



# PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

DECEMBER 12, 2013

## Theatre Arts and the Culinary Arts Students Partner for Theatrical Presentation



The Theatre Arts and the Culinary Arts departments have partnered to present *Murder in the House of Horrors*. This dinner theatre event took place on November 21<sup>st</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the new conference center. The audience participated in the "who dun it?" theatrical presentation. The theatre students worked hard on the performance while students in the culinary arts program prepared and served dinner to sold-out audiences each evening.

## Applied Technology and Transportation

Robert Levesque, Director of Workforce Development; Eddie Sanker, Welding Faculty and Achala Chatterjee, Dean of Applied Technology and Transportation have been working with Miriam Gomez, Program Coordinator of the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department to provide a welding program for the inmates at the Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center. Welding lab plans have been provided to Ms. Gomez and she expects to have the lab ready by February 2014 for classes to start in March.



## Mathematics, Business & Computer Technology

### Cisco Academy

This semester, Cisco Systems recognized San Bernardino Valley College for ten years as a Cisco Networking Academy. The Cisco Networking Academy program is a public-private partnership that prepares students for entry-level employment in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) fields. Of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields, ICT has the most employment opportunities in the US and around the world. ICT also has the largest projected employment growth of any STEM occupation cluster, according to the US Department of Labor Statistics. As its contribution to the partnership, SBVC provides faculty, classroom space and lab equipment. Cisco provides online curricula, virtual learning tools, instructional support, and instructor certification training as well as continuing instructor professional development opportunities. The Cisco Networking Academy is a global classroom with 10,000 Cisco Academies enrolling 1 million students in 165 countries. San Bernardino Valley College is proud to be a member of this learning community.

### Student Success Center

On November 19, 2013 the Student Success Center counted 56 students in the drop-in area for tutoring with the majority of students there for help within the mathematics discipline. The Student Success Center specializes in mathematics, chemistry, biology, humanities, and social sciences.

It is the mission of the Student Success Center to empower students to benefit from their educational experience. Tutors help students to become more comfortable with course material and help develop the learning strategies, confidence, and skills needed to become independent learners.



### Cyber Defense Team



On Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, the SBVC cyber defense team joined an elite group of community colleges and universities from across the midwestern and western US in a special invitational cyber defense competition. The students gathered in B220 at 6:30 am in preparation for the 7:00 am start to the virtual competition. For six hours, the SBVC team fought off wave after wave of relentless cyber-attacks against their servers and networks. Adding to the challenge was the fact that while the SBVC team was on campus in San Bernardino, the machines and networks they had to defend were almost 2,000 miles away close to Chicago.

The competition provided an excellent opportunity for the team to prepare for the annual Western Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (WRCCDC) hosted by Cal Poly Pomona.

## Student Services Updates

### EOP&S/CARE

EOPS has been facilitating orientations for prospective students for spring 2014 semester. There have been 3 completed orientations with approximately 191 students attending the orientations.

On October 25, 2013 EOP&S/CARE conducted the CARE Mini-CARE Conference. The program included topics on *Positive Attitude; Requirements for CalWORKs; County and CARE*. Participants took part in group discussions which included a lunch catered by SBVC Food Services.

### STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The Student Health Fair, joint effort between Student Health Services and SBVC Health Sciences, nursing fourth semester students, was a smashing success. The event was organized by Andee Alsip, Student Health Services RN, and 4th semester Nursing Instructor, Rochelle Fender. Some highlights included:

- 50 pints of blood collected by Red Cross (we have a generous campus)
- 53 free HIV tests completed by Bienestar
- Attendance was strong with students and staff lingering to talk and play
- Outstanding presentation by the "Stress Team" presenting "Alice in Distress Land" a clever environment provided in a large camping tent. Relax, sip tea, and learn some stress management strategies. Did you know that 25.3% of students at SBVC reported stress negatively affected their academic performance (National College Health Assessment in Spring 2013)?
- 100 free flu vaccines administered by "The Flu Crew"



Twenty-eight faculty and staff and sixteen students have completed the Kognito Students AT RISK online training simulation since the beginning of fall semester. Faculty and staff participation outnumbered students for the first time since simulations have been available partially due to participation by campus police staff. Thanks to faculty and staff for becoming more engaged and knowledgeable about early identification and referral of students at risk for mental health disorders. These services were supported by our campus based Student Mental Health grant.

Twenty-eight Student Satisfaction Surveys completed this month for all professionals and staff. Results indicated that students think our services are "Good" or "The Best." Students reported that they got their needs met when they received services in our clinic. They indicated that our staff was helpful, respectful, friendly, informative, and courteous.

### ADMISSIONS & RECORDS

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, Admission and Records began piloting a new telephone system. The system is a queue system, which places the caller in a queue until the operator is available. The new telephone system also has the feature to generate reports. Spring 2014 registration will begin November 25<sup>th</sup>. Any student except for DSPS who has 100 plus district units will lose priority and fall in the open registration category. As of 10/23/13 we received and processed 1,739 spring applications. We strive to provide the utmost customer service.

## COUNSELING

The Counseling Department has been conducting interventions for students on probation and dismissal. Other developmental and comprehensive services are afforded to students including those in special populations, such as: athletes, veterans, learning communities, nursing students, and online counseling, among others. Workshops in classrooms have been continuing as well. The High School Connection Program has made inroads in informing San Bernardino Adult School and feeder high schools about SBVC to prepare students for college readiness. In line with the Student Success Act, flyers and other informational materials have been created to disseminate information to students about the numerous opportunities and resources for success in college. Meanwhile, the Counseling Department is gearing up for the greater influx of students during the peak days of registration starting next week through the second week of February.

## FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid office has disbursed \$6,350,904 in Pell grant funds this academic year. All SBVC students are reminded to complete either the 2013-2014 FAFSA application (citizen and eligible non-citizen students) or the 2013-2014 California Dream Act application (AB540 students) to automatically be considered for 2013-2014 BOG fee waivers. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has awarded 2,320 Cal Grant awards to SBVC students (as of November 15<sup>th</sup>), 56 of which are for eligible AB540 students (equal to \$77,585). CSAC will continue awarding students throughout the year. As of November 15<sup>th</sup>, we disbursed 887 Cal Grant checks for a grand total of \$540,798. The Financial Aid office will continue disbursing Pell Grant and Cal Grant checks bi-weekly. Department of Education will make available the 2014-2015 FAFSA on January 1, 2014. Applicants are encouraged to apply soon after.

## OUTREACH & RECRUITMENT

The Outreach & Recruitment team hosted a *Young Women's* Conference on STEM with the Blue Foundation with more than 250 young females participating. Campus tours and workshops were given to six of our feeder high schools this month. On Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 265 Young Men participated in *Academic Standards and Leadership Skills* workshops.

## PUENTE PROJECT

On October 5, 2013, SBVC's PUENTE Project was selected as one of three southern California community college Puente Programs to participate in the *Student Leadership Strand of the UNITY CONFERENCE* held at the Del Mar Hilton in San Diego. This event is jointly sponsored by the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) and the California Black School Boards Association which brings together legislators, school elected officials, administrators, education advocates and other stakeholders to talk about issues impacting Latino students. A total of 20 students and the Puente Team were in attendance representing SBVC.

Our Puente students benefitted from the following: complimentary registration -- \$250 value for each Puente participant, complimentary admission to CLSBA luncheon, complimentary conference materials, a free hearty breakfast, and complimentary parking. SBVC Puente student, Helena Morales, was selected as a Student Speaker, did an outstanding job, and was awarded a scholarship at the end of the conference. SBVC Puente student, Luisa Davila, received a \$500 check from a school superintendent for being the first student to ask a question.

On October 9, 2013, Puente's *NOCHE DE FAMILIA* was held in the Business Conference Room. Despite the rainy weather, we enjoyed a full house consisting of Puente students, family members, close friends, and representation from SBVC Administration was represented. This event shares with family members the various ways that they can be supportive to their students and also allows families to learn what the college has to offer our community.

On November 13, 2013, a Puente Mentor Training and Q & A Session took place in the President's Conference Room in the evening with light refreshments. This is the kick-off event that allows Puente's volunteer mentors from the community and from campus to learn more about their mentor role in the life of a Puente student during the spring semester. Approximately 20 individuals were in attendance.

### STAR PROGRAM

The STAR Program is now taking applications for Spring 2014. STAR Program students began their Priority Registration on Thanksgiving weekend (November 28th, 29th and 30th). This is the second time that they have been able to take advantage of this service.

The Annual Performance Report to the Department of Education has been released and submitted in late November to meet the December 13<sup>th</sup> submission deadline.

### TRANSFER & CAREER SERVICES

Transfer and Career Services welcomed a new Transfer and Career Adjunct Counselor, Botra Ra Moeung, who started in late November. The month of November has been busy with preparing students for transfer by providing workshops and counseling opportunities. This semester we were pleased to increase the number of counseling opportunities and visits from Cal Poly Pomona.

### TUMAINI PROGRAM

The Tumaini Program was represented at the Umoja IX Conference in Oakland November 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. Willene Nelson, Tumaini Coordinator and Dr. Reginald Metu, Associate Professor-CIS participated in the conference and brought back invigorating information to share with the staff and students in the Tumaini Program.

The Tumaini program will participate in the Kwanzaa celebration at SBVC on December 11<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by the Brothers and Sisters United. The program will include student entertainment and a potluck.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> the Tumaini Program will attend the *Lion King* musical at the Pantages Theater in Hollywood. Our students are anticipating the cultural event as many of students have never attended a professional production outside of SBVC.

### LIBRARY

At the SBVC Library, the faculty librarians have selected several new reference titles to assist students in their academic needs and research. Selections include several volumes of *The Twenties in America* and *The Thirties in America*, in addition to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the *Historical Atlas of the American West*, *American History through American Sports*, *Mapping Census 2010: the Geography of American Change* and the *2012 Guide to the 150 Best Jobs for a Secure Future*. We also have two new *Grove* encyclopedias on the arts including Medieval and American art.

New additions to our medical related selections include the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: DSM-5*; in addition to other reference materials on psychiatric mental health, eating disorders, trauma, kidney disease, and organ transplantation. Three new titles that focus on environmental impact and sustainability include *Climate Change: An Encyclopedia of Science and History*, *The California Native Landscape: the Homeowner's Design Guide to Restoring its Beauty and Balance*, and the *Homeowner's Energy Handbook: Your Guide to Getting Off the Grid*. A complete list of reference numbers and titles can be found at the SBVC Library Reference Desk or contact the Library at 909-384-8289.

## Save the Date

**Thursday, December 9-14, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**

Winter Concert – Greek Theatre

ASG presents a winter night to remember with free dinner, children's activities and live performances by SBVC Students.

**Thursday, December 12, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.**

Voice Recitals – MAC (NH-164)

Beginning Voice students have a final recital on December 9<sup>th</sup>, Intermediate Voice Recital is December 10<sup>th</sup>, and there are recitals for the students in the Applied Music Program on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Concert Choir's final performance will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Voci Soli will sing from Handel's *Messiah*. Each of these performances will begin at 7:00 PM in NH 164.

**Monday, December 13, 2013**

Open Registration Begins for Spring 2013 Semester

**Friday, December 13 and 20, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.**

The Christmas Star – 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.

**Saturday, December 14, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

Black Faculty & Staff and Tumanini Flapjack Fundraiser – Applebee's Restaurant in Highland, CA

The Tumaini Program and the Black Faculty and Staff will be co-sponsoring the *Flapjack Fundraiser* at Applebee's Restaurant in Highland. There will be opportunity drawings, oldies music, and lots of fun! Net proceeds from the breakfast ticket sales go towards the purchase of books for the Tumaini Program.

**Saturday - Friday, December 14, 2013**

SBVC Final Exams Begin

**Thursday, December 19, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.**

The Basic Law Enforcement Academy Graduation – Abundant Living Family Church

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and San Bernardino Valley College invite you to attend the graduation of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy 191<sup>st</sup> Session. The Graduation will take place at the Abundant Living Family Church located at 10900 Civic Center Drive in Rancho Cucamonga. RSVP by Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 909-473-2540 or email: spatrack@sbcasd.org.

**Friday, January 10, 2013 – 8:00 a.m.**

Opening Day for Spring 2013 Semester-Snyder Gym

Staff and faculty come together for all-campus meetings/presentation in advance of the start of the Spring 2013 semester.

**Friday, January 10, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.**

More Than Meets the Eye & Learn the Winter Sky – Planetarium

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