



President's Board Report

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SBVC Students Win Big at Pasadena Design Show



Inspired by some of the world's most renowned architects, students from Judy Zak's Architecture and Environmental Design 101 class entered the American Institute of Architects - Pasadena & Foothill Birdhouse Competition on October 15, winning a total of five awards.

The competition was open to the public, with each entrant designing and building their own birdhouse. SBVC students wowed the judges with their original creations, including Victor Beltran, who had live birds in his house, and Sal Silva, who used balsa wood to build an homage to Kendrick Bang Kellogg's Onion House in Kona, Hawaii. Samantha Ramirez was also inspired by a Kellogg structure: The Rock Wedding Chapel in Karuizawa, Japan.

It took Ramirez eight hours to design her birdhouse, using salvaged materials: a wood branch from a tree in her backyard, white plastic from recycled window shades, and donated screws. Her birdhouse replicated the free-forming organic qualities of Kellogg's designs, and ended up winning two awards: first place in the Student category and first place in People's Choice. Ramirez began taking architecture classes in the spring, and instantly felt at peace. "I found a field where I could express my gifts and utilize them more effectively," she said. "I have since chosen to transfer into a graduate program in architecture."

Sharifeh Abdallah spent two days working solely on her birdhouse, taking inspiration from the Jean-Marie Tjibaou Cultural Center, a community center and museum in New Caledonia, designed by Renzo Piano. Her birdhouse was based on the "modest and organic qualities" of Piano's designs. She won third place in the Student category, and says as a first year architecture student, it felt "amazing" to win.

"I am so glad to take this class," she said. "I was able to develop my craftsmanship, and I can tell that this class as my first step on my way as an architect gives me a lot of experience and knowledge. I feel like I'm living the life of an architect."

SBVC Football Players Connect With Local Kids



Every semester, SBVC's football coaches take the team into the community, bringing them to local schools where they read to the children and share what it's like to be a college student. In October, the players just went down the street to Urbita Elementary School, where they met with a group of first graders eager to ask questions about college and what it's like to be a football player. Coach Jason Vandiver said it's important not only for the team to reach out to the community, but for the community to know what the players go through to get to college. "We have great young men who sacrifice a lot to get an athletic

scholarship," he said. This time around, members of the women's basketball team also joined the football players at Urbita. "I think it's important for us to have as much student representation as possible when we reach out to our community," Vandiver said.

SBVC Honors Military and Veterans on Campus

In honor of Veterans Day, nearly 100 people came to San Bernardino Valley College on Thursday, Nov. 10, to show their support and gratitude for the men and women currently and formerly serving in the military. The SBVC Veterans Day Celebration took place outside the historic Auditorium, with the North Valley Military Institute Color Guard opening the program, and later performing a silent drill. Dr Ricky Shabazz, Vice President of Student Services, thanked all of the veterans present for their service and sacrifice, and Professor Jeff Demsky spoke about the history and significance of Veterans Day. Student speaker Billy McCoy shared his experience working with the Veterans Resource Center at SBVC, highlighting the help SBVC staff has provided him. A birthday cake for the U.S. Marine Corps, which celebrated its 241st birthday on Thursday, was also cut. The SBVC Veterans Resources Center assists student veterans attending college for the first time or returning to continue their education.



Student Spotlight: Andrea Ealy



When it came time to get a bus her father purchased and converted into a motorhome up and running, Andrea Ealy decided instead of going to a mechanic, she would take matters into her own hands.

The Loma Linda resident enrolled at San Bernardino Valley College last year, and began taking classes in diesel technology. It wasn't her first time at SBVC; she received her associate's degree here in 1997, and went on to work in estate management in Los Angeles. Her father spent two years working

on the bus and planned to use it to travel across the U.S. with Ealy's mother. During their first trip, he was in so much pain they immediately went home, and he died eight days later from cancer. The bus sat in an RV park for three years until Ealy decided to learn how to do its maintenance, first getting it started again, and then replacing the air springs.

"The initial reason for starting diesel classes was to get my mom traveling," she said. "I am absolutely going to do that. She's 77, and she really deserves it. I want her to get out and smell the air. She's proud of me, and just loves my schooling. She comes out and takes pictures of me while I'm fixing my car, and she brags and brags."

Taking charge of her education has paid off; Ealy recently received a scholarship from the Automobile Women's Alliance Foundation, a "fantastic" group of women in the automotive industry. Ealy has a YouTube page where she posts videos documenting her work on trucks and in the classroom, and she is also a member of a private Facebook group for women called SheCanics. Her goal is to one day open a women's truck stop, and she already has the location picked out.

"It seems farfetched, but I don't care, I keep plugging along," she said. "It will be all women mechanics, female everything. If they want to do college internships, they could do that at my lot, put their hours in there, work around their school schedules. Other people think it's crazy, but everything keeps happening, and I keep trucking forward."

SBVC Science Division Expands Elementary School Partnership

On November 1, fourth graders from Urbita Elementary School came to campus to participate in hands-on physics activities focused on electricity. The young scientists spent 1.5 hours in lab lessons with Professor Anna Tolstova and then toured the geology lab to view a collection of rocks and minerals.



Women's Soccer Team Ranks 5th Nationally

With a 17-1-3 overall record, the San Bernardino Valley College Women's Soccer Team ended a successful season on a high note, winning the 2016 Pacific Coast Conference.

Among community colleges, the team is ranked fifth in the nation, and goes into the playoffs as the No. 5 seed.

"We have had a lot of good moments," Coach Kristin Hauge said. "Certainly winning a championship in the first year we are in the Pacific Coast Conference is exciting. However, I truly believe our best moment is yet to come."

Hauge says it is a "joy" to get to work with a team of "dedicated, hard-working, positive young women." "I love working in San Bernardino and coaching student-athletes in the Inland Empire," she added. "These girls are so incredibly dedicated to not only their soccer training but their academics, graduation, and transfer to a 4-year to pursue their academic studies and soccer careers."



Save the Date!

December 8

Theatre Production: Avenue Q
7:00pm - 8:30pm / Auditorium

December 9

Choir Concert
7:00pm - 9:00pm / NH-161

December 9

Planetarium Show: The Christmas Star
7:00pm - 8:30pm / Planetarium

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Theatre Production: Avenue Q
7:00pm - 8:30pm / Auditorium

December 10

Theatre Production: Avenue Q
7:00pm - 8:30pm / Auditorium

December 11

Theatre Production: Avenue Q
7:00pm - 8:30pm / Auditorium

December 15

Psychiatric Technology Graduation
6:00pm - 8:00pm / Auditorium

December 15

Police Academy Graduation
6:00pm - 7:00pm / Abundant Living Family Church
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

December 16

Planetarium Show: The Christmas Star
7:00pm - 8:30pm / Planetarium

December 17

Day of Service & BBQ
9:00am - 4:00pm / Campus Center