



San Bernardino  
**Valley College**

## ***President's Board Report*** *May 17, 2012*

### **Gresham Art Gallery Features Student Art Exhibition**



More than 250 student submissions from paintings and drawings to ceramics and photos highlight the year's most popular exhibit at the Clara & Allen Gresham Art Gallery.

Abstract self-portraits, glass-blown bowls, stunning digital photographs, exquisite paintings, and hand-crafted masks and figurines utilizing chalk, clay, charcoal, pencil, oil paints and many other media intermix to formulate the Annual Student Art Exhibition.

Held for more than 30 years, the annual exhibit opened on Monday, April 30th along with an awards ceremony/reception on Monday, May 7th. Certificates of merit and scholarships were presented—along with a type of “sweepstakes” champion for the entire exhibit.

For a sneak peek at dozens of the submissions, visit the home page of the SBVC website.

### **Local High School Principals and Counselors Connect With SBVC**



With the shared goal of increasing the college-going rate of local high school students, dozens of high school principals and counselors were equipped with the best methods of connecting their graduates by meeting with SBVC in April. The Counseling & Matriculation Office held an all-day training on April 20th in the Sunroom for dozens of representatives from high schools in the area. Updates on instructional programs, financial aid, learning communities, and more highlighted the event. On Friday the 27th, more than a dozen principals and assistant principals engaged with SBVC for similar updates about San Bernardino Valley College.

## SBVC Comes Together for Unity Week

Students, staff, faculty came together to celebrate unity through diversity with dozens of activities ranging from workshops and concerts to film screenings and luncheons during the week of April 30th.

The SBVC Arts, Lectures & Diversity Committee presented a full roster of activities like: Lectures, rallies, musical performances, luncheons, opportunity drawings, film screenings, and student testimonials.

- Monday – April 30 - Unity in Art & Word
- Tuesday – May 1 – Unity in Action & Education
- Wednesday – May 2 - Unity Festival & Humanities Day
- Thursday – May 3 – Unity Inspiration
- Friday – May 4 - Unity in Leadership & Laughter



The Arts, Lectures & Diversity Committee comprises students, staff, faculty, and administrators including the following Unity Week Planning Committee Members: Students Anthony Victoria, Ashley Dial, Joyce Green, Kevin White, Josh Hill, Derek Rogers, Lawrence McCrary, Hector Guzman, Linda Subero, Richard Velis, and staff members Stacy Garcia and Mary Valdemar.

## Celebrating Humanities Day

Student performances and presentations from music and art to English and speech highlighted Humanities Day on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 from 11:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In addition, bestselling author Janet Fitch, whose book *White Oleander* was one of Oprah's Book Club selections and was made into a 2002 film, read from her latest novel *Paint It Black*, offered book signings, and answered questions.

SBVC's literary magazine, *Phineas*, also debuted while the day ended with a visit to the Student Art Exhibition in the Gresham Art Gallery.



## Highlights from the 17th Annual “Spotlighting Our Success” Faculty & Staff Awards Celebration

Faculty, staff, students, trustees, and family members gathered together on Friday, April 27th as awards were presented in nine categories and employees were honored for their years of service to SBVC.

Beyond the dozens of culinary arts students who worked all day and into the night in order to present a meal for nearly 200 employees and their guests, the crowd was treated to a preview performance of *A Flea In Her Ear* by students Deanna Bowen and Lorena Segura.



The winners are as follows:

### *Honored Retiree*

- Suzan Hall, Retired Classified Staff Member, Student Services

### *Manager of the Year*

- Dr. Kay Weiss, Dean, Arts & Humanities

### *Excellence Award*

- Maria del Carmen Rodriguez, Counselor, EOP&S/CARE Program

### *Outstanding Service Award*

- Edward J. Szumski, Professor, Electricity/Electronics

### *Innovator of the Year*

- David Bastedo, Professor, Biology Department

### *Outstanding Professors*

- Dr. Jeremiah Gilbert, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
- Dr. Edward Millican, Associate Professor, Political Science

### *Classified Employees of the Year*

- Karol Pasillas, Secretary, Office of the VP of Administrative Services
- Mary Valdemar, Secretary, Financial Aid

## Over 25,000 Tutoring Hours: A Record-Breaking Year for Student Success Center

The Student Success Center is always a busy place with scheduled and drop-in tutoring services for SBVC students. With tutoring in Computer Technology, Humanities, Math, Science, Social Science, technical topics and the extremely popular course-specific workshops, the center has accomplished an astounding 25,275 student contact hours to date. Open 60 hours each week, staffed by 72 students and two dedicated SBVC employees, the Student Success Center is a perfect place for students to get a little extra help when they need it.



*SBVC students and faculty in front of the Student Success Center*

The Student Success Center will be open 44 hours each week for students enrolled during the summer. Rose King Tutorial Coordinator, along with Math faculty members, Moustafa Kanawati and Vicente Alvarez, will be attending a training program for the new supplemental instructional program which is scheduled to premiere in the fall.

## Highlights from the Spring Health Fair

According to Student Health Services, the Spring Health Fair on April 18th was the best ever. Nursing students did blood pressure checks for hypertension, blood sugar screening for diabetes (including discovering one new diabetic who was identified with an extremely high blood sugar and had no idea his was high and got referred and treated that day), BMI/body fat analysis for healthy size, stress management techniques, "choose my plate" nutrition education, "let's get moving" activities and advice.



DSP&S and District Police offered safety and mobility information. Student clubs provided information on "safe sex" condom use, smoking cessation as a green activity, and mobility issues. Community participants also offered valuable services and information such as the blood bank (Life Stream), HIV screening (Bienestar), dental screening (First Sight Vision), insurance information (IEHP), community resources (Native American Resource Center), breast health (Susan G. Komen), sliding scale health services (Inland Behavioral Health/WIC), and opportunities for advance nursing degrees (Chamberlin college). At least 500 people participated, 43 pints of blood were donated, and more than 50 HIV tests were administered.



## UCR Doctoral Candidate Shares “Untold Stories of the ER”

Sponsored by the Arts and Lecture Committee, Brian Gray, PhD candidate in biology from UCR, spoke to a full room of students and staff on his topic “Untold Stories of the ‘ER’.” In his presentation on April 25th, ER represented Evolutionary Research. He told fascinating stories of animal behavior, while engaging the audience with applications of the scientific method to some seemingly bizarre survival strategies.



## What’s Happening with the Business Building?

First opened in 1961, the Business Building has recently taken shelter behind the ever-present green construction fences as a modernization and renovation project prepares it to provide another 50 years of service to the SBVC campus. The 40,503 square foot building is being completely gutted this semester and will reappear next year with a modernized exterior that integrates with the look of the rest of the campus.



The 17-month, \$15.6 million project designed by the DLR Group/WWCOT is being paid for by Measure M bond funds. Demolition started after the fall semester of 2011 and construction should be completed in late spring of 2013.



Sustainability measures such as access to natural daylight and ventilation will be buffeted by serving as the first campus facility to be connected to the energy-saving Central Plant (currently under construction now).

Once completed, the Business Building will boast the following features:

- 20 classrooms with 40-student capacity (including one classroom for distance-learning)
- 11 faculty offices including an adjunct faculty/shared office space and a dean’s office
- 6 computer lab/classrooms with 35-student capacity
- Multi-purpose conference/event center with state-of-the-art electronic conferencing and partitions capable of providing multiple smaller meeting spaces or one larger 2,800 square foot facility with basic catering/kitchen amenities and seating for 200 (lecture style), 150 (banquets), 100 (classroom style with tables)

## Theatre Arts Productions Abound in April and May

As we come to the semester close, the performing arts students are hitting the stage! Performances of *A Flea in her Ear* were presented in the Auditorium April 27-30. Students learned about comedy through their coursework and, specifically, about farce as a dramatic form. Theatrical Music Workshop (opera) students next took to the stage in the Multiple Activity Center (MAC) on May 4-6 with performances of *The Magic Flute*. All opera performances were free and open to the public. The students in beginning and intermediate acting presented *Medea* as the culmination of their study of Greek Tragedy. Performances were held in the Auditorium May 12-15.

## SBVC Snap Shots



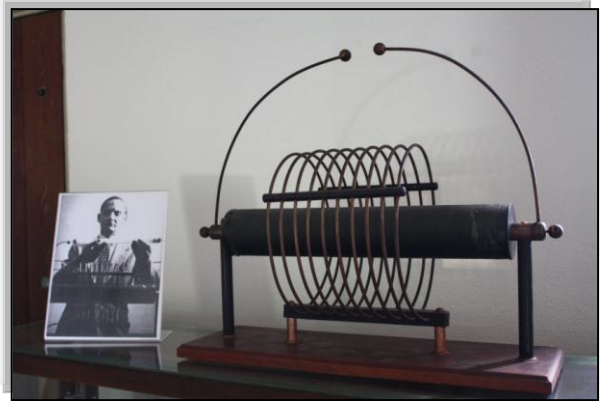
*Dozens of four-year colleges and universities dodged the rainy weather by relocating to the SBVC Auditorium for the Spring Transfer Fair on April 11th.*



*Club Wars on April 12<sup>th</sup> pitted numerous student clubs against each other in a variety of competitions, including a pie-eating contest. After the final scores were tallied, the Culinary Arts Club was declared the winner.*



*Split over two Fridays (April 27th and May 4th), students from nearby Richardson Prep Hi School took part in the Science and Technology days where they learned about everything from creating chemistry and lip balm creation to astronomy and nanotechnology. Organized by the Science Division, the event was sponsored by the Nanotechnology Program of the SBCCD Economic Development and Corporate Training Center.*



*We've all walked by it thousands of times, but how many of us have actually set foot inside SBVC's oldest building? Thanks to the efforts of Planetarium Specialist Chris Clarke and a host of volunteers, the old Observatory re-opened in early April as the newly christened Science Museum. The exhibit features artifacts from years gone by that have been salvaged from the last decade of campus demolition.*

## Save the Date

**Friday, May 18, 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.** – EOP&S/CARE Graduation Ceremony – SBVC Campus Center/Sunroom

Students in the EOP&S/CARE program will be recognized for successfully completing their educational goals in 2011-2012.

**Friday, May 18, 6:00 p.m.** – Black Faculty & Staff Association Graduate Recognition Ceremony – SBVC North Hall 164 (MAC)

The Black Faculty & Staff Association will celebrate the class of 2012.

**Sunday, May 20, 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.:** 12th Annual Nuestra Graduacion – SBVC Auditorium

The Latino Faculty, Staff and Administrators (LFSAA) will celebrate the class of 2012.

**Monday, May 21, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.:** Valley-Bound Commitment-End of Year Presentation – SBVC Liberal Arts-100

Several former Valley-Bound Commitment students who are graduating from SBVC will encourage the students in the soon-to-be-completed fourth class of Valley-Bound Commitment about continuing on the path to their educational goals.

**Wednesday, May 23, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.:** Nurse Pinning Ceremony – SBVC Auditorium

Join the Nursing Department as this elegant ceremony launches the next class of nurses into the working world after they completed the rigorous coursework and clinicals offered by the SBVC curriculum

**Wednesday, May 23, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.:** Middle College High School Graduation – SBVC Greek Theatre

The graduating class of 39 seniors earned a cumulative GPA of 2.91 in their college classes at SBVC and will receive various awards and scholarships during this annual celebration. The next day, four of them will also graduate with A.A. degrees. UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, and CSUSB are the transfer destinations for the four high school/college graduates.

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

SBVC's commencement ceremony returns to an evening start time. Preceding the 85<sup>th</sup> annual graduation, a VIP reception in Student Health Services will begin at 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 1st:** Classified Staff Week – Various locations

Classified employees come together for professional growth with workshops, guest speakers, and other activities throughout the week. The annual softball game will also be played along with celebratory activities with the District.