



San Bernardino
Valley College

President's Board Report *February 9, 2012*

Spring Semester Gets Underway

More than 11,000 students took another step toward a brighter future by starting the spring semester of classes at San Bernardino Valley College today. Despite full parking lots and classrooms, many students remained focused on their goal of improving their lives through education.

Here are some of the stories from the first day of the new semester:

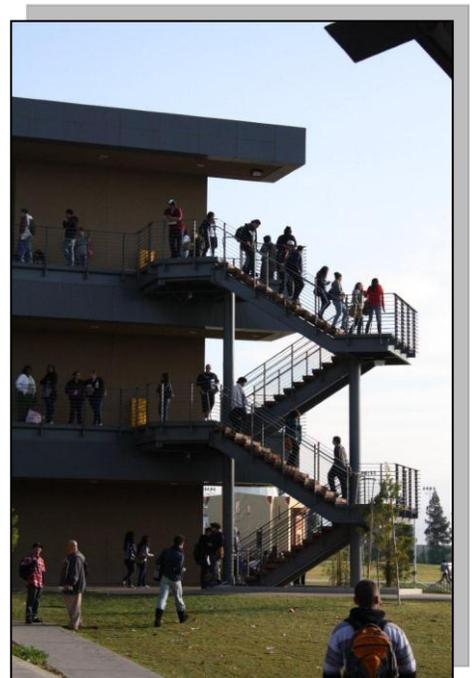
Cole – A veteran with 10 years of service in the Armed Forces is using his G.I. bill to attend college. Because he registered late, he spent the first day of instruction attempting to add classes. His educational goal is to get a degree and start a career in computer programming.

Lorenzo – Armed with a handwritten list of classes he is trying to add, Lorenzo is unlucky in the lottery to be added into Professor David Smith's Math 942 class at 8:00 a.m. Later in the morning he relocated to the Library and reported that he was able to get into a Culinary Arts class. He was busy combing through the class schedule preparing another list of courses he attempted to be added into on Wednesday.

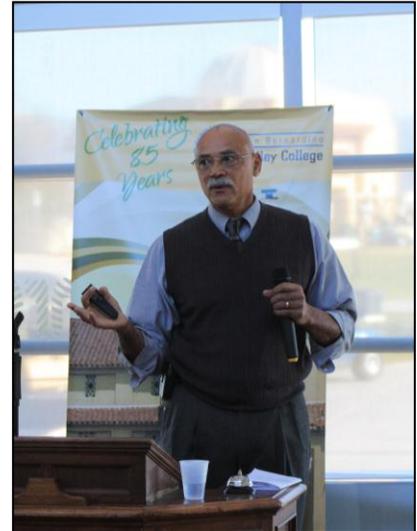
Ann – As a first time student, Ann braved the cold at 7:00 a.m. to wait in line for an update on her financial aid situation when the offices opened at 8:00 a.m. Although she previously attempted cosmetology school, this was her first time enrolling in community college. She was not able to enroll into any classes beforehand but had a list of four classes she attempted to add on Tuesday. If unsuccessful, her goal was to try for another set of classes on Wednesday.



SBVC Math Professor David Smith (at right) asks students to raise their hands if they are attempting to add his Tuesday/Thursday Math 942 class. Dozens of students raised their hands and subsequently added their names to slips of paper that were drawn from a hat for the one and only open seat in the class.



Spring 2012 Opening Day Activities



On Friday, January 13th, SBVC campus staff and faculty gathered for Opening Day activities for the Spring 2012 semester. After an icebreaker trivia competition highlighting SBVC's 85th Anniversary, Dr. James Smith (Director of Institutional Research) presented findings from the latest campus SWOT Survey while attendees were asked to contribute additional feedback individually and within the groups around their table. Before breaking away for department/divisional meetings, the 85th Anniversary video produced by KVCR was shown to the campus for the first time.

Student Success Center Tutors Receive Training and More Hours to Serve Students

Faculty and staff from various departments around the campus came together on Friday, January 13th and Saturday, January 14th to train the ever-increasing roster of student tutors within SBVC's Student Success Center.

Demand for services has increased requiring additional hours of access and more tutors with supplementary training. At the start of the fall 2011 semester, the Student Success Center featured 40 tutors, increased to 50 by the end of the semester, and started this semester with 67. Hours of service in the Student Success Center started in fall 2011 at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., increased to 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. by the end of the semester, and started the spring semester by adding hours on Saturday (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Another Successful E-Waste Event Saves Landfills, Earns Funds for Student Clubs

SBVC Student Club Alpha Gamma Sigma, in partnership with the Associated Student Government, hosted a community-wide electronic waste disposal/recycling event over the weekend of January 28 and 29. Five large moving trucks full of electronic products were redirected from local landfills to recycling stations. Alpha Gamma Sigma will use the funds to contribute to student activities and scholarships.



Library Expands Hours to Saturday, Adds New Services for Spring Semester

Due to student requests and the opportunity to further promote student success, the SBVC Library has expanded its services and hours for the spring 2012 semester—including opening earlier and adding Saturday hours.

More than 2,400 students access the SBVC Library's array of services every day at the SBVC Library—that's more than 200 requests per hour. From computer access and quiet study spaces to the ability to utilize classroom textbooks and check out more than 85,000 books from the vast SBVC collection, students have even more opportunities to achieve their academic goals with wide access to volumes of information—both online and offline.



“We work hard to do our best to student requests here in the Library, and our hard-working team is happy to be able to serve them where it counts,” said SBVC Dean of Library & Learning Support Services Marie Mestas. “Many students have asked for additional hours of access to the Library and all of our services like computers, textbook banks, and more. These enhancements in service provide students with more access to the valuable tools that we know are key factors in contributing to student success.”

Changes in the SBVC Library Since the Fall 2011 Semester:

- **Expanded weekday hours** – The Library is now opening at 7:30 a.m. every weekday—30 minutes earlier than last semester. This allows students an opportunity to quickly print out an assignment, grab a book, or make a photocopy before classes begin at 8:00 a.m. The Library will remain open until 7:30 p.m. during weekdays (and until noon on Fridays).
- **Saturday hours** – Starting January 28th, the Library will now be open with full services on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reserves, textbook bank, computer lab (with printing services), database access, photocopying, and full access to study areas and bookstacks will be available. In addition, adjunct faculty will be available to assist students with research needs
- **Additional computers** – Dozens of new computers have been added to accommodate the heavy demand—increasing the largest computer lab on campus to well over 100 computers
- **Wireless nook** – A corner of the Library has been reserved specifically for laptop users with easy access to electricity and the all-campus wireless access The Library entrance patio with umbrella tables and benches also features wireless access.
- **Relaxed cell phone rules** — Students can now talk on their cell phones on the main floor of the Library (the Cell Phone Zone) but are still asked to respect fellow students using the Quiet Study Area (the second floor).

Documentary Film, Informational Panel Highlight Human Trafficking

As the first of several Arts & Lectures activities scheduled for the spring 2012 semester, a free film screening of *Very Young Girls* was held in SBVC's Library Viewing Room on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The 84-minute film was followed immediately by a Q & A panel with local experts who are working toward combating human trafficking—including several local women who escaped the lifestyle portrayed in the film.

The viewing and panel discussion were organized in conjunction with the San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE), a partnership of public and private entities who have joined together to develop resources in the county to educate, prevent, intervene and treat victims of sexual exploitation. The CASE goal is to coordinate services tailored to the characteristics and circumstances of these children, train law enforcement on investigation and detection, educate the public and create awareness to protect children from abuse and exploitation.



Community Film Series Launches at SBVC

OneNation Media Services, Inc., a local nonprofit organization, in collaboration with San Bernardino Valley College, has launched Community Cinema, a series of free monthly film screenings from the Emmy Award-winning PBS series, *Independent Lens*. The goal of Community Cinema is to bring together leading organizations, community members, and public television stations for learning and discussion, and to promote involvement in today's critical social issues.



The Independent Television Service (ITVS) is publically-funded and brings independently-produced, high-quality public broadcast and new media programs to local, national and international audiences. OneNation Media Services and San Bernardino Valley College, in association with KVCR's partner station, PBS SoCal, are among just over 100 groups nationwide selected to bring the groundbreaking film series to the public as an education and civic engagement initiative.

The 2012 schedule began with a screening of *Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock* on January 24th. It told the story of Daisy Bates, a complex, unconventional, and largely forgotten heroine of the civil rights movement who led the charge to desegregate the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957.

Additional films will be shown throughout the semester. Details on each show are available in the "News" section of the SBVC website.

“Visions from the Deep” Surfaces at SBVC Art Gallery



The Clara & Allen Gresham Art Gallery show “Water Colors—Visions from the Deep” concluded a 3-week run on Friday, February 3rd. Actual photographs from around the world as captured by the Redlands Underwater Photography Club were on display—including submissions from SBVC Science Division Dean Dr. Susan Bangasser.

Coming up next in the Art Gallery is a solo show featuring the works of artist (and former SBVC faculty member and administrator) Judith Hert. The new show will run from February 13-March 2 with a reception on February 21 from 5:00-7:00pm.

Save the Date

February 28 (11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.) and February 29 (7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) - SBVC Choir Performs A Collection of Spirituals – Multiple Activity Center (MAC) inside North Hall

Thursday, March 29 – 5:30 p.m. - 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 – SBVC Auditorium

The SBVC Theatre Department will be performing *A Flea in Her Ear*, written by Georges Feydeau (translation by Barnett Shaw).

Friday, April 27th, 5:00 p.m.: 17th Annual Spotighting Our Success Faculty/Staff Awards – Campus Center Awards will be presented to the top faculty and staff members of the 2011-2012 SBVC family as voted on by their colleagues. Tickets are \$10 per person and dinner will be served by students in Chef Stacy Meyer’s Culinary Arts Program. For more information, contact Craig Petinak at 909.384.8978.

Thursday, May 24th, 6:00 p.m.: 85th Annual Commencement Ceremony – SBVC Football Stadium SBVC’s annual Commencement ceremonies returns to an evening start time.