

PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE

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Welcome to Fall 2015 at SBVC!



On August 12, San Bernardino Valley College welcomed its new students to campus with **New Student Welcome Day**, an event designed to familiarize them with the many different services they will have access to over the course of their studies. Over **800 students** attended this all-day orientation, braving the unusually warm weather to register for classes, meet with advisors, tour the campus, and make new friends. Thank you to all staff and faculty who participated in making this event a resounding success!



Community Collaboration for Success

On August 14, San Bernardino Valley College hosted the third in a series of campus and community meetings to review and refine strategic goals and initiatives for the college. These meetings have been facilitated by Dr. James Smith, Dean of Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. The August meeting focused on establishing mutually-beneficial community partnerships and improving student success and equity, and was attended by SBVC staff and members of the community. The group identified a number of important partnerships for the college to pursue and new methods for motivating students, many of which will be used to refine and revise objectives and activities in the college's strategic plan.



Cuba: Turning a Corner

On August 25, the Gresham Art Gallery exhibited the photographic works of Penny Schwartz and Caroline McAllister, two local artists who showcased their most recent portraits, landscapes and other compositions from the isolated Caribbean island of Cuba.



Financial Aid Disbursement Success

During Fall 2015, the SBVC Financial Aid office disbursed one of the largest disbursements in San Bernardino Valley College's history. The first disbursement for the Fall 2015 semester was distributed to over 2,000 students and totaled nearly \$1.8 million from the Federal Pell Grant. In comparison, the first Fall 2014 disbursement went to 437 students for a total of \$532,000. The second disbursement for the Fall 2015 semester went to over 700 students and totaled over \$500,000 from the Federal Pell Grant, for a total of \$2.3 million disbursed.

During the second week of classes, Associated Student Government sponsored a Week of Welcome (WOW) event on August 25-27 to welcome all of our amazing students back to campus. This event featured carnival-style event tables and activities, a student services and club resource fair, and a special lunch event with Vice President of Student Services Ricky Shabazz.



Student Success: Electronics

Evan Tryon started pursuing his goal to become an electrician two and a half years ago by enrolling at SBVC. His intent was just to land a decent job in his field and earn a good salary. Through the guidance of his instructors and his own tireless efforts, he recently completed his Certificate in General Electronics and plans to pursue his A.S. degree. His accomplishment resulted in a new job for him as a foreman for a company that provides transport engineering, network planning and strategic business consulting services for wireless, wireline and virtual mobile service providers. Way to go, Evan!



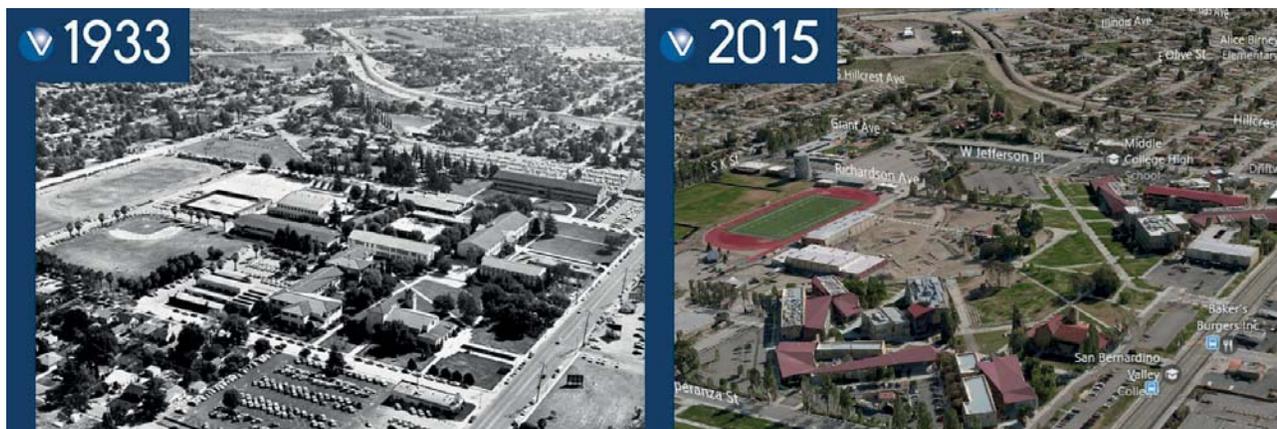
Inaugural Nursing Success Academy

The first annual Nursing Success Academy was conducted at SBVC between August 4-10 for continuing or incoming students accepted into the nursing program. The five-day academy featured a review of nursing skills, anatomy, physiology, and microbiology with nursing applications. Over 70 students participated in the academy, equipping themselves with the necessary knowledge and practical tools to handle the most difficult challenges of the nursing program ahead.



SBVC Social Media Growth Continues

With over **8,800** followers on Facebook, over **2,000** on Twitter, and close to **700** on Instagram, San Bernardino Valley College continues to be the primary face of the District on social media. One of the most popular posts during the month of August compared the campus as it looked in 1933 to its aerial overview in 2015. This post reached over 5,600 viewers and generated close to 200 likes.



Quick Updates

Psychiatric Technician Completion Ceremony

The Psychiatric Technician program had a Completion Ceremony on July 30 celebrating the 16 students who graduated from the program. Most of the graduating students (81%) completed their Associates Degree. The Psych Tech program continues to be frequently ranked first in the state for pass rates on the state exam.

Nursing Welcome Tea

A welcome tea for the incoming nursing students and their families is a long-standing tradition for the SBVC nursing program and is held on the Sunday afternoon prior to the start of the semester. On Sunday, August 16, 2015, the Nursing Welcome Tea was held on campus, and the faculty and current students welcomed an incoming class of around 40 students and their families. Students and family members heard from current students about study and survival skills for the next two years of the intense nursing program. Students and family members then had a tour of the facilities, led by current students. New students and their family members were able to gain a better understanding of the rigor of the SBVC nursing program and the extensive support provided by the program and college.



Small Business and Entrepreneur Summer Camp

Through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office "Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy" initiative, SBVC hosted the first Small Business and Entrepreneur Summer Camp on July 28-30. Participants consisting of students from regional high school and community colleges, faculty, staff and community members learned and developed their small business and entrepreneurial skills. The full-day workshops offered participants competitions in business plans, elevator pitches, and presentation development.

Students Obtain FCC/FAA Certifications

When Mr. Glen Graham--adjunct faculty for the FCC Rules and Regulation course--challenged his students to pass the FCC certification exam, James Ursuy and Horacio Rangel took the challenge seriously. Both of them completed their course requirements, took the FCC certification exam and passed. Horacio and James will be transferring to CSUSB to pursue their bachelor's degrees.



James Ursuy



Horacio Rangel

Aeronautics students Ted Gablin, Steve Puerschner, Lawrence Braggs and Natsuko Ikeno took their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification examination in either Airframe or Powerplant certification this past summer and passed. The oral and practical portions of the tests typically take 2-3 days to complete and are valuable certifications in the aviation industry. Congratulations on their tremendous efforts and on a job well done!

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Articulation Credits through CATEMA

Through the regional SB1070 Grant, SBVC started using the web-based Career and Technology Education Management (CATEMA) System in March 2015 to monitor and process high school and ROP articulation agreements. It was noted that about 600 high school/ROP student applications for articulation credits were received through the online system since its implementation, compared to the usual average of 100 hand-written student applications for college credit that we normally receive and process.

Promotion: Library Technical Assistant II

The SBVC Library is pleased to announce the promotion of longtime staff member Ernest Guillen to the position of Library Technical Assistant II. After four years as a student employee in the Humanities division office, Ernie was hired as a Library Media Clerk in 2000 and promoted to LTA I in 2005. If you've ever admired something in one of the library display cases, you have Ernie to thank: this is one of the many things he does behind the scenes. Congratulations, Ernie!

Super Saturday at Big Bear High School

On August 1, the Assessment Center participated in Super Saturday at Big Bear High School to administer tests to students in the mountain communities.

Monday Employment Workshops

Every Monday between 11:30am-2:00pm, the CalWORKs and Workforce Development department offers employment workshops to CalWORKs, WorkAbility III, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Employment Development Department (EDD) students in the Business building, room 118. Students have the opportunity to develop resumes and cover letters, receive employment leads, perform online job searches, and receive current workforce trends to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Articulation Agreement Discussions

The UC Transferable Course Agreement (TCA) for 2015-2016 is proceeding for submission late this month. Discussions are ongoing for updated major articulation agreements with CSUSB for the B.S. in Information Systems Technology and with the University of La Verne for the B.S. in Child Development.

Congressman's Staff Tours Dreamers Resource Center

On August 28, Representative Pete Aguilar's staff toured the SBVC Dreamers Resource Center to gain a better understanding of the crucial support services it offers to SBVC students.

Foster & Kinship Care Education

On July 14, the Foster & Kinship Care Education Program began a new year of classes for caregivers. The well-attended classes emphasize behavior management, improving parenting skills, and assisting children with mental health challenges.

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UC Puente Project: 30th Anniversary!

Planning is ongoing for the Puente Project's 30th Anniversary celebration to be held on campus in the SBVC Auditorium.

Valley-Bound Commitment (VBC): Fall 2015

On August 14, all VBC students met to receive their student success kits, review the VBC 2015-2016 calendar, complete their book voucher forms, and answer any last minute questions they had before the start of the fall semester. On August 28th, all VBC students attended a Student Success Workshop that covered study skills and the use of the Writing Center.

Save the Date!

9/18 Fall Faculty Concert (7:00pm, NH-164, free)

A delightful evening of varied music performed by the SBVC Music faculty. Open to the public.

9/18 Planetarium Show (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)

Dark Shadows: All About Eclipses. Open to the public.

9/23 Guest Speaker: Sonia Nazario (2:00pm, BB-100, free)

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Enrique's Journey" will be giving a lecture titled, "Child Migrants, the US Response, and How to Solve America's Immigration Dilemma. Open to the public.

10/2 Planetarium Show (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)

More Than Meets the Eye & Learn the Fall Sky. Open to the public.

10/16 Planetarium Show (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)

Horrors of the Universe. Open to the public.

10/23 30th Anniv. Celebration: Puente Project (TBD, Auditorium)

The mission of the Puente Project is to increase the number of educationally-underrepresented students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities to obtain their bachelor's degrees and return to the community as leaders and mentors of future generations. Puente's Community College Program was established in 1981. Puente has been at SBVC since 1984.

10/30 Planetarium Show (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)

Horrors of the Universe. Open to the public.

11/13 Planetarium Show (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)

Star Tales. Open to the public.

12/3-6 Completely Hollywood! (TBD, Auditorium, free)

Join us for a trip through Tinseltown's finest - 186 films spanning 100 years of cinematic history - condensed down to a fast-paced, hilarious stage experience. Open to the public.