



San Bernardino  
Valley College

## ***President's Board Report*** *March 15, 2012*

### **NASA Scientist Presents on Nanotechnology at SBVC**

On Thursday, February 9th, the Science Division hosted a talk on Nanotechnology presented by Meyya Meyyappan, Chief Scientist for Exploration Technology at the Center for Nanotechnology, NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, CA. Over eighty students and staff attended the lecture that focused on the basics of nanotechnology.

After defining and describing property changes of nanomaterials, Dr. Meyyappan shared examples of the impact on manufacturing, such as self-healing materials. The audience was intrigued by the description of carbon nanotubes that imitated the adhesive strength of a gecko. The presentation provided examples of nanotechnology in multiple products and industries, such as biomedicine, memory devices, super-capacitors, and even cosmetics. The presentation was recorded by students in the Radio-TV-Film Program and will be available to anyone interested in learning more about nanotechnology.



### **Welding Students Earn Coveted L.A. City Welder's Licenses**

On February 23rd, 25 SBVC welding students appeared for the L.A. City Certified Structural Welder written exam for steel. The first part of the written test is based on welding theory while the second part of the test is based on American Welding Society (AWS) Codes for specific metal such as steel, aluminum, sheet steel, reinforcing steel and stainless steel. Twenty-four students passed the test with scores ranging from 70 to 92%. These SBVC students have completed the first step on their way to getting a coveted L.A. City Welder's license.

### **"Transition to Success" Partnership Formed with Adult School to Assist Students**

The SBVC Reading Department has entered into a partnership with the San Bernardino Adult School to improve the college readiness of its students. The program is entitled, "Transition to Success." As part of this free program, students enroll in both a reading class at San Bernardino Valley College and participate in supplemental instruction in reading, writing, and technology through the adult school. Anticipated outcomes include higher placement scores, which could enable participants to progress to college-level courses more quickly.

## Club Rush Spreads the Love on Valentine's Day



Photo Highlights are pictured above from the Office of Student Life's Club Rush Event held on Valentine's Day. Chocolate covered strawberries and "Kiss a Vet" fundraisers engaged students to connect with dozens of clubs on campus.

## Philosophy Club Inspiring Critical Thinking

The SBVC Philosophy Club continues to provide students with a lively forum for intellectual inquiry. This spring, under the leadership of President-Elect Ian Giddens, the club continues its investigation into the emerging and controversial field of Experimental Philosophy (X-Phil). Structured on Oxford's Very Short Introduction series, the club's reading group will resume its debate over Socrates' much-quoted condemnation of "the unexamined life." Recent events have included the annual Pacific Division Conference of the American Philosophy Association, as well as lectures by internationally renowned philosophers, Martha Nussbaum (Chicago) and Ronald Dworkin (NYU).

## SBVC Baseball Coach Scores 500<sup>th</sup> Victory



On Thursday, February 23rd, SBVC baseball's 10-3 victory over Mt. San Jacinto was more than just a typical mid-season Foothill Conference victory. The game represented Coach Bill Mierzwik's 500th victory in 870 games coaching the Wolverines over 21 seasons.

***Congratulations Coach Mierzwik!***

## Valley-Bound Commitment Begins Recruiting for 2012-2013 Class

Recruitment for the fifth class of the award-winning Valley-Bound Commitment Program began in mid-February with an initial meeting with local high school counselors and the arrival of new recruitment brochures and applications. If you know an eligible student who might be interested in applying to be one of 200 graduating high school seniors who will receive a free first year of college at SBVC, direct them to contact Carmen Rodriguez at 909.384.8592 or to visit [www.valleycollege.edu/vbc](http://www.valleycollege.edu/vbc) for details.

## SBVC Hosts SkillsUSA Competition

The Automotive Collision Department (Mark Williams and Sonny Loera) and the Culinary Arts Department (Chef Stacy Myers) hosted the 2012 SkillsUSA Regional Competitions on Saturday, February 4th. A total of 34 students competed in two areas—Collision Repair and Refinishing. The Collision Repair competition consisted of metal straightening, plastic filler repair, sanding techniques, MIG welding and an ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) test. The Refinishing competition consisted of sanding and feather-edging a panel, refinishing (painting) a fender, spray gun and application technique and an ASE test. SBVC student Sergio Gonzalez (Pictured with instructors Mark Williams and Manuel (Sonny) Loera) won a 1st place gold medal in the Collision Repair competition. The judges for both competitions were all alumni of SBVC and graduates of the Auto Collision and Refinishing program.



## SBVC Great Teachers Retreat 2012

On February 11th, SBVC faculty concluded three days of the Great Teachers Retreat held at the Highland Springs Resort where twenty faculty members with centuries of experience celebrated good teaching together under the facilitation of Professor James Robinson. The Great Teachers Movement was created by David Gottshall as an opportunity for teachers to ponder their methodologies and enhance the art of teaching.



## Twenty Students Graduate from Basic Law Enforcement Academy



On March 8, 2012, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, in partnership with San Bernardino Valley College, conducted a graduation ceremony for 20 trainees graduating from the 184th session of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The ceremony was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church with guest speaker Ontario Police Department Chief Eric Hopley. Of the 20 graduates, 9 have already been hired with local law enforcement agencies.

## Basketball Teams Fall in Southern California Regional Finals

After combining for 53 wins and only 10 losses this season, both basketball teams saw their seasons end within minutes of each other on Saturday night to teams that had both lost only once all season. The men's team lost 94-88 in a hotly-contested battle against Citrus College in Glendora while the women fell to Ventura College in Ventura, 64-47. Quincy Brewer's men's team finished another great season with a record of 25-6 while Sue Crebbin's women's team finished with the best record in school history at 28-4, with 3 of their 4 losses coming to Ventura College. Congratulations to both teams for great seasons!

## Art Gallery Showcases Fill Gresham Gallery

A collection of acrylics on canvas and unique sculptures made with recycled paper were on display at the Clara & Allen Gresham Art Gallery from February 13th through March 2nd. A reception with the artists was held on February 21st at 5:00 p.m. The next show will open March 12th and run through April 6th. The show is titled, "Mapping the Real" which is an exhibition of the recent works of artist Don Woodford. There will be a reception on Tuesday, March 27 from 5:00-7:00 PM.



## Nurse Striping Ceremony

On January 30, near the beginning of the spring semester, the third semester students received their first stripe from the fourth semester students to celebrate the accomplishment of successfully completing the first year of the nursing program. At this event, faculty members were thanked, students were honored, and family took pride in their students' accomplishments. The nursing program is four-semester (two years) and following the completion of the fourth semester, the nursing students receive their pin in the final "Nurse Pinning Ceremony" coming up in December, 2012.



## Student Protest Concludes with March to President's Office

On Thursday, March 1st, MEChA and Associated Student Government co-sponsored a rally and march on campus protesting Sacramento's implementation of higher student fees and budget reductions.

Speakers included several students, staff and faculty members from CSUSB, UCR, SBVC, SBCCD, and the SBCCD Board of Trustees (Trustee John Futch).

After the rally, the students marched to the Administration/Student Services Building and asked to speak with Interim President Dr. Larry Buckley who addressed the crowd, answered questions, and encouraged the students to continue fighting for their future.



*SBVC Interim President Dr. Larry Buckley speaks with dozens of students who marched to the AD/SS building to decry budget cuts that jeopardize their future.*

## SBVC Students "March in March" With Thousands in Sacramento

Late on Sunday evening March 4th, more than 100 SBVC students arrived on campus to catch two buses that carried them through the night to Sacramento where they joined tens of thousands of other community college, CSU, and UC students taking part in the annual "March in March" rally.

This annual event lasted all day and into the evening—attracting the attention of lawmakers who addressed the large crowd of students outside the Capitol building.



SBCCD Trustee John Longville, professors Ed Millican and Todd Heibel, as well as Classified Staff members Rose Garcia and Mary Valdemar, lent their support and voices by joining the students in Sacramento.

## Save the Date

**Saturday, March 17 – 9:00 a.m.** – COPE Education Summit – Location TBD

This collaborative outreach with COPE (Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement) is an effort to expose local teenagers to support services, information, and action regarding education and their future. For more information contact Clyde Williams at 909-384-8984.

**Saturday, March 24 – 8:30 a.m.** – Community Health Conference – Location TBD

Local students are invited to attend this event aimed at increasing health and safety awareness in the community, and provide youth with access to information resources from youth providers within San Bernardino County. Sponsored by the County Probation Independent Living Program, workshops and seminars will also include the In-n-Out Burgermobile serving lunch. For more information contact Clyde Williams at 909-384-8984.

**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.

**Friday & Saturday, March 30-31 - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday April 1 – 4:00 p.m.** – Voci Soli, The Liebeslieder Waltzes – North Hall 164 (MAC)

**Tuesday, April 3 – 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.** – Student Success Summit – Location TBD

As part of a full day of professional development activities on Flex Day, this inaugural event is aimed at sharing best practices happening on campus that are impacting student success. In addition, staff and faculty will work together to formulate plans to address issues that may be hindering students from being successful. Contact the Office of the President at 384.8298 for additional information.

**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 27, 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 24, 6:00 p.m.:** 85th Annual Commencement Ceremony – SBVC Football Stadium

SBVC's annual Commencement ceremony returns to an evening start time.