



San Bernardino  
**Valley College**

## ***President's Board Report*** *January 19, 2012*

### **Holiday Basket Event Raises Nearly \$10,000 for Valley-Bound Commitment Program**

On Friday, December 9th, the Campus Center was packed with employees from across the District as one of SBVC's most popular events, the President's Holiday Gathering, raised thousands for student scholarships.

Approximately 30 elaborate baskets were donated by SBVC/SBCCD employees, including themed entries *Hello "SBVC" Kitty*, *Never Judge a Book by its Movie*, and *Rollin' In The Dough*. Contents of other baskets included Amazon Kindles, gift cards, kitchen/garden tools, and star-gazing gear.

Employees from across the entire SBCCD enjoyed the gastronomic creations from the SBVC Culinary Arts Program at SBVC and participated in the opportunity drawing that netted \$4,680 in total donations. As has become tradition, SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels matched each donation dollar for dollar with a check for \$5,000 which will help fund the Valley-Bound Commitment program in 2012-2013.



*Professor Michael Mayne drops a ticket into the "Rollin' in the Dough" basket that featured \$370 in cash.*



*As part of their fall 2011 semester final, SBVC Culinary Arts served a variety of delectable desserts and appetizers.*

### **158<sup>th</sup> Sherriff's Academy Begins**



On January 9, 2012, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, in partnership with San Bernardino Valley College, will begin the 185th Session of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy with 43 trainees. The trainees will receive 920 hours of POST certified training. Those who successfully complete the training and graduate on June 14, 2012 will be eligible to work as full-time sworn peace officer is anywhere in the state of California.

## Construction Recap from Winter Holiday Break



Immediately following finals week, contractors began demolishing the tennis courts and handball courts between the football field and the historic observatory (pictured above center and above right). This paves the way for the upcoming Physical Education/Gymnasium and Central Plant construction projects. In anticipation of the renovation of the Business building over the next 18 months, all offices were moved to the Liberal Arts building and classrooms to the Planetarium portable buildings. Pictured above left are the newly-opened sidewalks and landscaping in the middle of campus (on the location of the former North Hall building).

## Music Department Concerts Ring in December

The Music Department held several concerts during the last weeks of the semester. These included concerts featuring our choir and Voci Soli. Additionally, the students in voice, piano and guitar classes had an opportunity to share what they learned in semester ending recitals. The Theatrical Music Workshop class (MUS 159) performed *Amahl and the Night Visitors* several times, including a performance for students visiting from Urbita Elementary School.

## Achala Chatterjee Named Division Dean

The Applied Technology, Transportation, and Culinary Arts Division is pleased to have a new permanent dean. Achala Chatterjee was appointed to the position at the December Board meeting. Ms. Chatterjee comes to the division after serving as a full-time faculty member and department chair in the Water Technology Department. Ms. Chatterjee actually began her tenure with the college five years ago in the same division where she taught Machine Technology and Engineering. She holds a Master's Degree in Engineering, is a Licensed Professional Engineer, and has had relevant experience in several of the departments within the division. Achala served as chair of the Curriculum Committee for four years. Her training and service is a valuable addition to the division as she begins her work this January.

## Physical Sciences' LEED-Certified Sustainable Initiatives Highlighted by Dozens of Educational Display Signs Featuring QR Codes and Dedicated Website

In August 2011, the new Physical Sciences building opened as the first (soon-to-be) LEED-Certified building with dozens of environmentally friendly features such as water-saving toilets and native landscaping.

With the arrival of 13 different varieties of 10-inch square signs installed throughout 50 different locations in the 56,000 square foot building's classrooms, labs, hallways, and elevators in December, all visitors to the building can witness SBVC's commitment to sustainability in an interactive fashion. The signs promote the building's sustainable initiatives using a mixture of curious questioning and humor integrated with the latest in mobile technology.



*A student uses her smartphone to scan a QR code (left) which immediately directs her to the SBVC website (right) that reveals sustainable features of the Physical Sciences building at SBVC.*

A unique QR (quick response) barcode located on each sign allows smartphone users to scan a code and be instantly directed to a dedicated section within the SBVC website that provides specific answers to the questions stated on each sign. For those without smartphones, the website URL for more information is listed on each sign.

The project itself counts as a "LEED Point" when the application for LEED Certification is officially filed later in 2012. The project was led by NTD Architecture and the SBVC Office of Marketing & Public Relations and implemented by *Kitchell/BRj/Seville* and *Fastsigns* San Bernardino.

## Top Chemistry Student Recognized

The Chemistry Department held its end-of-semester decompression gathering where students in the majors' classes socialize, receive the results on their final exam, and hear tips from other students about successful strategies for the next class in the sequence. At this event, Alberto Guzman, the top second-semester organic chemistry student (the last course in the four-semester series) was recognized and received a copy of the *Merk Index*. This reference book is a resource that contains data and information used by chemists, biochemists, and biologists.



*(From left to right) Chemistry faculty Michael Torrez with Alberto Guzman*

## Fall 2011 Athletics Overview



### *MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY*

SBVC's runners won the school's sixth consecutive Southern California Championship in the sport, but finished second at the State Finals, ending a 5-year string of statewide dominance. Led by several returners from the 2010 state championship team, San Bernardino steamrolled through the Foothill Conference (16th straight title, 21st overall) and Southern California Regional meets before finishing 42-points behind American River College at the state meet in Fresno. Last season, SBVC defeated American River by a 17-point margin of victory. SBVC's top finisher was in 9th place with Sophomore Eric Perez (Riverside Arlington) wrapping up with a 20:25.

### *WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY*

Longtime SBVC coach Ken Blumenthal led the team to a third place finish in the Foothill Conference. The 2011 Foothill Conference Championships were hosted by Rio Hondo College at Legg Lake Park at Whittier Narrows Regional Park. At the Conference Finals, freshman Melina Hernandez (Indio H.S.) finished third overall with a time of 18:38 in the 5K race, 42 seconds behind the first place finisher from Antelope Valley. At the Southern California Finals, Hernandez was the top finisher for SBVC and finished 44th overall with a time of 19:26. Hernandez was the only SBVC student-athlete selected to run at the state finals, finishing 39th with a time of 19:35.11.

### *FOOTBALL*

Under third-year coach Kevin Emerson, SBVC finished with a record 4-6 overall and 2-3 in the Mountain Conference. Team highlights included a record for most passing touchdowns in a game (6 versus Victor Valley in week 10) while sophomore kicker Cody Lyter finished third all-time with a 51.1 yards per kick average. Freshman wide receiver Stacey Howard was named a first team all-Mountain Conference after playing in 8 games, collecting 40 receptions for 619 yards, and breaking the single season touchdown receptions record with 13. Howard set the school record for most touchdown receptions in a game (5), and was the leading individual scorer for the 2011 season with 78 points. Sophomore linebacker Marcus Pesquera was named a first team all-Mountain Conference selection for his dominance on the defensive side of the ball. He set the school record for tackles in a season with 124. Sophomores Dylan Schul (punter) and Miguel Herrera (offensive guard) were also named first team all-Mountain Conference.

## *WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL*

The 2011 season was full of change for fourth-year coach Tricia Rossman as SBVC ended the season with a record of 7-17 overall and 3-9 in Conference, finishing sixth. On the court, freshman outside hitter Monica Gardner was named first team all-Foothill Conference. She finished 11th in conference and 12th overall with a 2.39 kills per game average, Gardner also finished 11th in conference and 16th overall with a 3.20 digs per game average, wrapping up the season with 32 total service aces. Named to the second team all-Conference were freshman outside hitter Dana Wochholz and freshman outside hitter Brianna McKie (for the second consecutive year).

## *MEN'S SOCCER*

Under the tutelage of sixth-year coach Josh Brown, SBVC Men's Soccer ended the regular season undefeated at home for the first time in team history. The team won 14 games on their way to winning their first-ever Foothill Conference title and first playoff berth since 1994. The 14 wins led to other firsts—a ranking of 20th in the state, and 10th in southern California. Coach Brown was named Conference Coach of the Year for the second time in three years, had 12 players named to the All-Conference team, and saw sophomore goalkeeper Daniel Angulo be named the Foothill Conference MVP.

Entering the playoffs, tenth seeded SBVC visited the seventh seeded Huntington Beach Golden West Rustlers (12-6-4; 9-3-2) in the first round of the Southern California Regionals but were defeated in double overtime. Those named to this year's First Team All-Foothill Conference were freshman defender Daniel Topete, freshman defender Eric Llamas, freshman forward Jorge Ruiz and sophomore forward Ricardo Sigala.

## *WOMEN'S SOCCER*

Under the tutelage of seventh-year coach Kristin Hauge, SBVC Women's Soccer ended the regular season with 15 wins and a fifth straight playoff appearance. Continuing to cement its reputation as a dominant program in the region, the young squad loaded with 4 sophomores and 24 freshmen peaked at the right time and found themselves within one victory of heading back to the State Finals.

After losing 10 of 11 starters from last year's state championship team, the lack of on-the-field provided a challenge for Hauge—last season's National Soccer Coaches Association of America Coach of the Year. After preparing all season for the playoffs, the #15-ranked SBVC traveled to face Santa Barbara City College and promptly upset the #2 seed. Next up was another road playoff victory against #7-seeded College of the Canyons which set up a showdown with Cypress College—stirring echoes of the epic 2010 playoff battle between the two teams that resulted in a goalkeeper vs. goalkeeper shootout victory. Once again, it would take two overtimes and penalty kicks to decide the victory, with Cypress squeaking out a victory to end the upstart Wolverines' back-to-back state championship bid.

A bright future portends for 2012 as SBVC's Women's Soccer program had 11 players named All-Foothill Conference including first-team all-conference selections sophomore forward Mariela Ortega and freshman defender Diana Hernandez.

## Mentally Focused on a Brighter Future

### *SBVC Alumni Profile: Vicente Cortez*

As an impressionable young middle school student in 2004, Vicente Cortez experienced a 4th of July that year that would change the trajectory of his life forever as one of his schoolmates was chased down and shot in a gang-related drive-by shooting.

“When I saw one of my friends die right in front of me, I knew this wasn’t the life for me and I needed to make my own path because I didn’t want to fall into that category,” Vicente said.

Vicente Cortez experienced many of the challenges that came with having friends in gangs and family members who weren’t aware of the importance of education.

“I knew I didn’t want to end up dying in front of my parents or risking my family members going to jail and decided to go my own way. Even today, I see some of those same friends who have criminal records and have spent time in jail. They have a lot of nice things, but for all the wrong reasons.”

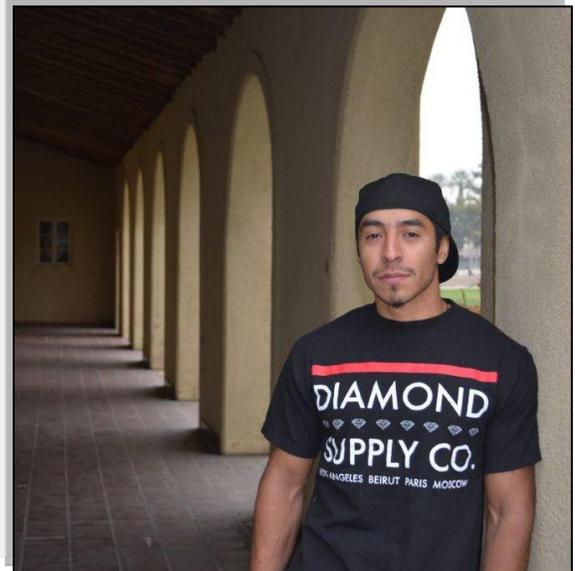
#### GEARING UP FOR COLLEGE

As he navigated the challenging teenage years, Vicente eventually ended up attending Middle College High School, the award-winning program on the campus of San Bernardino Valley College where students take college courses in the morning and high school classes in the afternoon. After a friend told him about the field of psychiatric technology, Vicente got a head start in the SBVC Psychiatric Technician program by completing all of his pre-requisites before receiving his high school diploma in 2009.

“When my friend first told me about the Psych Tech Program, I didn’t even know what it was,” Cortez admitted. “I was on my own—from studying and reading to learning how to do research. Nobody around me had any knowledge about the health care field either, so I had to figure out how to relate to things and find examples beyond the textbooks,” Vicente shared.

Vicente persevered even though he entered the intensive program as one of the youngest students (age 18) and initially felt the pressure of high expectations.

“The program was hard—and, considering that I was young, I think some people didn’t expect me to follow through and thought I might fail,” Vicente said. “But the professors were awesome and I used all of that doubt to prove everybody wrong. I knew that as long as you have a heart for what you want to do, you can do whatever you want.”



Vicente graduated from SBVC's Psychiatric Technician Ceremony in August 2011, immediately passed his certification exams, and has begun applying for positions at local hospitals and mental health facilities. As the first in his family (and his extended family) to graduate from college, Vicente understands the critical role he plays in being an example for his younger siblings who are ages 15 and 9.

"I've tried to set the bar high so that they can reach it and aim to go higher," Cortez said. "My parents left Mexico to live here and provide a better opportunity for our family. They did their part to give us a better future. And my way of thanking them for that is to have a career and do what I can do to make them happy and help them."

#### ON THE VERGE OF LAUNCHING A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

Vicente's heart for psychiatric technology is evidenced by his desire to eventually become a psychiatric nurse where he can help people who are lost by getting to know their stories. While completing the required clinical trainings at Patton State Hospital in San Bernardino, Vicente encountered a patient who had been admitted because of drug abuse and was hearing voices and seeing things.

"I saw how people started working with him and he got better. He came in swinging, spitting and everything, and now he is under control and is back out in the world after getting help," Vicente said. "I experienced that change and saw what a difference I could make."

At only 20 years of age, Vicente already has an attractive résumé for employers to consider: A college degree, completed certifications, significant volunteer experience in a technical health care field, and fluency in Spanish. Vicente's hope is that his skill set will be a differentiator when hiring decisions are made at hospitals and mental health facilities.

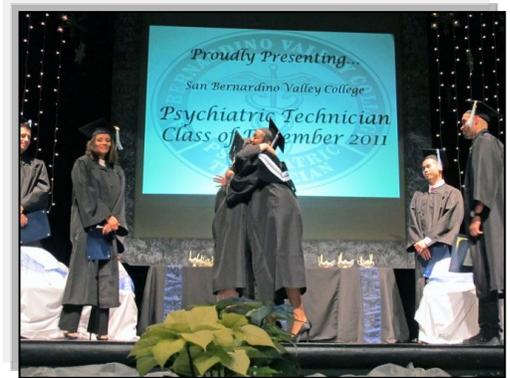
"I've had a tough life, but I know that life doesn't stop for anybody. I live by day by day and keep pursuing what I want to do," Vicente shared. "I'll volunteer or do whatever I have to do and wherever there is a job for me out there, that's where I'm going to go," Vicente said.

## Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Program Ceremonies

In December, two health science programs, Nursing and Psychiatric Technician, celebrated the students who completed certificate and degree requirements. The Pinning Ceremony for the 42 students completing the Nursing Program took place in the Auditorium on Dec. 14th. Students honored the faculty members and listened to their invited guest speaker, Dr. Laura Leedahl, a nursing faculty member. The students were then individually recognized as they received their pins. Following the recognition the audience was treated to a slide show that celebrated their two years in the program. The event ended after the students recited the Florence Nightingale pledge.



The following evening, Dec. 15th, 22 students from the Psychiatric Technician Program celebrated their success in their Completion Ceremony. Students took the time from the ceremony to thank the faculty in the program by giving them each a special plaque. The class officers introduced fellow students by sharing a personal story or fond memory of that particular student. Following a presentation by guest speaker Anthony Green, a Psychiatric Technician from the VA Hospital, each student was invited to center stage one at a time to receive his or her certificate or degree. A slide show highlighting the past three semesters entertained both the audience and students.



### Save the Date

**Saturday & Sunday, January 28 & 29 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Free Drive-Thru E-Waste Collection Event – Parking Lot #8 (south of football field)**

SBVC's Alpha Gamma Sigma Club once again invites the entire community to recycle their used televisions, computers, phones, and other electronic devices instead of unnecessarily contributing to landfills. For more information contact 909.714.6584 or valleycollegehonors@gmail.com.

**Thursday, March 29 – Time TBD - Mayor Patrick Morris and the Education RoundTable's Golden Apple Awards – CSUSB Obershaw Dining Room**

Join in the 18th annual celebration of the best and brightest employees in education in San Bernardino as SBVC awardees are recognized along with SBCUSD and CSUSB staff and faculty. Dinner is \$40/person. For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 909.384.5133.

**Thursday, April 26 – Sunday, April 29 – Various Times - A Flea in Her Ear**

The SBVC Theatre Department will be performing A Flea in Her Ear, written by Georges Feydeau (translation by Barnett Shaw). Interested students should plan to attend auditions, which begin on January 30 at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium.