



President's Board of Trustees Report

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SBVC Welcomes Hundreds of New Wolverines to Campus



On August 8, **New Student Welcome Day** brought hundreds of new students to campus for a warm welcome. Let's get this fall semester started!

SBVC Outreach & Recruitment Serves as Bridge Into Local Community



San Bernardino Valley College's Office of Outreach & Recruitment is essential to encouraging prospective, incoming, and transfer students to reach their academic goals on campus. Outreach Coordinator Cindy Huerta strives to motivate and empower prospective students in pursuit of their educational goals by promoting awareness of student support services, academic programs and other scholastic opportunities at SBVC. Part of Huerta's newest outreach efforts include translating presentation materials and other documents into Spanish, which helps her serve as a bridge into the local community. She and Alejandra Aguilera, the social media coordinator at SBVC, both recently translated the "Steps to Enrollment" brochure, and are currently working on new Spanish-language materials for the First Year Experience program. Thanks to the hard work of Huerta, Aguilera, and SBVC's student ambassadors, SBVC is able to reach a broader audience in both English and Spanish. "The SBVC Outreach and Recruitment Office plays a vital role on campus," Huerta said. "We are constantly on the go and in the community spreading the word about all of the amazing programs and student support services the college offers." SBVC's Outreach Office also sets up presentations, workshops, college fairs, and parent

nights with local high schools, community groups, and faith-based organizations. These close relationships benefit both parties, as members of the community learn about the classes and programs SBVC has to offer, while the college stays informed about what is happening off-campus. "By taking an active role in the community, we are able to learn about the concerns that parents, students, and counselors might have," Huerta said. "Community members are also our prospective students, so the Outreach Office benefits by being accessible to them and promoting a college-going culture." *Read more at valleycollege.edu/news.*

Psych Tech Grads Celebrate Memorable Year

August 2nd marked the celebratory completion of the psychiatric technology program for 18 graduates who will soon enter their career fields as psychiatric technicians. This one-year vocational program prepares students to work with emotionally, mentally and developmentally disabled clients in a variety of community agencies. During their time in the program, students participated in two "No Violence" ceremonies and a forensic conference at Palton State Hospital, attended the IHPC Skills Lab with local high school students, toured the Men's and Women's Prisons in Chino, and participated in the Special Olympics at Anderson Elementary School. The program also represented SBVC at the 2018 National Orange Show and provided valuable resources at the SBVC Health Fair regarding mental illness, suicide prevention, and substance abuse prevention. Congratulations, Wolverines!



SBVC Retiree Resurrects a Lost Art Form

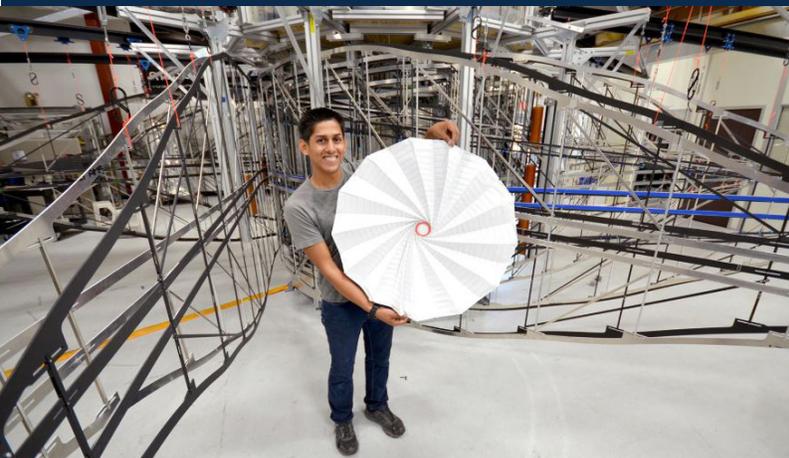
While technically retired, **Mark Ikeda** is as busy as ever, and still connected to San Bernardino Valley College. The Professor Emeritus of Biology retired in July 2014, and in the years since, has been working with current SBVC students and faculty to classify and curate a collection of thousands of plant specimens, with some dating back to the 1920s and others now extinct. Together, they have been constructing a digital database that lists each specimen's biology, taxonomy, site, and unique characteristics observed at the time of collection. It's been an "enchanting experience" working with the student volunteers and teaching them the process of putting together herbarium sheets, Ikeda said. He first discovered the biology department's herbarium cabinets, holding thousands of historical and unclassified plant specimens, when he started teaching general biology, anatomy, and human physiology at SBVC in 1990. These specimens are an "irreplaceable resource," he said, and Ikeda became determined to catalog the specimens in a digital database so the information is known forever and can be used by researchers and students alike. Ikeda now works closely with Tatiana Vasquez, SBVC's biology major adviser and the proprietor of the collection, coming in two or three times a week to assist Vasquez and interested students with the cataloging. It can take two to three hours to identify each specimen, and sometimes, the fruits or flowers need to be dissected. The process involves collecting the specimens, identifying then classifying using large taxonomic keys, pairing organisms with similar species, then assembling the herbarium sheets. *Read more at valleycollege.edu/news.*



Campus Encouraged to "Build Dreams" in 2018-19

During Opening Day on August 10, staff and faculty members were encouraged to draft, plan, and draw their dreams with the help of a set of SBVC-branded colored pencils given to each person. President Diana Z. Rodriguez then unveiled the college's theme for Fall 2018: "Build Your Dreams!" Inspired by the Welding Department's construction of a giant megaphone, the theme is a progression of last year's campaign of inspiring both students and staff to identify their goals and "Shout Your Dreams." The initiative of dreaming, planning, and now building one's dreams is designed to motivate staff and faculty to achieve the goals and objectives that have been set by the campus and district for 2018-19. During the Opening Day presentation, guest speaker Dr. J Luke Wood highlighted the importance of promoting equity for underserved students by building stronger relationships, encouraging engagement, and employing techniques that empower students. President Rodriguez reinforced this idea by highlighting the achievements of the campus in the past year and praising staff for their diligence and dedication to the college's student equity goals. In doing so, SBVC staff, faculty, and administrators can further help students reach their academic goals and build their own dreams.

Computer Engineering Student Interning at Jet Propulsion Laboratory



Chris Esquer-Rosas is having a summer he'll never forget. Over the last few months, Esquer-Rosas, a computer engineering student at SBVC, has been interning at the Jet Propulsion Lab. He's working on the "Starshade," a giant sunflower-shaped shade that, when launched into space, will suppress sunlight, allowing researchers to directly image exoplanets. He became interested in origami while in elementary school, and is using his skills to work on building Starshade's Petal Launch and Unfurler System. When Starshade unfurls in space, it is supposed to be the size of a baseball diamond, and Esquer-Rosas told JPL's Education Office he is working to make sure that none of the petals touch each other. Esquer-Rosas said since starting at JPL, he's been surprised to learn that origami has a place in space. "That's what blew my mind," he said to JPL.

SBVC Alumna Becomes Manager of Coyote Radio Station at CSUSB

When a DJ at a local radio station told her about the telecommunications program at San Bernardino Valley College, **Kelli Cluque** decided to pay the campus a visit. "I went to the radio and TV stations and thought, this is it!" she said. Cluque enrolled and earned her associate's degree in two years, spending the first year studying radio and the second television. "It was a great experience to be a student and have access to real radio and TV stations," she said. Cluque went on to earn her bachelor's degree in radio, television, and film management from San Diego State University, and launched a career that took her around the United States, with stops at local stations KCAL, KCX, and KATY. She has more than 50,000 hours of live on-air experience, and just left her position as associate program director and on-air personality at KCAL/KOLA in Redlands. She is now embarking on a new role as operations coordinator for Coyote Radio and Advertising at Cal State San Bernardino. Coyote Radio and Advertising is a hands-on learning lab that teaches students about everything from radio broadcasting to graphic design to media programming, and Cluque will oversee the radio station in the areas of production, music, on-campus promotions, on-air presentation, and student learning.

Read more at valleycollege.edu/news.



SBVC alumna Kelli Cluque. Photo from Radiolnk.com.



SBVC Employee Uses Classic Car to Promote Enrollment on Campus

Amelia Gonzales made sure to represent San Bernardino Valley College while driving her 1952 Chevy truck in the Highland 4th of July parade. This was the second time that Gonzales, a secretary with SBVC's Police Academy and Middle College High School, and her family drove in the parade. Before the 4th and during a workshop about dealing with difficult students, she learned that many Inland Empire students drive to Orange County for community college classes. She was surprised, and began to brainstorm ways to promote SBVC and bring awareness to the local community. She requested a banner to display on the side of her truck, and it was a hit. "I had a very positive reaction from the crowd," Gonzales said. "As I drove by, people were shouting, 'Yay, Valley!' I heard someone say, 'I love Valley.' Several people took pictures. It was very exciting." Gonzales said she comes from a "Wolverine family," and SBVC has "been a stepping stone for our future." She also "loves" working at Valley, and said it "feels good knowing that I was involved in something that benefits our community." The 4th of July Parade won't be the last time she displays an SBVC banner on her truck — she's already looking ahead to the Veterans Day Parade in November. *Read the rest of this article at valleycollege.edu/news.*

SBVC Welcomes Newest Cohort of Valley-Bound Commitment Students

When they start classes at SBVC this fall, 11 highly-motivated San Geronio High School graduates will have their first year of tuition on campus covered, making their path to graduating and earning their degrees that much easier. These new Wolverines are participating in the Valley-Bound Commitment program, which removes economic barriers for first-year students. Valley-Bound offers not only \$5,000 for tuition and living expenses, but also priority registration, a dedicated team of counselors and classified staff that works with students throughout the year, field trips to colleges and universities, peer mentoring, books, parking permits, and school supplies. Valley-Bound, operated by the SBVC Foundation and largely funded by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, is now in its tenth year. In its first year, Valley-Bound offered assistance to 31 students, and by the 2016-17 school year, the program had grown to 230 students. Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC Men's Cross Country Coach Named "Best in the State"

San Bernardino Valley College men's cross country coach **Jim Ratigan** was selected as the state's top cross country coach by the California Community College Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association. Ratigan, who has led SBVC to a conference championship in each of his five years of leading the Wolverines, received the award at the association's meeting in August. According to the association, Ratigan was chosen due to his positive contributions to the sport and coaches association, his ethical behavior and outstanding sportsmanship, and the quality of the cross country program at SBVC this year. "Thank you to my fellow coaches for this great honor," Ratigan



said. "This award means a lot to me as a coach and educator. To put in the work not only as a coach, but more importantly as educator and a role model for my athletes and have this recognition is incredible." Ratigan is beginning his 11th year as a coach at SBVC, previously serving as an assistant coach. The Wolverines have won 22 consecutive conference titles, and finished fourth in the state last year in cross country. In earning this award, Ratigan credits the help he has gotten over the years. The Wolverines will open their season September 1 by running at the Redlands Invitational, then will host two meets this season. The Pacific Coast Athletic Conference preview race will be September 22, followed by the PCAC Championships on October 20. Both events will be run at Cal State San Bernardino beginning at 10 a.m. Good luck this season, Wolverines!



Upcoming Events



September 3
Labor Day

September 6
Basic Police Academy
Class 211 Graduation
6:30pm / ALFC

September 7
Fall Faculty Concert
7:00pm / Auditorium

September 14
Planetarium Show
6:30pm / Planetarium

September 28
Women's Soccer
3:00pm / Soccer Field