



President's Board Report

November 4, 2010

SBVC, SBCUSD, CSUSB, and UCR Present Enrollment Information at Community Education Meeting

More than 100 community members gathered at San Bernardino Valley College on a rainy Wednesday morning in mid-October to receive the latest information about enrolling in the state institutions of higher education in the Inland Empire. The Community Education Meeting organized by the SBVC Office of Outreach and Recruitment featured panelists who presented enrollment-related updates from their institutions, and fielded questions from the audience consisting of high school counselors, middle school principals, community advocates, and a wide variety of parents and educational leaders.

SBVC was represented by Dan Angelo (Admissions/Records) and Sam Trejo (Financial Aid). Assistant Superintendent Judy White provided updates from San Bernardino City Unified School District. Olivia Rosas, Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Admissions at California State University, San Bernardino and Merlyn Campos, Director of Admissions at UC Riverside provided fresh information on their schools' plans for upcoming admissions seasons.

Rosas excitedly shared that CSUSB just received news of partial baseline funding for winter and spring 2011 quarters that will allow approximately 1,000 additional students to be admitted to the university over 2010 figures. She also noted that CSUSB will remain as an "impacted" campus and will continue to focus on local students (more than 90% of students come from the Inland Empire).

Conversely, Merlyn Campos from UCR shared that their campus is serving 2,000 students for whom they are receiving no funding from the state. The record-breaking 2010-2011 numbers of new freshmen enrollees (4,400) and transfer enrollees (a 40% increase) will drop in 2011-2012, and applicants are encouraged to apply early (before 11/30/2010).



From L to R: SBVC's Sam Trejo (Financial Aid) and Dan Angelo (Admissions/Records) presented updates to community members seeking the latest information on how to get into college and apply for financial aid at the Community Education Meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 in Liberal Arts 100.

State Chancellor's Office Recognizes Valley-Bound Commitment as Student Success Program of the Year

The Valley-Bound Commitment at San Bernardino Valley College has been selected unanimously as the sole recipient of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office 2010 Chancellor's Student Success Award. The award recognizes a college that has demonstrated significant progress toward achieving student equity goals and success for all students.

The Valley-Bound Commitment program was singled out from a variety of nominations as a program that has instituted a creative approach proven effective in achieving student equity and student success in the areas of access, retention, course completion, degree and certificate completion, and transfer.



Also supported by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the award will be presented to SBVC by California Community College Chancellor Jack Scott at the Community College League's 2010 Annual Convention, which will be held November 18-20 at the Pasadena Convention Center in Pasadena, California.

San Manuel Gives \$100,000 to SBVC Foundation to Fund Valley-Bound Commitment in 2011-2012

In a ceremony surrounded by 150 current Valley-Bound Commitment students, the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians presented an additional \$100,000 to the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation to support the Valley-Bound Commitment for 2011-2012 and provide a free first year of college for local high school students graduating in 2011.

The third gift in as many years brings the total to \$450,000 in donations supporting a free first year of college to 275 high school graduates from the San Bernardino region.

"The Valley-Bound Commitment is a program that provides access, opportunity, and upward mobility to help these students succeed in life and contribute to the future prosperity of the Inland Empire," SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels said. "Since we launched the program in 2008, San Manuel has been an integral partner in helping increase the college-going



From L to R: SBVC Valley-Bound Commitment student Tracy Babers, San Manuel Tribal Chairman James Ramos, SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels, SBVC Valley-Bound Commitment students Felicida Barajas and Vincent Morales at the October 25th event where SBVC ceremonially received the funding to offer the award-winning Valley-Bound Commitment in 2011-2012.

rate in our area, and we are thrilled that their continued support means this program will continue and contribute to a more educated work force for tomorrow since 70% of our graduates remain in the area after receiving their degrees."

Launched by SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels with 36 students as a pilot program with Colton High School in 2008, the Valley-Bound Commitment is a student success program that covers the cost of all enrollment fees and textbooks and a variety of ancillary expenses for the first year of college. Essentially, the Valley-Bound Commitment effectively eliminates all economic barriers for graduating high school seniors to begin pursuing their educational dreams.

"As a greater community we are all tied together and have a stake in the future of this region," said San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Chairman James Ramos. "Today we are making an investment in an educated workforce to move this region forward on the path to success and economic sustainability."

In 2009, the program expanded to 89 students from all 12 feeder high schools in the area. In 2010, the program expanded again to include 150 students.

Results from the first two years of the program reveal how Valley-Bound Commitment students are:

- **Performing at a higher level of success** (significantly higher GPA and year-to-year persistence rates)
- **Reaching their goals of transfer and graduation more rapidly** (first Valley-Bound graduates received degrees in May 2010 as full-time students undeterred by having to work to pay for college)
- **Improving their community** (In 2009-2010, Valley-Bound Commitment students donated over 2,200 hours of community service)
- **Creating a new trajectory for their future and that of their family** (Siblings of previous Valley-Bound Commitment students are now enrolling. Of the 150 students in the 2010-2011 program, 130 are first generation college students whose parents haven't attained any type of college degree)

Student Profile: New SBVC Alumnus Receives Full Scholarship to Study Cyber Security at CSUSB

Michael Alvarez started taking classes in Computer Science at SBVC in the spring of 2008 after serving in the military. After changing his major to Business Administration and completing the requirements, he received an A.A. degree in May 2010.

Just before Commencement, he received word that he would be receiving a scholarship that would cover the expense of his final two years of college—including all tuition, room and board.

"I've always been interested in computers—it's just the way things are going now," Michael said. "I can hardly think of one thing that's not computerized anymore."



Armed with a letter of recommendation from SBVC Professor Roger Powell, Michael applied for the scholarship and started taking classes in September at California State University, San Bernardino.

"It's going to be a little different from the semester style at SBVC, but my classes at SBVC helped me prepare myself, and my great teachers helped guide me," Michael shared on the day before classes started. "When I needed anybody to talk to, I would go to Professor Powell. He was there for me and prepared me for the steps I'd need to be ready for CSUSB."

In his first semester, Michael is taking 16 units--all in his major: Business Administration with an emphasis in Information Assurance and Security Management. A Bloomington High School Class of 1998 graduate, Michael's goal is to become a Chief Information Officer of an organization in the corporate world, health care, or in the government.

Save The Date

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.

Saturday, November 20 – Time TBD

SBVC Wolverines Men's Cross Country State Finals – Woodwark Park, Fresno, CA

Coach Wes Ashford and his student athletes will be sprinting for the finish line first as they drive for five straight state titles. For more information and/or results, contact Brian Sylva at 909.384.8515.

Friday, December 3 – 6:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Glendale – 1st Women's Home Game – Snyder Gym

Coach Sue Crebbin and her student athletes return after a 24-5 record in 2009-2010 and will aim for a fourth consecutive conference championship. For more information and/or results, contact Brian Sylva at 909.384.8515.

Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 – 8:00 p.m.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" – SBVC Opera Production – SBVC Auditorium

One of the most popular American operas tells the tale of a young boy, his devoted mother, and the knock on the door which changed their lives forever. First appearing on Christmas Eve in 1951, it remains an inspiring story of how faith, charity, unselfish love, and good deeds can work miracles.

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.

Wednesday, January 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Mt. San Jacinto – 1st Men's Home Game and Conference Opener – Snyder Gym

State Coach of the Year Quincy Brewer and a re-loaded roster of student athletes return to Snyder Gym after an extensive early season tournament schedule on the road that follows on the heels of a 31-3 record in 2009-2010 and a trip to the state semifinals. For more information and/or results, contact Brian Sylva at 909.384.8515.