

President's Board Report

April 11, 2013

8th Annual Women in Math & Science Event Builds Interest in STEM



"It doesn't hurt to do more", said Dr. Stephanie Briggs, San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Mathematics Professor and Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Project Manager. Her comment evoked an "ah-ha" response for most in attendance at SBVC's 8th annual Celebration of Women in Mathematics and Science on Friday, March 15th.

Started in 2005, by now Interim Vice President of Instruction Dr. Haragewen Kinde, to encourage and enlighten students about women in the math and sciences fields, the seminar creates a map of how to reach success in any of life's obstacles. Dr. Briggs continued to illustrate the need for more women, as well as men, in the STEM fields by giving statistics showing how America is falling behind in these fields in comparison to other countries.

This year an impressive panel of successful women was presented to more than 100 attendees--a great majority of whom were high schools students from Ontario High School. The panel included SBVCs' Chemistry Professor Natalia Dunn, Deputy Sheriff Lolita Harper, Crime Scene Investigator in the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Dr. Iryna Kinzer, MD, who took Statistics and English at SBVC, Dr. Margo Machen Veterinarian, specializing in Veterinarian Medicine and Genetics, and Tutor in the Student Success Center Thuy Phan, a graduate student at UC Riverside. Each person spoke of their own experiences in their fields but all had the same thing to say: Never give up.

"Failure is your friend. It lets you know where you stand and where exactly improvements need to be made," said Dr. Margo Machen.

Following the testimonies, the seminar continued with exciting break-out sessions with each of the panelists. Deputy Harper hosted a demonstration on how to process a crime scene. Tutor Thuy Phan showed how mathematics is incorporated in the constructing of origami. Dr. Machen provided guidance and inspired her group with her words. Professor Dunn showed her group how to make lip balm using proper measurements and the scientific method. And lastly, Dr. Kinzer shared about the workings of internal organs by having her group dissect frogs.

Upon the conclusion of the session groups, students returned for the closing session for the further picking of the panelists' brains. Hands flew up everywhere, interested in learning more from each of the women. Smiles, laughter, and head-nods resonated throughout the room.



Recruitment Begins for Valley-Bound Commitment Program

Graduating students from local high schools can now begin applying for a FREE first year of college at San Bernardino Valley College. The 2013-2014 Valley-Bound Commitment Program is now accepting applications for the 6th consecutive year from 12 local high schools. Interested students can get more information and an application at www.valleycollege.edu/vbc.

As part of their mandated volunteer hours, current Valley-Bound Commitment students are participating in re-building a church in San Bernardino and have been helping with sweeping, painting and cleaning the church.

The Arrowhead News Debuts New Design

The long-standing tradition of the student newspaper has evolved into an all-digital format at SBVC. *The Arrowhead News* (formerly The Arrowhead Newsmagazine and many other names throughout the last 80+ years), is published exclusively online at <http://thearrowheadnews.com>. All stories are produced by students in Professor Joe Notarangelo and Diane Hunter's ENGL 122 Journalism Production class. *The Arrowhead News* is published by students, for students, and includes topics relevant to the student experience at SBVC.



Tree Trimming Spruces Up Campus During Spring Break



Before

After

During Spring Break, tree trimming crews spent all week beautifying our campus by removing excess limbs from the trees. Besides improving the health of the hundreds of trees on campus, it also provides better safety and security for students who benefit from increased visibility all around campus.

New Middle College High School Opens With Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



After 12 years in portable classrooms, Middle College High School has graduated to a full-fledged campus right across the street from SBVC. The ribbon-cutting ceremony held on March 25, 2013, came on the same day that students began attending classes in the 16 new classrooms on the new campus. Local elected officials, business/education leaders, and MCHS students/staff/faculty/alumni were in attendance in the new multi-purpose room on the 19,698 square foot campus covering 5.4 acres on Esperanza St. The award-winning Middle College High School boasts the highest statewide test scores for any high school in all of San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The school is a joint venture between San Bernardino City Unified School District and San Bernardino Valley College and currently enrolls 200 students with the intent to expand.

ABC7 Interviews SBVC Student Trustee

On March 29, SBCCD Student Trustee Ferny Arana spoke with ABC7 Inland Empire Reporter Leticia Juarez about the impact of years of budget cuts in California's community colleges and the reality of additional sections being offered thanks to the passage of Proposition 30. The story ran on the local news that evening and is still available on www.abc7.com.

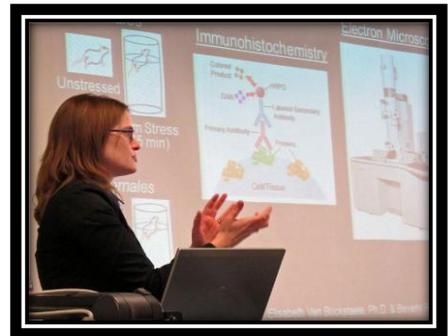


Quick Updates from Instruction and Student Services

Arts & Humanities

To celebrate Women's History Month, Arts, Lectures and Diversity welcomed Lisa Wolpe, the artistic director of the Los Angeles Women's Shakespeare Company (LAWSC), who performed her one-woman show "Shakespeare and the Alchemy of Gender" on March 12th. Wolpe founded the LAWSC in 1993 and has received awards and critical praises for her roles.

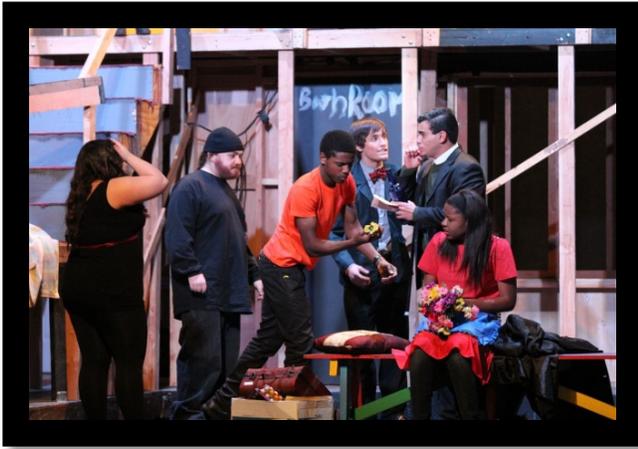
In addition to Ms. Wolpe's presentation, Arts, Lectures and Diversity invited Dr. Debra Waxler, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience Program at Temple University to speak on "Sex differences in anxiety disorders: Using an interdisciplinary scientific approach to improve treatments for men and women" on Thursday, March 4th. Her presentation included current research to determine sex differences in stress regulation of attention, learning and anxiety.



Dr. Debra Waxler



Friday, March 15 marked the end of the Spring Dance program as well. Students performed both modern and jazz pieces during this entertaining evening.



The Theatre Arts Program closed its run of *Noises Off* on March 10. Audiences were treated to exceptional performances that captured a slice of theatre life in this British farce that kept everyone laughing.

Science

The big news for the Science Division is that the Nursing Program completed its accreditation visit by the NLNAC. There are six standards and SBVC was in compliance with five standards and even excelled in the standard pertaining to faculty. It was recommended that the Nursing Program update its curriculum to the newest standards so we have started the research to follow this recommendation. We expect to receive the official notice of our accreditation standard and recommendations from NLNAC in August.



EOPS/CARE

Students work diligently, and counselors continue to meet with students to complete program requirements. To remain in good standing, students must complete three counseling appointments, submit completed progress reports and attend two workshops prior to set deadlines.

The EOPS/CARE Luncheon for EOPS students who will be earning their Associate of Arts/Science degrees has been scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2013 from noon - 2 p.m. where they will receive recognition for their accomplishments.

Applications for fall 2013 semester will be available for students interested in participating in EOPS during the following dates: April 1 – May 10, 2013, the program does not accept applications for summer sessions. Just to name a few perks upon meeting program requirements, students accepted into the program will receive priority registration, text book vouchers, and counseling services.

Library

New textbooks from the Textbook Bank are providing welcome support for instruction for students who, for various reasons, do not have the means to afford textbooks. Students may come to the Library and check out texts for 2 hours at a time to use within the Library building.

Financial Aid

All students have been reminded by email in February to complete their FAFSA by the March 2nd priority deadline. Financial Aid Office staff will offer a Financial Aid Information workshop on Tuesday, April 16th in the Library Viewing room at 10:00 a.m. to explain the Financial Aid process and answer any application-related questions.

Occupational Advancement Department (CalWORKs & WorkAbility III)

The Occupational Advancement Department along with community partners hosted a job fair on March 27, 2013 at the Cathedral of Praise in Rialto from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fifty employers from different industries were in attendance.

STAR Program

STAR has completed the Annual Performance Report for the Department and has successfully met all Grant Objectives for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Transfer and Career Services

A total of 98 students signed up for the 2-day field trip to UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz with 59 students on the waiting list and 59 more for the field trip to UC San Diego with 14 students on the waiting list. Students participating in the field will tour campuses, be exposed to transfer opportunities, and hear first-hand presentations regarding admissions, financial aid, and other services available to them.



Save the Date

Tuesday, April 9, 2013: Various times

Professional Development Flex Day – throughout the campus

No classes will be in session this day as a variety of professional development activities will be held throughout the campus. For a full listing of workshops and trainings, visit the SBVC Professional Development website at

<http://depts.valleycollege.edu/Professional>

Wednesday, April 10, 2013: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Transfer Fair – SBVC campus quad

The Transfer Center will sponsor the annual spring Transfer Fair with dozens of four year colleges and universities coming to SBVC to recruit students. Contact the Transfer Center for a detailed list of attendees at 909.384.4410.

Friday, April 12, 2013: 12:30 - 2:30p.m.

1st Annual Middle College High School Inspire Success Luncheon – SBVC Sunroom

This event will honor Middle College High School students who have earned a college grade point average of at least 3.5 and/or earned an A.A. degree from SBVC to be conferred in May 2013. For more information, contact Jennifer Rodrick at 909.384.4431.

Monday, April 15 and 17, 2013: 8:00 a.m.

Demonstrations in the Glass Hotshop and Workshops with Randy Strong – SBVC Art Department

Arts and Lectures brings you Randy Strong, Glass Artist and Designer from the Bay area, who will be doing glass demonstrations at Valley College's Glassblowing studio on the 15th and a workshop to follow on the 17th in the Art Department. Come watch him make glass pieces and demonstrate to students his techniques and designs.

Wednesday, April 17, 2013: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Student Health Services Spring Health Fair – Outside Physical Sciences Building

Get Moving to the SBVC Spring Health Fair. Student Health Services will be offering body fat analysis, blood pressure checks, diabetes screening, and stress management trainings.

Friday, April 19, 2013: 9:30 a.m.

Annual SBVC Athletics Golf Tournament - Arrowhead Country Club, San Bernardino CA

This year's event will feature former PGA player and 2-time major champion Dave Stockton at the Arrowhead Country Club in San Bernardino. More information is available at www.sbvcfoundation.org or contact the SBVC Foundation office at 909.384.4471

Monday, April 22-25, 2013: Various times

Earth Day week activities - SBVC campus, various locations

The Arts, Lectures & Diversity Committee has scheduled numerous activities to celebrate Earth Day and the entire week in which it falls. Guest presentations will focus on the following topics: Climate change, energy conservation, electric vehicles, native gardens, healthy communities, railyard research, fossils, water conservation, and healthy communities. More details will be available on the SBVC website in early April.

Friday, April 26, 2013: 5:00 p.m.

178th Annual Spotighting Our Success Faculty/Staff Awards and Retiree Celebration - Campus Center

Awards will be presented to the top faculty and staff members of the 2012-2013 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.

Friday, April 26, 2013: 6:30 p.m.

Planetarium Shows - 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 information are available on the master calendar on the front page of the SBVC website. For more information, contact Chris Clarke at 909.384.8539.

Friday, May 3, 2013: Noon

EOP&S/CARE Awards Ceremony - SBVC Sunroom

Awards ceremony celebrating EOP&S/CARE graduates and outstanding instructors.

Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, 2013: Various times

2nd Annual SBVC Student Film Festival – Location TBA

SBVC's Radio/TV/Film program will host this festival to celebrate local filmmakers. More information is available at www.valleycollege.edu/filmfestival

Friday, May 3-4, 2013: Various times

Annual Classified Staff Week - SBVC campus, various locations

As part of Classified Recognition Week, SBVC will hold various activities for Classified staff, culminating with its annual BBQ.

Friday, May 24, 2013: 9:00 a.m.

SBVC's 86th Annual Commencement - SBVC Football Field

Beating the heat and the holiday traffic, this year's commencement is shaping up to be a big one as early word from the Admissions/Records Office is that a large number of students have already petitioned to graduate.