



## President's Board Report

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### New Online Tool Showcases Value of Community College Education

Released in mid-June by the California Community College Chancellor's Office, the new Salary Surfer database is a groundbreaking online tool that allows students and the public to view the aggregated median earnings of

those who complete a certificate or degree in a specific community college discipline at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) and the other 111 community colleges in California and then proceed to enter the workforce.



Located at [salariesurfer.cccco.edu](http://salariesurfer.cccco.edu), visitors can view median annual incomes for those who have completed 179 of the most widely enrolled programs in California and did not transfer to a four-year institution. Salary Surfer shows the median earnings for a community college graduate two years prior to earning a certificate or degree, then two years and five years after earning a certificate or degree.

Certificates and degrees available locally at SBVC are among the programs listed on Salary Surfer:

### Sample SBVC Programs Listed On Salary Surfer

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Area of Study	SBVC Program	<u>2</u> years PRIOR TO earning a degree or certificate	<u>2</u> years AFTER earning a degree or certificate	<u>5</u> years AFTER earning a degree or certificate
Diesel Technology	Certificate	\$22,847	\$38,941	\$46,180
Welding	Multiple Certificates	\$13,231	\$40,570	\$46,193
Aviation Powerplant Mechanic	Certificate	\$23,440	\$35,954	\$50,904
Biology	Degree	\$14,092	\$27,722	\$54,903
Graphic Design	Certificate	\$13,512	\$23,172	\$33,382
Nursing	Degree	\$17,072	\$67,618	\$78,801
Psychiatric Technician	Degree	\$27,082	\$55,571	\$59,492
Administration of Justice	Certificate	\$21,867	\$48,228	\$62,755
Human Services	Multiple Certificates	\$15,923	\$28,774	\$35,479

Source: Salary Surfer Website: [salariesurfer.cccco.edu](http://salariesurfer.cccco.edu)

analysis of the data found on the Salary Surfer website shows the tremendous return on investment provided by community colleges:

\* Students who complete an associate degree more than double their annual pre-degree earnings after two years in the workforce and nearly triple their pre-degree earnings after five years in the workforce.

\* Nearly 45 percent of students who graduated with an associate degree earned more than \$54,000 annually five years after getting their degree. That is the median wage of someone with a bachelor's degree living in California, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

\* About 25 percent of those graduates with associate degrees had median wages of more than \$77,000 five years after graduating. That is higher than the median income level for those Californians with a master's degree, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

\* Median wages five years after award for students with associate degrees in vocational disciplines was \$61,600 compared to \$39,300 for those with non-vocational associate degrees.

Salary Surfer does not include the results from students who transfer to four-year institutions or those listed as self-employed workers. Students utilizing the data to decide upon a path of study should consider setting up a free educational planning session with a counselor to ensure a match with the student's interests, previous academic experiences, aptitudes, and other factors that contribute to educational success.

## Student-Athletes Receive Scholarship, Professional Contracts

SBVC Women's Track & Field sophomore Shanice Stewart has signed a letter of intent with Texas Tech University. Stewart secured back-to-back state championships in the long jump with a leap of 5.86 meters (19ft 2.5in). She competed in most of the Friday events, but was unable to compete for the women's outdoor heptathlon due to injury. Stewart's leap of 5.86 meters this year was her best, even topping her state championship leap of a year ago, in which she leapt 5.58 meters (just over 18 feet).



New Mexico State University cross country/track and field head coach Orin Richburg announced Wednesday that Erik Perez from San Bernardino Valley College has signed a national letter of intent to compete on the cross country team for the Aggies beginning in the fall of 2013. Perez competed in both cross country and track and field at San Bernardino Valley College. He focused on distance runs during track season and posted a personal best time of 15:22.37 in the 5,000-meter run and finished with a time of 9:02.41 in the 3,000-meter run.

"Having Erik on the team for next fall will provide our team with an additional seasoned runner that can handle the unpredictable twists and turns of the sport," assistant coach Christopher Huff said.



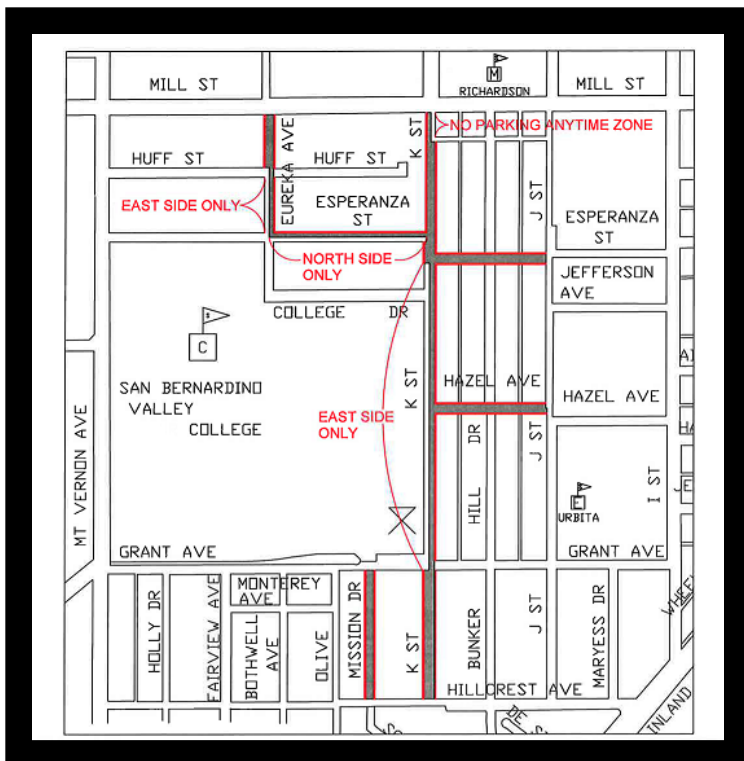
Additionally, Joseph Aguilar will attend the University of Arkansas at Little Rock this fall after finishing 18th overall at the state cross country finals in 2013. Aguilar also competed in the state finals for men's track and field in the 1,500 meter run.



After two seasons with SBVC, sophomore catcher Ryan Miller was taken as the 418th overall selection by the San Diego Padres in the 14th round of the 2013 First-Year Player Draft in June. Miller was not only named All-American this last season, but was also named first team All-Foothill Conference as a catcher and awarded his second consecutive Gold Glove for his defensive presence behind the plate.

## New Ordinance by City of San Bernardino Restricts Parking Around Neighborhood Streets

At the City of San Bernardino City Council meeting on May 6, 2013, a unanimous decision prompted by residents in the neighborhood around San Bernardino Valley College led to the development of a "resident parking by permit only" restriction on many of the streets surrounding San Bernardino Valley College (see map below).



In June, signs like the one pictured above were erected along the "resident parking by permit only" routes in front of neighbors' homes on Esperanza Street, Eureka Avenue, Hazel Avenue, "K" Street, and Mission Drive.

Important reminders for the SBVC community related to this new change:

- Parking in the restricted areas is by residents only who must show a permit issued by the City of San Bernardino (available only to residents in the immediate neighborhood).
- Parking decals issued by SBVC for parking on campus are not the same as parking permits issued by the City of San Bernardino for the restricted neighborhood parking areas. Students attempting to park on the "permit only" side of the city streets with an SBVC parking decal will be cited by the City of San Bernardino.
- Parking on the SBVC side of the listed streets (Esperanza and "K" Street") is still free and permissible without any SBVC parking decal or City of San Bernardino permit (remember to heed posted signs and curb designations).
- Free parking is available to students at the Pro Swap Meet (632 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue).
- SBVC parking decals are available via WebAdvisor and are the lowest amongst community colleges in the Inland Empire.
- Parking on campus on the weekends is free (no decal needed).
- SBVC students can ride the Omnitrans bus for free with a valid student I.D.



## Student Service Updates

### LIBRARY

Library faculty and staff have been working toward implementation of the new OCLC WorldShare Library Management System (LMS). This software package provides a Web-based environment that streamlines cataloging, acquisitions, license management and circulation workflows, and offers the WorldCat Local discovery service for library users. Instead of just plain text, library users searching the catalog will be able to see graphic representations of items in the catalog—like book jackets—and our librarians will be able to customize the look of the system to make searching it both interesting and productive. The Library will begin 'test' using the new system in July, with a "go live" date expected in August 2013.

### VALLEY-BOUND COMMITMENT

Incoming students that graduated from local high schools only one month earlier have been selected for the program. All 150 have been notified that they will receive a free first year of college from SBVC. Orientation for students and parents was held on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and was conducted in English and Spanish. They will receive information about the program, including policy and procedures.

### POLICE ACADEMIES

San Bernardino Valley College Extended Academy Class #32 recently completed 13 weeks of firearms training at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. All 38 trainees successfully passed the POST required courses of fire. On June 22, 2013, Class #32 trainees will be exposed to CS and CN gas inside the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department gas house. Their training will also include being sprayed directly in the face with pepper spray and fighting a suspect with his personal weapons and baton.

### FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid office has received 18,892 FAFSA applications for the new 2013-2014 academic year and more applications are expected toward the beginning of the fall 2013 semester. Students who enroll in summer 2013 classes and have remaining Pell Grant eligibility will be awarded accordingly and the anticipated summer 2013 disbursement date is July 25, 2013.



## OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT

On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> approximately 540 people attended the Educational Summit and participated in 5 different workshops. On Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> over 1,300 foster youth and volunteers attended the 7th Annual Foster Youth Sports Fair. The foster youth kids participated in different sports and received a ball or glove for the sports in which they participated.

## PUENTE

Puente Counselor, Laura Gomez, was selected to assist in the training of new Puente teams in June at UC Berkeley. This was the first of its kind because it was on a national level. New Puente teams from three locations in Texas were also in attendance. Alma Lopez, incoming SBVC English instructor, successfully completed her training and was awarded a Certificate of Completion on June 18, 2013. Alma Lopez, graduate of Bloomington High School, was a Puente student (Class of 1995—96). A second New Puente Student Orientation for interested students took place on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and was conducted by the new Puente Team: Alma Lopez (Instructor) and Laura Gomez (Counselor).

## STAR PROGRAM

The STAR Program is proud to announce that it has been awarded Priority Registration for program participants. In addition, STAR will begin taking applications for admission to the program beginning July 15, 2013.

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### **New Alumni Profile: Mirella Campos**

SBVC Class of 2013 graduate Mirella Campos refused to allow her citizenship status to prevent her from being the first in her family to graduate and become successful to an entirely new degree. Starting in fall 2013, she will continue her education at CSU San Bernardino after earning a new Associate Degrees for Transfer (AS-T) in Mathematics that ensures a seamless transition to the California State University (CSU) system.

Mirella first arrived in the United States when she was three years old after her parents brought her to southern California from Mexico. Growing up in the Inland Empire, Mirella's citizenship status did not prevent her from succeeding in the classroom.

Throughout high school, Mirella's goal was to attend a CSU or UC campus. Although she was an honors student, even the application fees for those universities proved too burdensome—not to mention the prospect of trying to afford the tuition of four-year universities without access to critical federal financial aid.

"I felt stuck because I knew what I wanted, but couldn't get there based on my situation," Mirella shared.

During her final semester at Colton High School, Mirella heard about a program at SBVC called the Valley-Bound Commitment. The program promised a free first year of college (enrollment fees, books, parking, bus passes, etc.) for students graduating from her high school. Mirella instantly pursued the opportunity and was soon accepted into the award-winning program along with 150 other students from local feeder high schools.



Because her first year of college was completely funded by the Valley-Bound Commitment, Mirella committed to save the smattering of high school scholarships and savings she earned from working part-time over the summer.

"When it came time to pay for my second and third years at SBVC, I was able to go to my savings account to help pay for everything," Mirella said. "I got involved with the EOP&S Program, borrowed some textbooks and rented others."

Sometime during the summer between her first and second year when she was working a grueling summer job, Mirella realized she had to follow through on her commitment to pursuing her degree.

"I learned to appreciate my education because the kind of work I was doing wasn't something I wanted to do for the rest of my life," Mirella admitted.

Mirella had another reason for maintaining her commitment to her education. As the oldest of four siblings, she recognized the importance of setting an example for her brothers and sisters about the importance of education. Now, as the first in her family to graduate from college, her field of study will allow her to assist others reach their educational dreams.

Despite testing into a remedial math class to start her college career, she rapidly progressed through SBVC's math curriculum—even completing a multi-variable calculus class before earning the new transfer degree with a 3.8 grade-point average. Mirella's goal is to become a math teacher at the middle school or high school level.

"I want to be a teacher who can change the ideal that math is hard by teaching it in a way that is interesting and not tedious," Mirella said. "I originally intended to major in liberal studies, but was concerned that there wouldn't be enough jobs and had always dreamed what it would be like to learn calculus and understand what was in those big math books."

Now that she has attained a work permit, her plan is to work full-time over the summer in order to pay for her tuition at CSUSB.

Mirella's final advice to other students is to never give up on their dreams.

"Once I become a teacher, I will motivate my students to attend college. I'll tell them to try their best. And, one day, with perseverance and determination, they will succeed."



## Save the Date

**Friday, August 16, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.**

Business Building Grand Opening Ceremony – Business Building

After closing for several semesters, a renovation of the Business Building with Measure M funds is now complete and ready for classes. Invitations will be mailed in July. RSVP with Stacy Garcia at [sgarcia@valleycollege.edu](mailto:sgarcia@valleycollege.edu) or at 909.384.8573.