.69 grade point average in her first semester. Based on the example set by her mother, Bonnie’s desire is, unsurprisingly, to help others.

“I’ve always wanted to help people,” Bonnie said. “I want to work with kids that are struggling because sometimes they just need a little motivation and support.”

### **Surviving.....And Thriving**

Yvette recalls how enduring a difficult childhood provided her with the strength she needed to overcome the challenges in her life and make the tough choices to improve her family’s future prospects.

“My mom left my dad when I was only 3 years old and we didn’t have a lot of structure,” Yvette admitted. “I didn’t know much about education and was forced to become the adult in my family at a very early age.”

After becoming pregnant at 17 and quitting school, she surely had no idea that nearly 18 years later in 2005, that grown child would motivate her to go back and get her high school diploma only days removed from her son’s own high school graduation. While holding down a steady job, Yvette has been taking classes at SBVC since 2005 and is now only a few classes away from transferring to CSUSB with the goal of becoming a social worker.

“The message I’ve given my kids over the years is that they can play sports, get a job, or do whatever they want as long as they continue their education,” Yvette said. “What you learn at school is what opens doors to the future.”

## Overcoming the Odds Again

As a sophomore in high school, Bonnie had a serious epileptic seizure and doctors soon discovered a lesion on her brain. Focal seizures, heavy medication and headaches took their toll on Bonnie—none more than having to quit playing softball for the first time since she was 8 years old.

“I remember thinking that I would be dependent on medicine for the rest of my life. Since my Nana (grandmother) had died from a brain aneurysm, my mom pulled me out of all extra activities,” Bonnie said.

Almost instantly, a concerned mother began to treasure every moment of her daughter’s suddenly fragile life.

“I would celebrate and tear up at the same time with every milestone she reached like earning a driver’s license, prom, and more,” Yvette shared. “Even attending each softball game here at SBVC feels like another milestone to celebrate in her life.”

After many years of adjusting her medication and multiple re-evaluations, Bonnie was cleared to return to the softball diamond and is enjoying a leadership role as the starting shortstop for the Wolverines. Although the team faced a challenging season, Bonnie started every game this season and led the team in sacrifice bunts.

“I’m just so proud that with every obstacle she has faced, she does what it takes to get over it. “But, then again, all my kids are like that,” Yvette said with a chuckle.

## Achieving Educational Goals Together

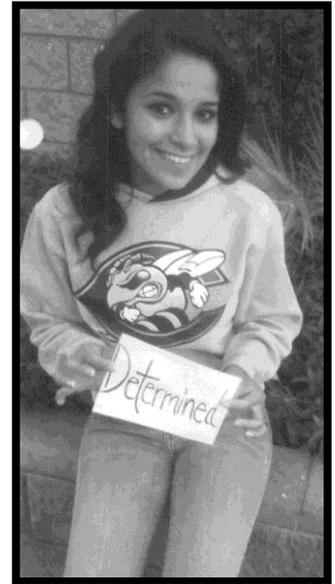
In the fall semester of 2011, Bonnie and Yvette took child development classes (one attended in the evening, the other during the day) and were able to share books and notes. Mother and daughter still have their arguments like in any family, but they both described how they support each other every day—even offering up their cherished parking spot on campus when the other is running late to class.

“Bonnie proofreads my work and helps tutor me all the time, but we are still competitive,” Yvette admitted. “For a family that even competes at family games of Pictionary, I was happy to get a “B”, but she got an “A” of course.”

Yvette’s dream job would be to be able to work with a shelter for battered women and children.

“If I can help people, that is all that matters,” Yvette said. “It’s not about earning money as a job, it’s about letting people know that they deserve more in life.”

Bonnie’s describes her mom as “a beautiful woman who always made sure that we were good people first—before education and everything.”



*Instead of sending in a headshot for her application to the Valley-Bound Commitment program, Bonnie Quintero took the opportunity to send a message to program organizers about her serious interest in being selected for the program.*

Although their family still struggles financially with the youngest child still in middle school, the days of cramming the family into living in a garage are far behind them.

“I know that if we would have stayed living where we did, I don’t know where I would be today,” Bonnie said. “I still drive by that garage almost every day and remember praying with my brothers and sisters and being scared.”

The tightly-knit family can still come together and rally around each other when needed—just like those days in the garage.

“When one of us is hurting, we’re all hurting,” Yvette said.

Bonnie added: “Even now, we sometimes all find ourselves in one bedroom talking together.”

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## Save the Date

**Friday, August 10, 2012 – 8:00 a.m.:** Opening Day Campus Meetings/Presentations – SBVC Auditorium

Staff and faculty come together for the first time in preparation to launch into the new semester. The morning’s agenda will include updates and presentations from Bruce Baron, Charlie Ng, Dr. Larry Buckley and others. Departmental meetings will follow in the afternoon. For more information, contact the Office of the President at 384.8298.

**Monday, August 13, 2012 – Thursday, August 16, 2012 – Various Times:** Week of Welcome (WOW) Activities – Various Locations

A variety of activities to celebrate the start of the fall semester have been planned by the Office of Student Life and Associated Student Government (along with multitudes of volunteers from across campus). Highlights include informational booths in three different locations on Monday/Tuesday, Information/Activity Fair with free hot dogs on Wednesday, and an ASG Meet and Greet Ice Cream Social on Thursday. For more information contact the Office of Student Life at 384.4407

**Wednesday, August 29, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.:** Women’s Volleyball vs. Palomar College – Women’s Gym

The first home athletic event of the year will feature SBVC’s women’s volleyball team hosting Palomar College. In her 5th year as head coach Tricia Rossman’s squad will look to improve on last year’s 7-17 record.

**Friday, August 31, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.:** Veterans Resource Center Dedication– Campus Center 133

Community members and staff/faculty/students are invited to celebrate the dedication of the new Veterans Resource Center. Refreshments will be served and a commemorative give-away will be provided while supplies last. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Office of the President at 384.8298.

**Saturday, Sept 1, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.: SBVC vs. Antelope Valley Football - SBVC Football Stadium**

Entering his fourth year as head coach, Kevin Emerson's Wolverines will open the season with a home game on Labor Day weekend. The team will aim to improve on last year's 4-6 overall record.

**Saturday, Sept 1, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.: Women's & Men's Cross Country - Redlands Invitational (Quad & Sylvan Park)**

Both teams open the season with the closest replica of a home invitational race before a season that includes competitions in Utah, Santa Barbara, and hopefully a return visit to the state championships in Fresno in November where the men's team will aim to avenge the snapping of their string of 5-straight state titles that occurred in 2011 when American River College tripped up the Wolverines.

**Tuesday, September 4, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.: SBVC vs. Compton Men's Soccer - SBVC Soccer Field**

In 2011, SBVC's men's soccer team enjoyed their best season in years—finishing undefeated at home, winning their first Foothill Conference title, and entering the playoffs for the first time since 1994. Seventh-year coach Josh Brown will look to extend their home winning streak in their first home match against Compton.

**Tuesday, September 4, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.: Women's Soccer, SBVC vs. Citrus-SBVC Soccer Field**

A heartbreaking penalty-kick loss to rival Cypress College in the SoCal Regional Finals in 2011 prevented Coach Kristin Hauge's Wolverines from defending their state title from 2010. The team will start the season with road matches against Fullerton and perennial powerhouse Santiago Canyon before hosting Citrus in their first home event.