

## *President's Board Report*

*October 14, 2010*

### **Empowering Men in Mathematics Event Showcases How Math + Problem-Solving = Career Success**

On Friday, September 17, 2010, the 2nd Empowering Men in Mathematics event was launched successfully by the Mathematics, Business, and Computer Technology (MBCT) Division. The purpose of the program was to help traditionally underserved males in recognizing the importance of mathematics in their lives and to provide encouragement. The event was sponsored by MBCT Division in partnership with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools' Alliance for Education.



*Professionals from around the Inland Empire gathered to share the importance of Mathematics and/or Science in their careers.*

Moderated by SBVC Mathematics Professors Michael Mayne and Dr. Zaddock Reid, the conference-style event attracted 175 students from SBVC and local high schools. The morning featured panelists and workshop speakers working in and around the Inland Empire including: an accident investigator, former NFL player, firefighter, physician's assistant, and dentist, among others.

"When employers are evaluating potential employees, one of the things they will consider is whether or not the applicant is a good problem solver," said Dr. Haragewen Kinde, Dean of Mathematics, Business and Computer Technology. "Having a solid foundation in mathematics is not just limited to numbers, but shows the ability to analyze and solve real-life problems."

Ninety-seven percent of attendees reported that the event increased their interest in Mathematics and/or Science. Here is a sampling of comments from attendees:

- *"This experience opened my eyes to the reality of obtaining a career that I love and I know that math will encourage me to pursue a career that I love."*
- *"I was inspired by the panelists to improve upon my study skills and work ethics. To continue with my mathematic endeavors. I found this seminar to be very encouraging to all students. I would encourage the SBVC administration to continue with this program and look forward to attending in the future."*
- *"This was a great forum and it fueled my interest in math even more. Also I learned many new strategies that I will practice in my math classes."*

## County's Hispanic Employees Alliance Awards SBVC's Puente Program

The County of San Bernardino Hispanic Employees Alliance will hold its annual awards dinner in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, October 14th at the Hilton San Bernardino. The theme for this year's banquet is *Education — The Future is Now*. Individuals and educational institutions who have encouraged and facilitated Latinos to pursue higher education will be honored. Awardees include:

- \* San Bernardino Valley College for the Puente Project
- \* Dr. Gary Thomas on behalf of County Schools for the "The Alliance for Education" Program
- \* Dr. Tom Rivera, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies, California State University, San Bernardino, for his work with Latino youth.

The mission of the Puente Project is to increase the number of educationally under-represented students who enroll in 4-year colleges and universities to obtain their bachelor's degrees, and return to the community as leaders and mentors. As a successful statewide transfer program, Puente has been providing counseling, mentoring, and more at SBVC since 1984.

## 2009-2010 Annual Report and Valley-Bound Commitment Video Released

In conjunction with the SBVC Foundation, the Office of Marketing & Public Relations completed two projects aimed at raising funds for the college while raising the profile of the school and its programs and services. The 2009-2010 Annual Report was published in September and mailed to local businesses, donors, and alumni. Filmed in Spring 2010, the Valley-Bound Commitment video was uploaded to the SBVC website in September and will be presented to various community groups throughout the fall.



Many thanks to the SBCCD Print Services and the many campus staff, faculty, and volunteers who helped produce these high-profile projects shared with the larger community.

Both the Valley-Bound Commitment video and the SBVC Annual Report are available for viewing and downloading at [www.valleycollege.edu](http://www.valleycollege.edu). For more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Public Relations at 909.384.8978.

## Environmental Club and "Superheroes" Promote Green-Friendly Awareness

Although San Bernardino Valley College is over 50 miles away from the popular Southern California beach scene, the desire to protect a precious resource along the Pacific Ocean coastline of California remains strong with many SBVC students and faculty in the Environmental Club. Several times over the past year, SBVC students, staff and faculty have participated in beach cleanup activities on the shores of Long Beach. Armed with gloves and garbage bags, students pick up cigarette butts, cans, trash and ocean debris for several hours before relaxing together on the newly cleaned beach later in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, September 21st, the Environmental Club hosted a workshop entitled "Meet The SBVC Green Superheroes" that featured practical, everyday tips on how individuals can make green-friendly choices. From water usage and food selection to the importance of recycling and bicycling, the SBVC Faculty "Superheroes" shared their expertise with a capacity crowd of students and fellow staff and faculty members.

Over the last year, the club has also held yard sales aimed at raising funds for non-profit organizations dedicated to protecting the environment.

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## **SBVC Students & Alumni Recognized During Hispanic Heritage Month and California Native American Week**

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month and California Native American Week, four students and alumni of SBVC were honored for their accomplishments and community service by Assemblymember Wilmer Amina Carter at the 4th Annual 30 Under 30 Latino/Native American Recognition breakfast on September 18th.

The San Bernardino Valley College honorees were: Jesse Venegas, a math tutor, youth mentor and former Valley-Bound Commitment student who is studying to be a teacher; Dr. Louis F. Rodriguez, a professor at California State University, San Bernardino in educational leadership and curriculum; Julie Zamora, a clerical assistant to District 62 Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter who is studying to be a photographer; Guadalupe Alvarado, a certified lactation educator who started taking classes at SBVC this semester.

"In honoring the accomplishments of the young, successful and motivated individuals of our community, more and more people will be moved to follow such fine examples of success and community activism," Assemblymember Carter said.

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## **Art Gallery Hosts "Unexpected Treasures: The Art of Autism"**

The Autism Society, Inland Empire and the KVCR Autism Initiative presented the traveling art exhibit, "Unexpected Treasures: The Art of Autism" at the Clara and Allen Gresham Art Gallery at SBVC from August 23-September 7.

The purpose of the exhibit was to highlight the wonderful work of young individuals with autism and create awareness of the disorder. The 21-piece exhibit kicked off in April during Autism Awareness Month and traveled throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties with stops in Temecula, Riverside, San Jacinto, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and ended at SBVC. Contributing artists were from throughout the Inland Empire ranged in age from 5 to 25. Proceeds from the sale of the artwork by local junior high, high school and SBVC students will benefit the KVCR Autism Initiative.

"I didn't know he had autism until he was 16 years old," said Ryan Noble's mother Karen as she talked about her son's artwork. "Ryan's artwork began to evolve when a teacher asked him to use colors and oil paints. He began to make unbelievable art. My eyes get bigger and bigger every time I see his new work."



*Artists from Colton High School were among the contributors to the traveling exhibit.*

## **SBVC Student Profile: Tanya Perdue – A Prescription for Commitment to Education**

*by SBVC student Courtney Jacobson*

Tanya Perdue started taking classes at San Bernardino Valley College in 1999 and has been faithfully attending ever since. Thanks to flexible class scheduling, she has been able to continue pursuing her goals at her own pace. As she enters her final year at SBVC, she is preparing to head out into the workforce with the full support of faculty and staff that have come alongside her over the last decade.

Tanya had originally planned to attend SBVC to fulfill her prerequisites required for becoming a dental hygienist. In August of 2009, she was one of fifty students that was finally accepted into the vaunted SBVC Nursing program. With only 8 months left in the nursing program, an anxious and passionate Tanya is eager to get her medical career started.

Tanya simply loves what she does, having recently taken a job as an Obstetrics (O.B.) Technician at Community Hospital of San Bernardino. Due to her busy schedule that includes class, clinicals, and large amounts of homework, Tanya is only able to work 12 hours a week. During the two-year time period Tanya was on the waiting list for the nursing program, she managed to save some money for living costs, but admits that it is not enough money for her other expenses, including food, gas, clothes, etc.

"I am currently appealing for Financial Aid and since they took away Stafford loans from the campus money has gotten tighter," said Tanya when asked how she is paying for school. "Without this extra money for school I am taking it from the money that I have saved for rent, so it is making it harder to survive financially."

Tanya has overcome many hardships and obstacles in her lifetime, such as growing up as a child in foster care and becoming a single mother at a very young age. Perdue's daughter (who is now 19 years old) is attending Victor Valley College and hopes to be accepted into the nursing program just like her mother.

"When I was 17 I did not know half of what I know now and I am very grateful for the nursing program," said Tanya as she described her feelings regarding her accomplishments and the nursing program.

Along the way Tanya has had the help and support of the faculty and staff at SBVC. The nursing program described by Tanya as a "place where everyone helps everyone" has been her second home for the past 13 months. During this time, she has created a tightly knit bond with the faculty, her classmates, and even refers to Priscilla Taylor, the director of the SBVC Nursing program, as her second mom.

"I have had to put my quality time with my daughter on hold because this program requires so much of my time," said Tanya. "My faith in God has brought me through this program and through life and I know as long as I keep my faith I will be okay."

Although her only focus is completing the Nursing program, Tanya one day hopes to come back as a teacher instead of a student because of the impact that SBVC and the teachers from the nursing program have made on her life. She was one of ten students selected by the Community Hospital of San Bernardino (through an essay contest and an interview with ten of the board members) for a position as a nurse upon completion of the program.



*SBVC Nursing student Tanya Perdue is scheduled to graduate after starting classes in 1999. A job as a nurse is awaiting her at Community Hospital of San Bernardino.*

"Nothing comes easy, but it will all be worth it," a visibly emotional Tanya said while reflecting on her upcoming commencement ceremony. "I have worked two jobs before and attended school full time but nothing has been as hard as this program. There will be tears of joy and I will finally be able to breathe."

## Save The Date

**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.

**Saturday, October 30 – 6:00 p.m.**

SBVC Football Homecoming vs. San Diego Mesa – SBVC Football Stadium

SBVC wraps up their home schedule while honoring departing sophomores playing at SBVC for the final time.

**Tuesday, November 2 – 5:00 p.m.**

Dia de los Muertos Celebration and Art Exhibition – Clara & Allen Gresham Art Gallery

You're invited to the reception for the Art Department's Dia de los Muertos Art Exhibition. Refreshments, live entertainment, and the welcoming of the latest exhibit will be part of the celebration. The exhibit runs from October 18<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup> with gallery hours between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (Monday – Friday). For more information, contact Emily McNichols at 909.384.4432.

**Wednesday, November 17 – Sunday, November 21 (*various times*)**

"Godspell" – The SBVC Fall Musical Production – SBVC Auditorium

Godspell is a musical based on the Gospel of Saint Matthew with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and book by John-Michael Tebelak. For more info, contact Denise Dales Jacobs at 909.384.8243.

**Friday, December 10 – Time TBD**

Annual President's Holiday Gathering – Campus Center

Elaborate gift baskets, tasty treats, holiday spirit, and thousands of dollars for student textbooks will highlight this popular event for staff and faculty. For more info, contact the Office of the President at 909.384.8573.