

## ***President's Board Report***

*January 17, 2013*

### **Campus Raises \$4,200 at President's Holiday Gathering**

At the President's Holiday Gathering held on December 7 in the Campus Center, 24 baskets donated by the campus attracted hordes of opportunity tickets that netted \$4,200 to help support the Valley-Bound Commitment Program. Surrounded by hand-crafted creations by Chef Stacy Meyer's Culinary Arts students, the festive atmosphere attracted a packed house once again this year. Thanks to all those who helped contribute to another successful fundraiser.



### **Big Dog Bowl**

Thousands of kids from throughout southern California attended the Big Dog Bowl in several locations around the Inland Empire—including San Bernardino Valley College. The goal of the Big Dog Bowl is to give kids positive experiences through sporting events—specifically youth football. After an inspiring opening ceremony address on Friday that included the stay-in-school message from former NFL players, SBVC personnel, and others, a series of youth football games were held on Saturday in the SBVC football stadium. Many thanks to Clyde Williams and the SBVC Outreach & Recruitment office for their coordination to bring this event to SBVC.



### **Psych Tech & Nursing Completion Ceremonies Honor Latest Graduates**

Two events held during the week of December 10 represented more than the end of a semester for all SBVC students. For 62 students in the Psychiatric Technician and Nursing Programs, that week had been circled on their calendars for a long time as they were honored by faculty and staff who organized two special ceremonies in the SBVC Auditorium to signify the completion of their rigorous programs. On Wednesday, December 12, 42 students participated in the Nurse Pinning Ceremony while the next evening featured the honoring of 20 graduates from the Psychiatric Technician (Psych Tech) Program.

## Student Health Services Debuts Innovative ‘On the Blue Carpet’ with Kindra Love

Taking a nod from the attention-getting Hollywood paparazzi scene, Student Health Services debuted a creative new way of highlighting and individualizing the reality of personal student success on Wednesday, December 12, outside the SBVC Library and North Hall.

Featuring high-energy interviewer Kindra Love (the stage name/pseudonym for SBVC Mental Health guru Kindra Edmonson), an actual blue carpet, and flashing photographer lights, students were ushered down the blue carpet with the aim of promoting a positive environment and affirmation of their personal control and empowerment via the emphasis of individual strengths.

Here’s how it worked: Kindra (with blue carpet laid out and photographer snapping away), engaged in conversation with students and simply asked them about their thoughts on their success during the semester. Using a motivational interviewing/communication style, she asked open-ended questions while integrating affirmations, validation, and confidence-inspiring statements of congratulations and appreciation of their value.

The goal was to promote a positive environment and affirmation of personal control and empowerment to help the student recognize what she/he had done by successfully completing their coursework for the semester. Plans for rolling out the blue carpet again in the spring are already underway.



## Two STEM Events Cap off Busy Semester

On December 6, a workshop for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) entitled “Avoid Biohazards! Develop a Career Back-Up Plan” featured appearances from partners at CSU San Bernardino (CSUSB). The aim of the workshop was to help students understand back-up strategies in their STEM field in case their original plan doesn’t work out. Experts in the areas of computer engineering, forensic science, cyber security and more were on hand.

On Friday, December 7, the STEM Family Night Holiday Extravaganza was held in the SBVC Cafeteria (see photo). The event was intended for the families of STEM students to learn how important their role is as the major support system for their student. The night included food, holiday fun, an activity, and an introduction to the STEM PASS GO Program, the STEM team, and SBVC’s PASS GO CSUSB partners.



## Child Development Center Awarded Additional Funds by State of California

In November, Child Development Center (CDC) Director Mark Merjil applied for additional funds from the State of California's Department of Education in the amount of \$295,643 to expand the CDC's infant center and to open an additional general classroom. In addition to the \$444,000 received in November, these funds will allow for even more high quality services to the very young students of SBVC and our local community. The goal is to enroll and place students by mid-February.

"Congratulations on your success," said Nancy De Armond, consultant for Child Development Services' Southern Field Services Division and the California Department of Education. "The California Department of Education appreciates your continued dedication to the children and families of San Bernardino."

Congratulations to Mark Merjil and the Child Development Center for this great news!

## RAKU Dinner Invites Community to Support SBVC Art Department



Attendees decorated their RAKU bowls at the annual RAKU dinner (at right) organized by the SBVC Art Department and Friends of the Gallery (co-sponsored by the Art Club and SBVC Associated Government). This popular fundraising event for the Art Department was held on December 7, and included dinner, RAKU decorating, entertainment, silent auction, and holiday ornaments for sale. Food and entertainment were free for students with a current ASB sticker.

## CSU Applications Hit Record High; What's the Impact for SBVC Students?

According to last month's news report, a record 763,517 students have applied to CSU for an estimated 90,000 spots. For the fourth year in a row, the number of students applying has set a new record, but with nearly \$1 billion in state funding cuts since 2008, many students will be shut out of a CSU education. How will this affect SBVC and its students?

"We will have more students returning to SBVC this spring because they couldn't get into a CSU," said SBVC Transfer Center Coordinator Kathy Kafela. "Since we are a local area community college for CSU San Bernardino, our students will have priority admission consideration there which will be an advantage. On the other hand, the large number of applicants is going to make it very competitive. I'm telling students to always have two majors in mind."



## New Construction Projects Launched Over the Holidays, Others Nearing Completion

While the classrooms were empty and the campus traffic subsided between semesters, several construction projects began ramping up. Here's a quick recap:

**Project:** Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Sidewalk Renovation

**Areas Affected:** AD/SS Courtyard, outside area around Campus Center, various locations around campus

**What You Need to Know:** The area around the Campus Center was nearly completed during the holiday closure. However, the entire area within the AD/SS courtyard will be under construction well into January. Access to offices, stairways, and elevators will be restricted by fencing and temporary pathways.



**Project:** Central Plant

**Areas Affected:** Parking Lot #8, Middle College High School, Child Development Center

**What You Need to Know:** The campus has witnessed the tower rising out of the ground over the last few months (see picture at right), and it has nearly reached its final height. When completed, the tower will feature a smooth finish and be painted light grey with the “V-ball” icon visible on two sides. It will come online in January and will undergo a 2-3 month commissioning process to verify efficient operation and energy savings.

**Project:** Campus Signage

**What You Need to Know:** The concrete foundations wrapped in plastic and red tape all over campus will begin to take final shape as the first signs will be installed in January/February (see sample at right). The giant concrete pillar directly on Mt. Vernon Avenue across from Baker's/Diane's Restaurant will house the new SBVC marquee early in the spring semester.



**Project:** Auditorium

**What You Need to Know:** The project is going out to bid in February. SBVC productions typically staged in the Auditorium will be held early in the spring semester before the Auditorium closes indefinitely for construction.

## Quick Updates from Student Services

### Disable Student Program & Services (DSP&S)

- 60 new DSPS applications were processed during the last two months.

### Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOPS) & Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)

- CARE students had the privilege joining SBVC staff on Friday, December 21, to partake in a toy drive. Students brought their children for a luncheon and opened gifts donated by SBVC staff and others. Music, crafts, and an opportunity to talk with St. Nicholas were highlights of the event.

## **Library**

- During fall semester 2012, SBVC students accessed the EBSCO databases 23,606 times, executing 435,822 searches, and accessing 50,616 full-text documents
- A faculty librarian began visiting the Veterans' Center once a week last fall as the SBVC Library began its pilot "Embedded Librarians" service program. This program places a librarian with a special population of students to provide a familiar "face" to turn to, someone who will spend time with them and help them develop the information literacy skills critical for college success. Beginning in spring 2013, Valley-Bound Commitment students will have their own embedded librarian.

## **Student Health Services (SHS)**

- Since starting Family PACT on October 31, SHS has done 70 family planning visits that we will be billing to Family PACT (thus the services were free).
- An introduction and discussion on Motivational Interviewing for Campus Police, DSPS, and Student Health Services was held on Tuesday, December 18.
- Counseling services reached maximum capacity during the last half of the semester. SHS is re-evaluating how they offer these services to enable delivery to students most appropriate to this setting *and* to connect them with other services in the community if their needs are beyond the scope of SHS's services.
- SHS mental health educator Kindra Edmonson has been spending two hours a week in the Veterans Center to provide supportive services to that population. She has been well-received and consistently engaged during the last weeks of the semester.

## **Admissions & Records (A&R)**

- Admissions & Records is in open registration for spring 2013. This semester has brought implementation of the new campus-wide use of the waitlist, as well as the implementation of the new, same-day payment policy.

## **Foster & Kinship Care Education (FKCE)**

- In the last six months, the FKCE Program has served approximately 530 foster parents and kinship caregivers. The FKCE program has generated 377 hours, and will be expanding its classes in the spring of 2013 to better meet the needs of persons caring for children. New classes have been scheduled for January through June off-site in Rialto and San Bernardino.

## **Financial Aid (FA)**

- On January 11, the FA Office will disburse \$3,939,217 in Pell Grant funds with more coming weekly after the initial disbursement.
- The Financial Aid office has received and processed 215 AB540 BOG fee waiver applications for the spring 2013 semester as of Wednesday, December 12, and more applications are being submitted and processed daily.
- 28,210 FAFSA applications have been received for just the fall semester—a notable increase from the 27,838 FAFSA applications that were received over two semesters last year.
- The following financial aid amounts have been successfully disbursed to SBVC students in Fall 2012:
  - ✓ \$8,784,416 Pell grant disbursed to 4,024 students
  - ✓ \$574,773 Cal grant disbursed to 929 students
  - ✓ \$48,198 SEOG grant disbursed to 157 students

- ✓ 95 Federal Work Study students have been authorized for the fall 2012 semester and more Federal Work Study applicants are being processed for the coming spring 2013 semester
- The Financial Aid office successfully conducted two general Scholarship Workshops:
  - ✓ Tuesday, November 20 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm in North Hall 218
  - ✓ Wednesday, December 5 from 9:00am - 10:00 am in Physical Science 126
- A California Dream Act workshop was also conducted on:
  - ✓ Thursday, December 6 from 1:00pm - 3:00 pm in North Hall 336

### **Youth Empowerment Strategies For Success/Independent Living Program (YESS/ILP)**

- YESS/ILP's 22 foster youth enrolled in its 14-week Life Skills classes completed their modules and held their graduation at GameWorks in Ontario on Wednesday, December 12. A new group of foster youth will begin the next 14-week Life Skills classes on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. These classes include modules on Daily Living Skills, Education, Employment, and Budgeting and Financial Responsibility.

### **Office of Student Life (OSL)**

- Inter Club Council (ICC) held a Winter Retreat Friday, December 21, from 11-1p.m. in CC-142. This gave the club leaders on campus the chance to brainstorm, create a master calendar for next semester, and bond with one another.
- ICC hosted the "Final Pack Giveaway" event on December 10 and 11 where they provided "Final Survival Kits" to students. The kits include water bottles, pens, pencils, and Scantrons. Over 200 kits were given away.
- Associated Student Government (ASG) hosted an Anti-Bullying Event on Thursday, November 29. They promoted awareness about the dangers of bullying, and students signed an "Anti-Bullying Pledge".

### **Occupational Advancement Department (CalWORKs & WorkAbility III)**

- During the fall 2012 semester, the Interim Manager of Occupational Advancement and Financial Aid Coordinator developed a process that will expedite Federal Work-Study awards for CalWORKs students in a timely manner. The Federal Work-Study awards will assist in providing CalWORKs eligible students the opportunity to obtain employment opportunities and meaningful employability skills while attaining their educations. Also, the process assists CalWORKs students in meeting the Welfare-to-Work mandatory Work Participation Rate (WPR).

### **Counseling**

- The Counseling Department introduced the new Inventory of Student's Basic Skills Knowledge for on-campus and online orientation. On-campus and online orientation formats have been updated to include new changes to policies and procedures, such as: Same-day payment of fees, the Dream Act for AB 540 students, and campus-wide waitlists. Additionally, the Inventory of College Readiness will be set in place and administered during group advising sometime in the spring semester for new students.
- Another activity for new students is a presentation on "Motivation, Self-efficacy, and Goal Setting: Tools for College Success". All these ancillary activities to counseling are aimed towards preparing new students for an immersion in college culture and the rigors of college life.
- For continuing students, on the other hand, workshops for nursing applications have been given including presentations to Child Development and Human Services classes about counseling, career prospects and choice of majors, transfer possibilities, and overall student success.
- Efforts are underway for a mentoring project of SBVC's Puente Project learning community with Arroyo Valley High School's Puente program as an outreach activity. The partnership hopes to expand collaborative efforts of the Puente Project within the collegiate and secondary levels, and extend leadership training and social supports for prospective SBVC students.

- The High School Connection Program, which is the Counseling Department's partnership for local high schools, remains a vital conduit for all sectors of the feeder high schools. Specifically, faculty, administrators, and students have access to updates and other related information on SBVC's programs and offerings including face-to-face counseling with students interested in becoming SBVC students.
- SBVC's Articulation Officer has advanced SBVC's compliance with the statewide initiative on Course identification (C-ID), among other articulation projects. As of December 1, 2012, SBVC had 54 courses which qualified for C-ID. This total elevated SBVC to the overall rank of 4<sup>th</sup> among California Community Colleges with the most number of courses that are C-ID qualified.
- For online counseling services, about 390 students have been assisted online since the start of registration on November 26 until mid-December. It is anticipated that increased online inquiries will be received and responded to until the second week of February for the spring semester registration.
- Approximately 400 student-athletes who have been counseled and have their complete two-year educational plans are already registered in their appropriate classes. This activity is in keeping with NCAA regulations where expected academic performance, intensive counseling, and two-year educational plans are attained by all active athletes under the counseling tutelage of the Counseling Department's athletic counselor. On the other hand, our international students have been likewise counseled and assisted to comply with all the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVIS) regulations and requirements following the mandates of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

#### **Success Through Achievement & Retention (STAR) Program**

- STAR is currently taking applications for spring 2013
- 20 STAR Program participants received the STAR Program Supplemental Grant Award - \$700 Each (Award will be distributed in January)

### **Save the Date**

**Monday, January 14, 2013**

Spring 2013 Semester Begins

**Friday, January 25, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.**

"More Than Meets The Eye" & "Learn The Winter Sky" – Planetarium

Planetarium doors open at 6:30 p.m. for SBVC's Chris Clarke to unlock the stories behind the stars. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. with no late seating available. Ticket prices and more information are available on the master calendar on the front page of the SBVC website. For more information, contact Chris Clarke at 909.384.8539.

**Friday, February 1, 2013 – 2 p.m.**

Baseball vs. L.A. Mission College – Baseball Field

First home game of the 2013 season

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013 – 12 & 2 p.m.**

Softball (Doubleheader) vs. Imperial Valley College – Softball Field

First home games of the 2013 season