



President's Board of Trustees Report

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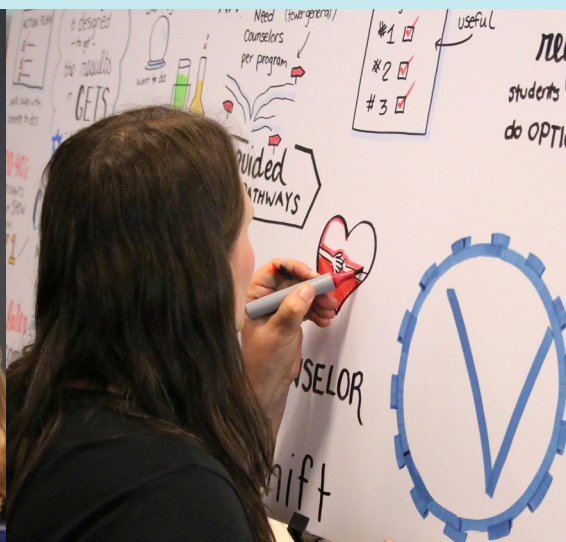
Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2019!

On May 24, San Bernardino Valley College celebrated its newest class of graduating students and reflected on the many milestones that were achieved by the college's students, faculty, and classified professionals during the past academic year. Clad in black gowns and a variety of colorful stoles and tassels, the students were led onto Henley Field by President Diana Z. Rodriguez. She welcomed the thousands of students and family members that filled the stadium, acknowledging the graduates' achievements and congratulating them on years of dedication and hard work. The class of 2019 had 244 students graduating with Highest Honors, or a 3.9-4.0 GPA, and 174 students graduating with Honors, or a 3.7-3.89 GPA. Out of the entire class, 685 graduates were recipients of degrees in Liberal Arts, 260 in Biology, and 177 in Business Administration. There were also 81 Nursing, 59 Psychiatric Technology, and 10 Middle College High School graduates. In total, 1,672 students received 2,284 degrees and certificates, resulting in one of the largest graduating classes in the college's 92-year history. Congratulations, Wolverines!



SBVC Launches Campus-Wide Dialogue on 'Paradigm Shift'

On May 10, over 120 San Bernardino Valley College faculty, classified professionals, and administrators gathered inside the international terminal at San Bernardino International Airport to plan the launch of several exciting campus-wide initiatives during the upcoming 2019-20 academic year, including Guided Pathways, Student Success, Promise, OER/ZTC, AB705, SEAP, and CORA. Gathered into cross-disciplinary teams at tables throughout the terminal, staff were able to collaborate on group assignments that tackled questions of student success, completion, funding, strategic planning, and many other pertinent topics. The event was conceived and led by SBVC's Executive Team, with the Vice Presidents hosting and taking the lead in generating dialogue on improving student completion and success rates. Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC's 20th Annual Nuestra Graduación

Nearly 200 Hispanic, Chicano, and Latino graduates were honored during the 20th Annual Nuestra Graduación on May 19. This annual event is hosted by SBVC's Latino Faculty, Staff & Administrators Association as a way to celebrate SBVC students and all of their achievements. Many participants were first-generation college students who, with the help of their family, peers and SBVC faculty and classified professionals, were able to achieve a milestone that past generations were unable to accomplish. As hundreds of friends and family watched from the steps of the Greek Theatre, graduates were each given a colorful serape stole to wear during the upcoming Commencement ceremony. Following the reception, students and their guests celebrated to the sound of a traditional mariachi band, performing live. The previous 19 keynote speakers to appear at the event were also invited back to share their wisdom and congratulate the graduates on achieving this academic and lifetime milestone.



SBVC Celebrates African American Graduates



The Annual Black Graduate Recognition Celebration on May 17 was a night filled with appreciation for the culture, heritage, and accomplishments of African American students at San Bernardino Valley College. This annual event is sponsored by the Black Faculty & Staff Association, and aims to enhance the educational experience of students by conducting outreach activities and cultural events, and embracing the values of community and scholarship. Students and their guests were treated to musical performances, delicious food, and congratulations from the classified professionals and faculty who have helped them along their academic journey. Each student who attended the event received a kente stole to wear during Commencement. The Kente Ceremony allowed graduates to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of their ancestors, as well as to acknowledge the friends, family members, faculty, and classified professionals who have helped them to achieve their goals.

SBVC STEM Students Commended in Ceremony



Science-minded Wolverines were celebrated on May 10 during the STEM Recognition Ceremony. The STEM program, or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, is a curriculum based on the concept of educating students in these four specific subjects using an interdisciplinary instructional approach. Students received a unique silver sash, embellished with the iconic STEM logo to wear during Commencement. Event presenters congratulated graduates and wished them well as they continue on to pursue careers in STEM.

Middle College High School Celebrates Graduates

Middle College High School scholars are full-time students who engage in honors-level coursework on the MCHS campus, while taking transferable college classes at SBVC every semester. These students graduate not only with a high school diploma, but also college credit, giving them a head start to success. Dozens of hard-working students were first honored during the Senior Crossing on May 17, where several outstanding students received awards and scholarships. The MCHS Graduation Ceremony was held on May 22, and celebrated the achievements of the graduating class of 2019. This class had a 100% graduation rate, and 100% of students met all A-G college entrance requirements to continue their college education in 2019-20. Students averaged over a 4.0 in high school classes and a 3.0 in SBVC classes. Students also averaged \$11,680 per graduate in grants and scholarships to date, and will have earned an average of 45 units of college credit per graduate. Ten MCHS students also received their associate degree at the SBVC 2019 Commencement. Congratulations!



Pharmacy Technology Program Celebrates Newest Graduating Class



This spring, 25 students graduated from the Pharmacy Technology program, capping their experience with a special pinning ceremony. On May 21, the graduates received their pins and took the pharmacy technician oath in front of their proud families and friends. Honors students were also recognized for their hard work. These graduates are now prepared for entry level employment as a pharmacy technician, providing medications and other healthcare products to patients and consumers. The Spring 2019 graduates were Mary Abadines, Jessica Alvarado, Jamie Benvenuto, Vanessa Cortez, Rosendo Deniz, Uyen Dinh, Kendrick Do, Sarah Gomez, Adilene Inzunza, Azar Kalayeh, Jennifer Lee, Marcos Linares, Consuelo Mendoza, Polet Orozco, Christina Pullum, Shirin Rad, Leanne Salaiz, Kaletha Sasser, Veronica Soto, Jennifer Thai, Shannon Thurrott, Nguyen Tran, Olga Vizcarra, Maryam Zaki, and Beatriz Zayas. Congratulations!

Pinning Ceremony Recognizes 40 New Graduates of Nursing Program

The brilliant glow of gleaming white uniforms could not surpass the excitement and beaming smiles of the graduates at SBVC's Spring 2019 Nurse Pinning Ceremony, held in the historic SBVC Auditorium on Wednesday, May 22. The ceremony, enjoyed by the students and their loved ones, was also a special event for the instructors, who basked in the accomplishments of their students. Faculty members from the SBVC Nursing Program honored each of the graduates with flowers and the cherished nurse's pin. The official nurse's pin signals the completion of the rigorous SBVC Nursing Program, which is one of dozens of California community college programs that train 70% of California's nurses. The event ended with each of the graduates reciting the Florence Nightingale Pledge. All graduates of the program will continue preparations to take their National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) while concurrently seeking employment at local hospitals and health care organizations.



Art Students Awarded at Gallery Reception



The Art Department held its annual Student Art Show reception to showcase the final exhibition of the year in the Clara and Allen Gresham Art Gallery. The exhibition showcased hundreds of the best pieces of art from students over the 2018-19 academic year. The event also served as an awards ceremony, bestowing top honors on several featured artists in the exhibit. Art professor James Stewart spoke to the attendees of the event and thanked the Friends of the Gresham Art Gallery organization, as well as Clara Gresham herself, who attended the event.

SBVC Foundation Awards Scholarships



The San Bernardino Valley College Foundation brought together donors, students, their families, and SBVC employees during the Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Donor Reception on May 8. More than 400 students received scholarship awards during the ceremony, as their friends and relatives cheered from the audience inside the historic SBVC Auditorium. Before the ceremony, donors were thanked during a special reception on campus, catered by SBVC's culinary arts program.

Umoja-Tumaini Program Holds Naming Ceremony



The Umoja-Tumaini Program held their end-of-the-year celebration for its students. The event was also a special Naming Ceremony, where students who most recently joined the program are given unique African names to represent one's personality and experience throughout the program. The event also featured a symbolic water-pouring ceremony honoring the ancestors of African Americans. Umoja-Tumaini is a statewide community of educators and learners committed to the academic success, personal growth and self-actualization of African American and other students.

SBVC Celebrates 2019's Retiring Employees



Ending their careers on a high note, 10 San Bernardino Valley College employees were sent off with a fun, campus-wide retirement party on May 6. Each retiree received a basket filled with SBVC swag, a restaurant gift card, and a special guest book signed by their colleagues. The college's 2019 retirees are: Patrick Buckley, administration of justice professor; Laura Cross,

administrative secretary; Jennine Enriquez, clerical assistant; Christopher Hylton, maintenance and grounds supervisor; John Kevari, media clerk; Roger Powell, computer science and computer information technology professor; Benoit Ouellette, custodian; Maria Sanchez, food service; Nicole Williams, administrative secretary; and Mike Sola (pictured), who alone has spent 37 years in the Athletics Department. The retirees were also honored at this year's Spotlighting Our Success Awards. Together, they have given nearly 200 years of service to the San Bernardino Community College District.

SBVC Recognizes 30 New "Puentistas"



The SBVC Puente Project works to support underrepresented students, motivating them to succeed by earning their degrees and then returning to lead their communities. This program welcomed 30 students and 60 of their guests to its end-of-the-year celebration to congratulate the students who have completed this one-year program. "It's a wonderful day filled with pride for students, families, Puente faculty, and their assigned mentors," SSSP Coordinator Joseph Nguyen said. "It's a day of motivation for the students' future accomplishments and inspiration from the keynote speaker's message."

SBVC Hosts 24th Annual "Spotlighting Our Success" Awards for Staff & Faculty



On May 10, SBVC hosted the 24th Annual Spotlighting Our Success Awards, a campus-wide awards ceremony that celebrates our hardworking and dedicated staff and faculty. The night began with MCs Dr. Todd Heibel and Dr. Dirkson Lee acknowledging the Academic Rank Recognitions. The various awards followed, with nominees from every division on campus. The 2019 winners were: Amanda Moody, Student Equity & Success Achievement Award; Chris Clarke, Honored Retiree; Emily McNichols, Arts & Humanities Achievement Award; Ernest Guillen, Outstanding Service Award; Heather Jedinak, District Employee of the Year Award; Judy Rodriguez, Administrative Services Achievement Award and Excellence Award; Norma Alejandra Campos, Applied Technology, Culinary Arts & Transportation Achievement Award; Patricia Jenkins, Science Achievement Award; Rania Hamdy, Innovator of the Year Award; Robert Jenkins, Manager of the Year Award; Romana Pires, Social Sciences, Human Development & Physical Education Achievement Award; Ron Hastings, Academic Success & Learning Services Award; Yancie Carter, Counseling & Matriculation Achievement Award; Amy Avelar & Joan Murillo, Outstanding Professor Awards; Bonnie Cruz & Phylcia Sanchez (pictured), Classified Employee of the Year Awards.



Upcoming Events



June 20
Police Academy Class
#214 Graduation
6:00pm / Greek Theatre

August 1
Psychiatric Technology
Graduation
5:00pm / Auditorium