

President's Board Report

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SBVC Welcomes Four New Buildings to Campus

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The ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, August 13th marked the welcoming of four new buildings totaling 82,000 square feet to the SBVC campus. The dedication ceremony took place in the Multiple Activity Center inside the new North Hall building. Attendees of the event included members of the Associated Student Government, Mayors, College Presidents, San Bernardino City Council, San Bernardino County Board of Education, the SBCCD Board of Trustees, and representatives of other local elected officials.

The SBVC campus proudly welcomed the new North Hall building, the first-ever Media and Communications building, Custodial, and Maintenance and Operations buildings.

The ribbon-cutting event began with an exhilarating musical performance by SBVC student pianist Isabel Romua and joyous applause from the audience. SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels kick-started the dedication ceremony that included Bruce Baron, Interim Chancellor, SBCCD; James Ramos, President of the Board of Trustees; and Larry Cicalone, President/GM, KVCR-TV/FM.

Tours of all four buildings followed the closing of the dedication ceremony with refreshments and commemorative gifts offered at different locations. The tour allowed staff, students, and many other guests a first look at SBVC's new additions before the start of the fall 2010 semester.



The new Multiple Activity Center (MAC) inside the new North Hall was the site for the Building Dedication Ceremony that marked the official opening of four new buildings on the SBVC campus.



STAR Program Receives \$1.5 Million Grant Renewal

At a time when State funding for categorical programs is in flux due to budget uncertainties in Sacramento, one program at SBVC has assured itself of federal funding that will continue supporting under-represented SBVC students through 2015.

In early August, the U.S. Department of Education's Federal TRiO Student Support Services Grant Competition Program announced that the application for reauthorization by SBVC's STAR Program was accepted and awarded \$1.5 million over the next five years. This total represents the 5th (and largest) Student Support Services grant awarded by SBVC since first receiving funding in 1993.



TRiO programs across U.S. college campuses provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements and motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. To qualify for the STAR Program at SBVC, students must be from under-represented student groups (first generation college students of parents without 4-year degrees, low-income students, or students with physical or learning disabilities).



SBVC and STAR Program graduate Julia Garcia will start taking classes at UCLA on September 21st as a Biochemistry major.

At SBVC, the STAR Program (which stands for Success Through Achievement and Retention) provides an array of student support services including (but not limited to): dedicated counseling, exposure to cultural activities, academic and self-improvement workshops, field trips to 4-year universities, and academic intervention programs that allow students to work directly with counselors and tutors to improve their academic standing.

STAR Program graduate Julia Garcia donned her cap and gown at last May's commencement and walked away with highest honors (3.9 GPA) and an associate degrees in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Biological and Physical Sciences. She will begin taking classes at UCLA in mid-September as a biochemistry major and has big dreams that include multiple advanced degrees.

"When I came to SBVC from Mexico, I was struggling a lot with English and received so much support and help from the counselors and tutors in the STAR Program," Julia shared. "I really found a family there and they helped me to grow up as a person and a student. I'm now prepared for my next steps in life. The program was very important for me and my career."

In 2009-2010, the STAR Program served 182 students (21 of whom graduated with a degree or certificate in May 2010) with nearly half achieving at least a 3.0 GPA.

Additional financial assistance became available for students thanks to enhanced Department of Education funds—allowing 41 STAR students to receive an additional \$23,000 in Supplemental Pell Grants above the original total of \$19,000. For 2010-2011, the program is aiming to serve 200 students and incorporate new activities such as "Dining with the STARS" – where STAR students can get connected with each other and SBVC employees in a relaxed setting outside of the classroom and the office.

"With this renewed funding, the STAR Program can continue serving as a valuable home base for students in their educational journey at SBVC," said STAR Coordinator Deanne Rabon. "Whether it's providing encouragement and direction to a struggling student, or exposing them to a myriad of unique educational and cultural experiences they might not otherwise encounter, all of us in the STAR Program are excited to know that we have the funding and the expertise to help them succeed."

Scenes From The First Week of Fall 2010 Semester



Nearly 14,000 SBVC students returned to campus for the Fall 2010 semester.



Dozens of students awaited the opening of the SBVC Library at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16th.



The SBVC Associated Student Government rented industrial-sized mister fans to help cool off returning students in various locations during the first week.



Volunteers at three different Week of Welcome (WOW) booths fielded almost 2,500 questions during the first two days of classes.



Some SBVC students started the fall semester with a different last name than the one they ended with last school year.



Packed classrooms with dozens of students waiting in the hallways and doorways trying to add were regular occurrences throughout the first week of classes (the sign posted on this door announces that the professor is not taking any additional students).

Save The Date

Friday, September 10 – 7:30 p.m – 9:00 p.m.

Gala Concert Celebrating Opening of the SBVC Multiple Activity Center (MAC)

Presented by the SBVC Music Faculty, the new Multiple Activity Center (MAC) will host its inaugural concert with a reception to follow. Contact 909.384.8633 for more information.

Friday, September 17 – 8:30 a.m.

Empowering Men in Mathematics Field Day – Liberal Arts 100

The purpose of the event is to help traditionally underserved high-school aged males recognize the importance of mathematics in their lives and provide support in understanding the subject. The one-day conference will feature local professionals who utilize math in their field, such as a deputy sheriff, firefighter, dentist and more.

Friday, October 29 – 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame & Distinguished Service Awards–San Bernardino Golf Club/Hilton San Bernardino

The day will begin with a golf tournament and end with an Awards Dinner at Hilton San Bernardino. Contact the SBVC Foundation at 909.384.8987 for more information.