

# President's Board Report

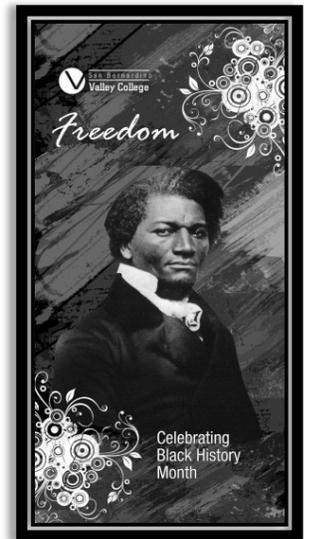
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## SBVC Celebrates Black History Month

Students and community members are participating in a variety of activities around the SBVC campus in honor of Black History Month during February. Events range from commemorative light pole banners featuring Frederick Douglass and an African-American Mental Health Coalition symposium to an essay competition debating the merits of the *Amos 'n Andy* show and a "Remembering the DREAM" breakfast to honor those who have kept Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s mission alive on campus and around the community.

Events have been organized by: SBVC Black Faculty & Staff Association (BF&SA), SBVC Arts, Lectures & Diversity Committee, SBVC Black Student Union, SBVC Tumaini Program, and the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

The full list of Black History Month activities at SBVC are free, open to the public, and listed at [www.valleycollege.edu](http://www.valleycollege.edu).



## Youth Hoops Squad Learns Secrets to Success from SBVC Men's Basketball Team



An enthusiastic crowd at the SBVC Wolverines' men's basketball matchup against Rio Hondo College on January 17 featured seven members of the Huskies, a youth basketball team from the City of Yucaipa.

Before the game, the Huskies (led by Coach Charlie Ng, the Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Services for San Bernardino Community College District) relished the

opportunity to meet the student-athletes on the roster of SBVC Coach Quincy Brewer's Wolverines (see photo at left).

During the meet and greet, Coach Brewer reinforced important elements like, defense, communication, and cohesion.



Apparently, the Huskies know a little about those skills—having already won their first two games of the season. Coach Brewer also illustrated to the young athletes exactly what it took to play basketball at the college level. With a short pause between questions and answers, Coach Brewer's gaze caught the eyes of each of the Huskies and his own squad of student athletes before uttering one word: "Sacrifices."

Following a breakdown of the evening's game plan (which remains top secret) SBVC's towering men's team presented the

Huskies with youth basketballs and posed for pictures. Despite the age and size difference between the two teams, both generations of hoopsters embraced the idea of bridging the gap (See photo at left of the Huskies' Jeremiah Bloom and SBVC's 6-foot-10-inch Paulin Mpawe).

After the motivational meet and greet, the Huskies witnessed the Wolverines devour the Rio Hondo Roadrunners by 21 points. Could the impressive performance be attributed to the deafening screams of eight newly-motivated up-and-coming future Wolverines?

## Bonus Sections Added for Spring Semester



Thanks to the passage of Proposition 30 in November, SBVC added 36 new class sections to the spring 2013 semester as late-start/short-term offerings.

An extensive communications campaign to students promoted the offerings in all divisions and via the website: [www.valleycollege.edu/ThanksProp30](http://www.valleycollege.edu/ThanksProp30). Registration via WebAdvisor was conducted on a first come, first served basis.



*SBVC Alum and Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim third base coach Dino Ebel met with the SBVC softball and baseball teams before they threw out the first pitches of their seasons. Ebel was inducted into the SBVC Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012.*

## A Photographic Trip Around the World



"The Traveler's Eye" features 50 photographs by Redlands photographers Penny E. Schwartz and Caroline McAllister at the Clara and Allen Gresham Art Gallery from Jan. 14 to Feb. 7. A public reception was held on January 22nd where guests enjoyed photographs highlight landscapes, architecture and people in locales as diverse as East Africa, Central Asia and India as well as the American northeast.

Schwartz is a freelance journalist and photographer who does work for *The Press-Enterprise* and has taught journalism and English as a Second Language in area colleges. McAllister teaches English, photography and newspaper production at Redlands East Valley High School. The pair has previously exhibited photographs together in the University of Redlands Alumni House gallery.

## Black Faculty & Staff Association Welcomes Interim President Dr. Glen Kuck

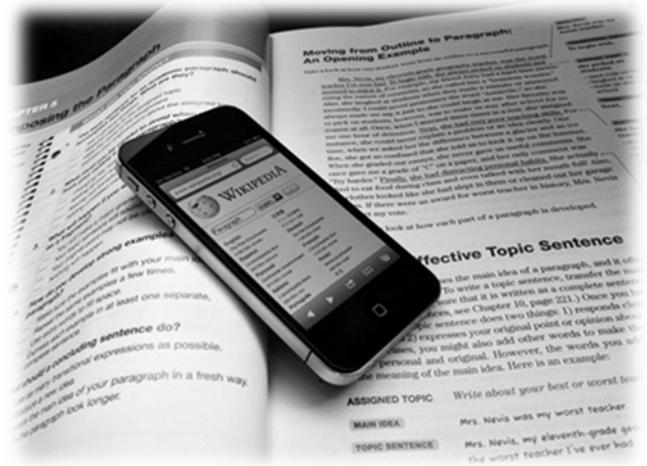


Staff, faculty, students, and community members arrived at the SBVC President's Conference Room on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, to officially welcome new Interim President, Dr. Glen Kuck. Sponsored by the SBVC Black Faculty & Staff Association, attendees partook of refreshments while enjoying an opportunity to meet and greet Dr. Kuck.

## SBVC Student Photographer Wins Statewide Competition

Not unlike many college students, Irving Ramirez waited until the last minute to finish an assignment for one of his classes—Digital Photography with San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) professor, Dr. Mandi Batalo. It was the night before the deadline when he and all of his classmates had to submit photos that would be entered into the Foundation for California Community College's College Seen Photo Contest.

Months later, Irving's submission was selected as one of nine first place images by California Community College students in the 2012 College Seen photography competition. All winners will receive American Express gift cards and a selection of software and sponsored prizes--including Adobe Creative Suite 6 Design and Web Premium. Now in its sixth year, College Seen draws hundreds of entries from community college students throughout the state each year. This year's winners were selected from a pool of 445—among the largest-ever in the contest's history. Entries were judged by a panel that included several community college photography instructors.



On the night before his submission was due, Irving was studying for another class and was looking up information on Wikipedia when inspiration struck.

"I was doing my homework and looking at my iPhone and remembered that one of the categories for the contest was Technology & Learning," Ramirez said. "It was a complete surprise to be selected as the winner--especially since it was a last-minute picture. I've been wanting that software for a while, but it was too expensive."

The winning image consists of a textbook opened to a page discussing paragraph construction while an iPhone 4 sits atop the book displaying Wikipedia on its touch screen and the word "paragraph" in the search box. Irving took the picture, ironically, with the new iPhone 5 he had just purchased. The award-winning shot took only four previous set-up shots and Irving decided to submit it as a black and white image because he had been learning about black and white photography during that week in Professor Batalo's course.

"Intrinsic to photography is the pleasure of discovery. By participating in the College Seen contest, students were able to reflect upon different themes of community college life and discover SBVC through their photographs," said SBVC Art Faculty Chair, Dr. Mandi Batalo. "Encouraging students to enter competitions such as College Seen helps students gain a deeper understanding of their self-identity and their connection to the world, and allows them to visually communicate what they have learned."

A graduate of Rialto High School and resident of Colton, Irving is still undecided about his educational and career options while he continues taking classes at SBVC. Irving mentions photography as "just a hobby" and the fall 2012 Digital Photography class was his first photo class.

"Irving's image provides insight about his experience as a community college student and the Art Department is proud that his unique vision of a quiet study moment is able to be shared with a larger audience," Dr. Batalo said.

## Updates from Student Services

### COUNSELING

Relative to primary and secondary counseling interventions, plans are being iterated to expand the current follow-up services for probation and dismissal status students. Moreover, enhancements in technology features for online orientation, including the early alert notification for the academically underperforming students, are being examined to augment effectiveness in these areas of counseling services.

On the articulation forefront, fifty more courses have been given approval for the Course Identification (C-ID) initiative. Furthermore, 63 additional courses have been submitted for C-ID approval.

### PUENTE PROGRAM

Puente's Spring Regional Training for the Puente Team will take place March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Double Tree Hotel in Claremont. Due to this training, the visit to the Museum of Tolerance was changed from March 8<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### STAR PROGRAM

STAR is currently taking applications for Spring 2013 and conducting Orientation Sessions with 15 spaces still remaining for new students.

### TRANSFER AND CAREER SERVICES

On the first day of the spring semester, 58 students visited Transfer and Career Services to schedule appointments with Transfer/Honors Counselors and 25 more came to use computers to check class schedules, take an orientation class, apply for financial aid or try career testing and other lab programs available for students.

### TUMAINI PROGRAM

Tumaini was awarded \$6,000 from the Basic Skills Committee for spring semester 2013.

### DSP&S

Since returning from the winter break, DSP&S has received 20 new student applications for DSP&S services.

### EOP&S/CARE

The EOP&S/CARE department has been busy with students coming in to complete their files; pick up their vouchers; set up appointments and begin counseling sessions.

### LIBRARY

Textbook Bank materials from last semester are being snapped up as we wait on the lengthy signature/paperwork process to be completed. We hope to add materials to the Textbook Bank this semester to provide students with spring 2013 textbooks.

### STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

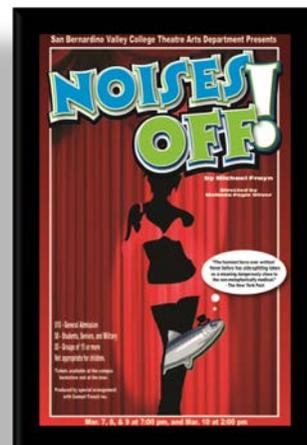
Student Health Services provided 70 family pact visits for free family planning services during November and December to qualified students.

## Updates from Instruction

### Art Department

Tickets are now on sale for the Theatre Arts Department's new production of "Noises Off". The spring semester performance will be held in the SBVC Auditorium March 7-10 and directed by theatre faculty Melinda Oliver. "Noises Off" is described by the New York Times as "The most dexterously realized comedy ever about putting on a comedy. A spectacularly funny, peerless, backstage farce, this dizzy, well-known romp is a festival of delirium."

The art department's Ian White presented a lecture in December about his father at Sarah Lawrence College. The lecture was titled An Affirmation of Life: The Artistic Legacy of Charles White. In addition to teaching as an adjunct at SBVC, Ian is an exhibiting artist, curator of the Charles White Gallery at the CEJES Institute, and director of the Charles White Estate and Archive.



### Reading

The Reading Department continues to build its partnership with San Bernardino Adult School. Staff member Caleab Losee is providing workshops to help students within the "Transitions to Success" program to increase assessment scores and to be more prepared for college-level coursework.

### Chemistry & Biology



Faculty and laboratory technicians participated in chemical hygiene and spill training over two days in January. Chemistry faculty member, Natalia Dunn (pictured above), bravely volunteered to don personal protective equipment and follow the steps in the process to clean up a spill.

## Science

We can all sleep better tonight knowing that the future of our cities and environment will be in good hands. Imagine arched solar covers for roadways that generate energy for the vehicles driving on the roads and funnel rain water into the water collection system. This prevents deterioration of roads by weather conditions. Can we envision solar-powered subways under the ground? We might all like free medical care with scanners that detect the problem, information sent to the physician, and care and treatment plans designed by physicians at another location. The regional competition of Future Cities, where students in grade 6-8 integrate engineering and urban planning into their concept of sustainable and healthy community, took place at the SBVC campus on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Local winners came from all areas in southern California, including west LA and San Diego. One of the focal points of this year's design was the methods used to handle storm water.



The rubric included these key areas: creativity, quality and scale, city design, moving part(s) component, and use of recycled materials. The students provided a model of their city that incorporated multiple use areas, such as industry, housing, parks, and schools. Their work included an essay, seven minute presentation to the panel of 7 judges, and a question and answer session with the judges. Our neighborhood school, Richardson Prep High came in second for their city, Slurple Lurple. The first place team from South Pointe Middle School in Walnut will advance to the national competition in Washington, DC. Congratulations to all participants. Thank you to Mr. Jack Ellis from Richardson Prep High Middle School and the three judges from our Architecture and Environmental Design Program, Judy Jorgensen, Michael Anton, and Andrew Casas.



## Save the Date

**Friday, February 15, 2013: 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Tumaini Mentor/Mentee Gathering & BF&SA 'Tast of Soul' Soul Food Sampling – SBVC Cafeteria

Stop by and sample 'Down Home... Tastes So Good' Soul Food bites. In addition to the great food, gourmands will have an opportunity to meet with Tumaini participants and their mentors, and learn about this student-centered Afro-centric educational program.

**Friday, February 22, 2013: 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

Black History Month 'Remembering the DREAM' Breakfast – SBVC Sun Room( Campus Center)

This event will recognize those on campus and within the surrounding community that continue to work to make Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'DREAM' a continuing reality. Honorees: Mr. John Futch, Edward Gomez, Mr. Brian Mullgrav, Dr. James Smith, Mr. Bill 'Ratibu' Jacocks and Ms. Dena Walker. The event is sponsored by the SBVC Arts, Lecture and Diversity Committee and the SBCCD Black Faculty and Staff Association. To RSVP for this event, contact BF&SA President, Clyde Williams at 909.384.8984 or Vice President Deanne Rabon at 909.384.8605.

**Friday, February 15 and Friday, March 1, 2013: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Images of the Infinte: The Hubble Space Telescope – SBVC Planetarium

Planetarium doors open at 6:30 p.m. for SBVC's Chris Clarke to unlock the stories behind the stars. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. with no late seating available. Ticket prices and more info are available on the master calendar on the front page of the SBVC website. For more information, contact Chris Clarke at 909.384.8539.

**Thursday, February 21 - 23, 2013**

SBVC Great Teachers Retreat – Highland Springs Resort (Beaumont, CA)

SBVC Faculty will experience a refreshing, rejuvenating weekend retreat off campus to share ideas, challenges and successes while participating in teaching and learning sessions. Contact Nori Sogomonian at 384.8623.

**Thursday, February 26, 2013: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

Musical Performance – SBVC MAC (North Hall building, first floor)

Choral ensembles and soloist from SBVC and Mt. San Jacinto College will perform a variety of spirituals, gospel, jazz, modern and hiphop music in celebration of Black History Month. Spoken history, featuring Professor Ed Gomez will highlight the music. Contact Matie Scully at 384.8633.

**Tuesday, March 5 - 7, 2013**

NLNAC Accreditation Visit for Nursing – SBVC (various locations)

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission will visit SBVC for a site review for continuing accreditation of the SBVC nursing program. Contact Priscilla Taylor at 384.8925.

**Thursday, March 7 - 10, 2013**

Noises Off Spring Theatre Arts Production – SBVC Auditorium

SBVC Theatre Arts presents *Noises Off* in the historic SBVC Auditorium. Directed by Melinda Fogle Oliver, the show will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday-Saturday with a 2 p.m. finale on Sunday the 10th. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students/seniors/military, and \$5 for groups of 15 or more. This show is not appropriate for children.

**Friday, March 15, 2013: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Women in Mathematics & Science – SBVC Auditorium

This annual event will focus on the achievements and contributions of women in Mathematics and Science. We will introduce students, faculty, and staff to very successful individuals who have applied both disciplines to their chosen profession. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a break-out session where they will receive hands-on experience in a STEM field. Contact Natalie Minucci at 384.8655.