



# President's Board of Trustees Report

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community | October 2018

## SBVC Foundation Board Named Volunteer Group of the Year



The San Bernardino Valley College Foundation has been named the 2018 Volunteer Group of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Inland Empire Chapter. AFP is an organization aimed at advancing philanthropy by enabling people and organizations to practice ethical and effective fundraising. Every year, they recognize the great contributions from individuals in the community, corporate or industry volunteer teams, civic/service clubs, and other support groups. This year, the board of directors for SBVC's Foundation was recognized for its commitment of time, energy and creativity to a focused fundraising effort. All 26 members of the board are volunteers, and Karen Childers, Executive Director of the SBVC Foundation and SBVC Director of Development and Community Relations, said over the last few years, the board has rededicated itself to the organization by committing to attending bimonthly board meetings, participating in at least one committee, and making personal donations to the foundation's fund.

## SBVC Hosts First Football Game in New Stadium Televised Live by Fox Sports

In the wake of the Holy Fire that spread across Riverside County, a local high school football team was left without a venue for its season opener due to the poor air quality. San Bernardino Valley College stepped in and offered to host the football game in its brand new stadium. Traveling from Arizona, Chandler High School was set to battle Centennial High School of Corona, a match that was also scheduled to be televised as Fox Sports West's Game of the Week. "It's a great venue and we're thankful to them for opening things up for this game," Bill Gunn, athletic director of the Centennial Huskies, said to The Press Enterprise. "We really couldn't do much better on such short notice. It's only 21 miles from Centennial, and it gives (SBVC) an opportunity to showcase their new stadium." The televised game highlighted the high schoolers' athletic prowess while also showing off the state-of-the-art facilities and 2,500-seat stadium at San Bernardino Valley College.



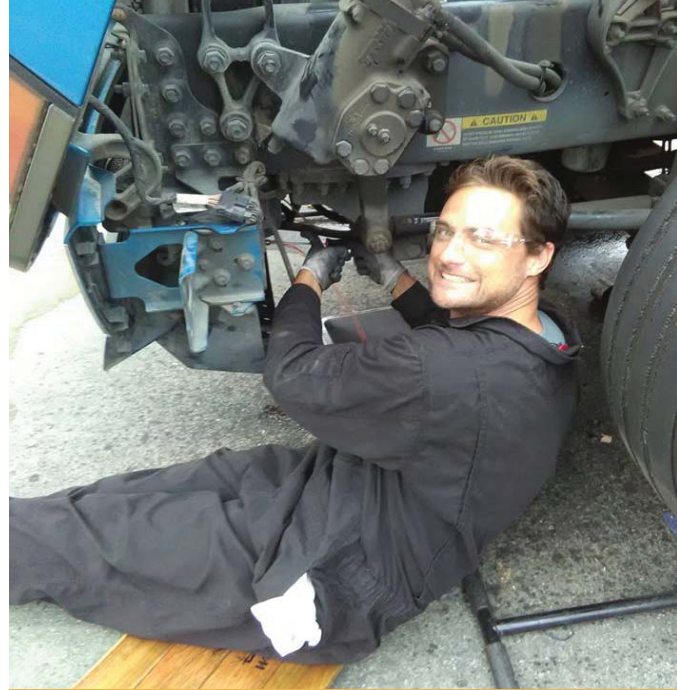
## SBVC Gresham Art Gallery Opens First Show of the New School Year

The SBVC Gresham Art Gallery opened its first show of the school year with a showing of selected work from the American Advertising Awards. Each year, the American Advertising Federation (AAF)-Inland Empire chapter hosts an advertising competition covering over 200 categories of advertising. The student competition was the thirteenth-largest student advertising competition in the nation with 109 entries from seven colleges or universities, including California State University, San Bernardino and the University of Redlands. This special event hosted by the SBVC campus art gallery illuminated and rewarded the creative excellence in the art of advertising from our local community.



## Retiree Spotlight: Dr. Susan Bangasser

Dr. Susan Bangasser, who retired in 2017 from San Bernardino Valley College as Dean of Science, remains a dedicated member of the SBVC campus through her continued contributions to both the college's students and the local community. When her children were young, Bangasser worked with elementary school kids, meeting before school to teach a Young Astronaut program. Once a week, they would do science projects, which were "fun and engaging, as well as informational," Bangasser said. It was preparation for what would come to SBVC several years later: the official adoption of Urbita Elementary School by SBVC in 2017. The Adopt-a-School program is a partnership between the San Bernardino City Unified School District and the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce, and creates opportunities for student success. For at least a decade, students from Urbita have come to SBVC for planetarium shows, demonstrations, and activities with faculty from the science department. Urbita teachers work with SBVC faculty, informing them of their curriculum so the SBVC professors can tie those concepts into their presentations. This not only helps reinforce what the students are already learning, but also gets the kids interested in possibly having a career one day in a STEM field. "Faculty enjoy their discipline and the fact that they can share it with a younger generation, and they might become future biologists or earth scientists," Bangasser said. "Also, working with kids can be a lot of fun. It's like being the grandma: you're not there all the time, but there for the real fun events. It seems like our faculty enjoys working with the kids, and they are so well-behaved when they come here." Dr. Bangasser is currently a volunteer for San Bernardino Valley College, serving on several committees and acting as a Board Member for the SBVC Foundation. Earlier this year, she was named the Honored Retiree Award recipient in the SBVC Spotlighting Our Success awards. *Read the rest of the article at [valleycollege.edu/news](http://valleycollege.edu/news).*



## SBVC to Gain \$1 Million Funding Increase for CTE

Career education programs in the San Bernardino Community College District received \$1 million in the latest 2018 state government budget signing. SBCCD has partnered with Assemblymember and SBVC alumna Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-San Bernardino) to launch the Advanced Manufacturing Futures Initiative, which expands hands-on job training at SBVC, preparing students for manufacturing and production work. The initiative will pay for state-of-the-art equipment, tools, and software for students, training them to become electricians, welders, engineering technicians, machinists, and more. By 2024, it's estimated that the Inland Empire will have 17,500 new manufacturing and production jobs. "San Bernardino Valley College is now better positioned to provide students with leading-edge courses, and better positioned to support local businesses with a pipeline of workers who are job-ready and armed with in-demand skills," said San Bernardino Community College District Chancellor Bruce Baron.



## Graduates of Police Academy Class 211 to Join Several Local Agencies



On September 6, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Frank Bland Regional Training Center, in partnership with San Bernardino Valley College, hosted the 211th Graduation Ceremony, where 72 trainees officially completed an intensive 23-week program. In attendance were hundreds of proud parents, friends and family members. The new graduates have been hired by several law enforcement agencies, including the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and the city police departments of Barstow, Montclair, Ontario, Rialto, Pomona, Riverside and San Bernardino. The program's motto, "Training Today's Officers for Tomorrow's Challenges," has prepared the graduates to bring commitment and excellence into law enforcement. Congratulations, Wolverines!

## SBVC Partners with Rialto For Water Supply Tech Ed

The city of Rialto has partnered with San Bernardino Valley College to offer classes leading to a degree or certificate in water supply technology on a satellite campus at the Rialto Resource Center on Riverside Avenue. Statewide demand for new graduates in water supply, and the desire by the college and city to make the program more accessible to Inland Empire residents, have been cited as driving factors in building the partnership. With many Baby Boomers in the water supply field retiring, a mass exodus of knowledge is leaving the industry nationwide. Deborah Robertson, Mayor of Rialto, expressed her enthusiasm for this new opportunity available to residents. "There are so many career opportunities in the water industry which has become so advanced in technology," she said. The courses offered at the Rialto Resource Center cover disciplines in water and wastewater treatment operations, wastewater collection, water distribution and water use efficiency.



## Radio Program Founded by SBVC Alumna Earns a Broadcasting Award Nomination

SBVC alumna Lacey Kendall ended her award-winning radio program on a high note. Her program "My Awesome Empire" at Cal State San Bernardino was a finalist for an International Golden Mic Award by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System in the category of Best Public Affairs Program. Kendall started her radio career while a student at San Bernardino Valley College. However, she explained in a recent interview to KVCR that she initially rejected her counselor's suggestion of exploring the radio and television industry. "I'm not going to like that," she had originally thought. "And here I am, 30 years later.



Photo from KVCR

It was anything but lame; it was super awesome. I just love radio." After establishing her passion for radio, she volunteered at KVCR, a service of the San Bernardino Community College District, until she was hired on as staff. She was originally a board operator, but then moved on to "Bluegrass Alive" with host Uncle Bill Eason, which was her first paid job as "Cousin Lacey Kendall." She went on to earn her master's degree from CSUSB, where she served as the broadcast and media consultant for Coyote Radio, the media department at CSUSB, and founder of "My Awesome Empire." This 30-minute, multi award-winning program shares the stories of heroic and innovative people, businesses, and children in the inland region of Southern California, launched in 2012 and aired over eight Southern California radio stations. Now in its sixth season, the program will come to an end when Kendall leaves the main campus to be an instructor for digital production and broadcast operations at the CSUSB Palm Desert campus. Nonetheless, the nomination of "My Awesome Empire" for a Golden Mic Award will serve as a final accomplishment for this beloved Inland Empire radio program.

## SBVC Diesel Technology Program Receives Large Diesel Truck Donation

The Heavy/Medium Duty Diesel Truck Technology (Diesel) program at SBVC received a generous donation to further provide state-of-the-art resources for its students. Velocity Vehicle Group donated a 2012 Cascadia Luxury Truck for the program's students to work on for class projects. This three-axle truck, which uses a new compressed natural gas energy source, has a market value of approximately \$90,000. San Bernardino Valley College has one of the best diesel technology training facilities in the region, where jobs in that field are in high demand because the Inland Empire is a transportation hub for goods being moved from Los Angeles to the rest of the country. The newly approved alternative fuels course will greatly benefit from the truck donation and will also be used in all eight Diesel courses in the department.



## Aeronautics Department Hosts First-Ever Presentation on Drones



The SBVC Aeronautics Department hosted its first-ever presentation on modern drones and topics relating to the Aviation Maintenance Technology program. The discussion was hosted by special guest Dr. Paul Foster, the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Safety Team Program Manager and OJT Program Manager, as well as an adjunct professor with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in aviation safety, management, and aircraft maintenance. Dr. Foster was invited to campus to speak to aeronautics students as well as other campus constituents interested in taking their knowledge to the sky by learning more about aviation maintenance-related programs. Dr. Foster discussed the registration, operation, safety and reporting of drones in addition other aircraft navigation topics.

## Wolverines Revive Decades-Old Tradition in Football Season Opener

The 2018 season opener for the SBVC football team revived a long-established tradition against cross-county rival Riverside City College (RCC). Since 1948, the highly-coveted "Victory Bell" trophy has been passed between the victors of the football games between the two schools. For the first time in seven years, SBVC and RCC once again battled for the Bell on September 15 at the SBVC Stadium. Hundreds of supporters filled the stadium for the SBVC home game opener. "I am glad each side decided to bring the game back, even for a limited time," said SBVC Director of Athletics David Rubio. "With two cross-county rivals and both institutions having a great athletic history, there is no reason why this game should have waited as long as it did." The game also marked the return of the Valley Pep Band to set the exciting tone of the match. The Tigers retained possession of the Bell Trophy after an exciting game, with the Wolverines looking to bounce back in their next home match.



## Upcoming Events



**October 11**  
**Student Poetry Reading**  
2:00pm / Library Viewing Room

**October 12**  
**Planetarium Show**  
6:30pm / Planetarium

**October 20**  
**Police Academy Graduation**  
5:30pm / Auditorium

**October 25**  
**Faculty/Staff Reading**  
4:00pm / Library Viewing Room