



President's Board Report

August 8, 2013

Super Saturday One-Day Registration Event Serves Mountain Communities

SBVC student services staff members, counselors, and other personnel made the drive up the hill to Big Bear High School on Saturday, July 27th for the annual *Super Saturday One-stop Registration* event for mountain residents interested in pursuing their educational dreams at SBVC.

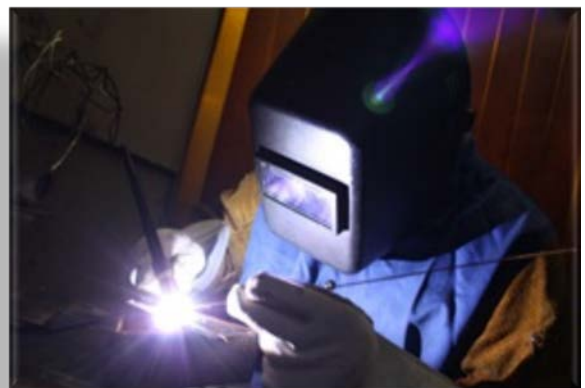
Students were able to apply, obtain a student identification number, start the process of applying for financial aid, take the assessment test, and consult with counselors.

The fall 2013 semester will feature multiple classes held in-person at Big Bear High School along with a selection of interactive classes held at SBVC and streamed live to Big Bear High School as a simulcast class section.



California Steel Industry Internships Preparing Students for Permanent Employment

As first reported in February, SBVC has partnered with California Steel Industry, INC. (CSI) to offer workforce training and paid internships for SBVC students. Ten students were selected for the 8-week paid internship as Maintenance Mechanics by CSI. The Technical Building has been buzzing this summer with activity as the students were in classes for 8 hours three days each week and then participated in job shadowing at CSI for two days a week. The classroom instruction was provided by SBVC instructors in areas such as rigging, print reading, oil and lube, and hydraulics. Upon completion of the program the student will be tested again for permanent positions at CSI.



Psych Tech Students Class of 2013 Celebrate at Completion Ceremony

SBVC's Psychiatric Technician Program celebrated the graduates of their 2013 class at a ceremony held on Thursday, August 1st, in the Multiple Activity Center (MAC) inside North Hall 164. Thirteen students will now prepare to take their state certification exams before applying for full-time employment at popular destinations like Patton Hospital and statewide correctional facilities.

Student Passes Rigorous Inspector Exams

Building Inspection student, Gary Willis, passed the California Residential Mechanical Inspector and California Commercial Mechanical Inspector exams. These two exams are administered by the International Code Council (ICC) and are based on the International Mechanical Code. ICC offers 23 certifications for various contractor and trade professions, including building contractor, residential building contractor, journeyman plumber, master plumber, maintenance electrician, and low-voltage electrician. Certification involves passing a comprehensive written or computer-based exam on the code standards for that area.

Business Building Version 2.0 Grand Reopening Set for August 16th

After nearly 18 months, the \$16 million complete refurbishment of the Business Building will be celebrated at a Grand Reopening on Friday, August 16, 2013, at 3 p.m. inside the new facility's Conference Center. The new building features 19 classrooms, 6 computer labs, 250 new computers, the 2,700 square-foot Conference Center, and a variety of conference rooms and faculty offices. Tours, refreshments, and a commemorative gift will be available for attendees (while supplies last). To RSVP, contact Stacy Garcia at 909.384.8573 or sgarcia@valleycollege.edu.



Valley-Bound Commitment Program Welcomes 6th Class to Campus

Now in its sixth year, the Valley-Bound Commitment program welcomed the latest group of new students who were all local high school seniors merely 60 days earlier. Faculty and staff conducted an orientation on June 26th and all 150 students attended. Students and parents received information regarding their responsibilities and submitted critical paperwork. Participants returned to campus on July 11th from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. and registered for their fall classes. To further prepare them for the fall semester, Valley-Bound students participated in a four-day workshop beginning on Monday, July 22nd and ending Thursday, July 25th that covered key topics such as: campus tours, introduction to the student success center, student health services presentations, and more.

Student Service Updates

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS/INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (YESS/ILP)

Most foster youth want to “do something” after they graduate from high school but need extra support and services to get there and succeed. At the *Motivating Our Youth to Bigger Dreams* workshop, we discussed how several recent laws and resources have provided support to increase the odds of foster youth attending and graduating from college. As a result of California Assembly Bill 127 (AB127) some of the funding in the extended foster care program can be used for living expenses in a college dorm or renting an apartment or room, in addition to covering other costs. Discussion also surrounded special scholarships, grants and campus support program for foster youth.

Carmen Rodriguez, Interim Director of EOP&S/CARE and Dr. Achala Chatterjee, Dean of Applied Technology, Transportation and Culinary Arts gave presentations of their respective areas. Celeste Brown-Osborn, Gester Hernandez, Jatori Harris, Raemon Edwards and Tatianna Byrd, former foster youth currently employed as peer and family assistants with the San Bernardino County ILP, shared their experiences with those in attendance.

COUNSELING

The counseling faculty recently completed in-house training on a new feature of Web Advisor related to educational planning revisions. At the same time, students were given the opportunity to have a hands-on participation in the course planning entries. Meanwhile, presentations for group advising sessions are being developed to highlight the introduction of this technology to students in the development of educational plans. These presentations for two-year education plans will be afforded to educational planning groups for students who have already completed 12 units. Intended recipients are veterans and those completing different pathways of the certificate programs, AA, AS, AA-T, AS-T, and AA, AS/transfer.

OUTREACH & RECRUITMENT

On Saturday, June 29th, the Outreach and Recruitment Department hosted a Young and Adult Males Conference that attracted more than 100 people from the community.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Student Health Services is planning for the orientation during the week of Aug 12th of 2 new trainees who start in August. Training was recently provided for 3 new volunteer interns to facilitate strengths-based group sessions for students. Five separate strengths-based group sessions were made available for summer school students at various times.



Save the Date

Friday, August 16, 2013 – 8:00 a.m.

Opening Day – Snyder Gym

SBVC and CHC staff and faculty will come together in preparation to launch into the new semester at both campuses. The morning's agenda will include updates and presentations from Bruce Baron and then each campus president to their respective teams. Departmental meetings will follow in the afternoon.

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 or at 909.384.8573.

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Citrus – Soccer Field

First home soccer match of the season

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. San Diego City – Soccer Field

First home soccer match of the season

Saturday, August 31, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Women's & Men's Cross Country at University of Redlands Invitational – University of Redlands

First (and nearest) home race of the season

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Mt. San Jacinto – Women's Gymnasium

First home volleyball match of the season

Saturday, September 14, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

Football vs. Glendale – WBVC Football Stadium

First home football game of the season