



San Bernardino  
Valley College



# President's Board of Trustees Report

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

## SBVC Ranked One of Best Online Community Colleges in California

San Bernardino Valley College is once again ranked among the best community colleges in California. SR Education Group, an educational research publisher, just released its inaugural ranking of the Best Online Community Colleges by state, and SBVC came in twelfth place in California. SR Education Group looked at retention and graduation rates, percentage of online enrollment data, and the number of online associate degrees offered. "Community colleges offer some of the most affordable degrees in the country," SR Education Group CEO Sung Rhee said in a statement. "With a growing number of these degrees becoming available online, we wanted to let prospective students know about these great, accessible options near them. By providing these resources, we hope to help more people reach their educational and professional goals." The ranking acknowledges SBVC's offerings of associate degrees in various fields, including Administration of Justice, Anthropology, Liberal Arts, Philosophy, Sociology, and more. Students can also pursue a variety of online certificates, where all remote students have the opportunity to still participate in free tutoring sessions through the campus writing centers.

## SBVC Staff Member Awarded 'Employee of the Year' by the CCCBOG

SBVC classified professional Mary Valdemar was among only three outstanding community college employees honored by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors on May 21. The Community College Classified Employee of the Year Award, presented by the Board of Governors along with the Chancellor's Office, recognizes outstanding classified employees throughout the community college system. Valdemar has held many positions during her 12 years at SBVC, leading up to her current role in SBVC's Department of Library and Learning Support Services. She has served as a leader within numerous organizations and has pushed to empower disenfranchised members of campus. She has served in SBVC's Latino Faculty and Staff Association, SBVC's Classified Senate, SBCCD's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Committee, SBVC's HSI Taskforce and SBCCD's District Assembly. Mary has inspired her students to make great change in the world, as well as to always come back and pay it forward the way she is paying forward the support that her mentors and colleagues gave her 22 years ago.





## SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

### Foundation Raises \$30,000 in Golf Tournament

More than 120 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day on the links during the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation's 9th Annual Golf Tournament on April 19. Held at the Arrowhead Country Club, the tournament raised more than \$30,000 for SBVC athletic teams and student scholarships. Throughout the day, tournament players participated in contests, including a 'longest drive' competition, won by Peggy Cartwright and Robby Melton. After the tournament, players came together for dinner, opportunity drawings, an auction, and an awards ceremony. Mike Sola, Eric Swanson, Jim Reich, and Bob Reedy came in first place, while Jeff Grotewald, Kipp Gross, Jim Williamson, and Mitch Calloway came in second. The tournament was sponsored by HMC, Follett, P2S, Rich and Sharyn Beemer, and Redlands Community Hospital. Way to go, SBVC Foundation!



### First California Surgeon General Visits CDC

SBVC faculty and staff members met with Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, California's first-ever surgeon general, during a campus visit in June. Dr. Burke Harris, a pediatrician, strives to bring awareness of adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress, which have negative effects on health. During her visit to the Child Development Center, Burke Harris met with SBVC President Diana Z. Rodriguez and officials from Children's Fund, First 5 San Bernardino, Loma Linda University, San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health, and Young Women's Empowerment Foundation. "It's an old saying: 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,'" Burke Harris said. "When we practice early detection and early interventions, we see better health outcomes."

### SBVC Alumna Becomes First Black Female to Earn Chemistry PhD from UNLV

Her love of chemistry has opened doors for SBVC alumna Schetema Nealy. Born in San Bernardino, Nealy was one of five children raised by a single mother. While working at a grocery store, Nealy enrolled in classes at SBVC, before transferring to the University of California Los Angeles and earning two master's degrees. Most recently, Nealy, now a 39-year-old mother of two, graduated from the PhD program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, becoming the first African-American woman to earn her PhD in chemistry from the school. "It feels excellent to inspire others, especially my children," she said. "And with this degree, I feel like I can do more. I feel like earning this shows my kids that this is an option for them." Nealy, who was able to graduate without any student loans due to scholarships and fellowships, is now a researcher and professor at Charles R. Drew University. Congratulations!

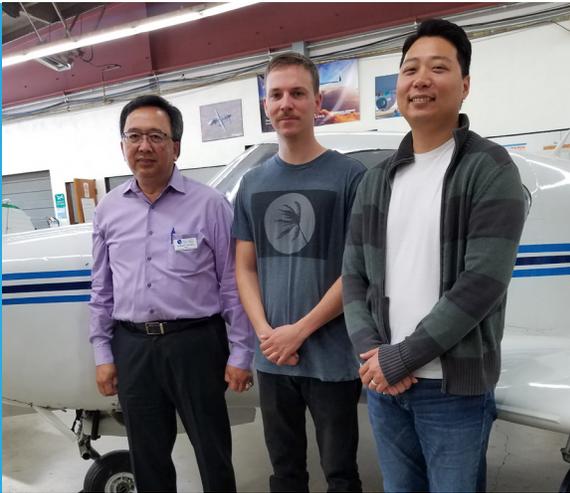




# SBVC SNAPSHOTS

## Aeronautics Students Win Regional Skills Contest

Two SBVC Aeronautics students recently participated in the Aero Skills Tournament held at Mt. San Antonio College. Daniel Cooper and Seung (Brandon) Hyun Cho both placed 1st and 2nd in the Junior Standings. Sherrie Fenton, SBVC Aeronautics Adjunct Instructor, was their coach and mentor who prepared both students for the tournament and served as their chaperone.



## GenGo! at SBVC

As part of its partnership with the County's Workforce Development Board, SBVC has piloted Generation Go! in several departments across campus. Students completed their college courses, were placed with an employer, and received workplace learning in the career pathway of their choice while still attending high school. Patricia Quach, dean of the Academic Success & Learning Services Division, said that the data shows that participating students are more likely to complete high school and attend college, with 330 students signed up across the three college districts participating. SBVC is one of the employers that has taken on the most students. Congratulations, SBVC!



## Newest *Phineas* Published

SBVC has unveiled its 2019 issue of *Phineas*, SBVC's student literary magazine, publishing student poetry, fiction, essays and art at the end of the spring semester. The magazine is designed, edited, and assembled during the spring semester by students enrolled in English 125: Literary Magazine Production, guided by the instructor Joel Lamore, who serves as the magazine's faculty advisor.

## 11 STEM Students Awarded \$94,000 in Scholarships

Eleven SBVC students have received a total of \$94,268 in scholarship funds from the S-STEM grant. The scholarships ranged from \$4,127 to \$6,000 per student. The students will meet regularly with a faculty mentor, participate in cohort classes their first year at CSUSB, and have access to a variety of co-curricular opportunities including peer mentoring, workshops & research.





# SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

## Two Wolverines Named 'Athletes of the Year' in Foundation Awards

The SBVC Foundation recently announced distance runner Michael Ramirez as the Male Athlete of the Year, and women's soccer player Karen Jacobs as the Female Athlete of the Year. Jacobs was the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference's player of the year in 2018, leading the team on offense with team highs in goals (18) and assists (13). Jacobs has committed to continue her soccer career at Louisiana State University-Alexandria in the fall. Ramirez was the fastest Wolverine at the State Championships, as he earned All-American honors by finishing 10th. He has committed to Chico State in the fall, and is the SBVC's nomination to the PCAC Scholar Athlete of the Year. Congratulations, Wolverines!



## SBVC Partners with Miguel's Jr. Restaurants for Student Work Experience



Students at San Bernardino Valley College who are curious about marketing will soon have the opportunity to get real-world experience through a partnership with Miguel's Jr. Restaurants now in development. In May, SBVC representatives met with Miguel's director of marketing and recruitment manager to discuss ways SBVC students can gain work experience through the company. "Our students will be participating in community events, taking pictures, and working on marketing campaigns and training videos," said Peggy Weber, Job Developer for the Strong Workforce Program in SBVC's Applied Technology, Transportation, and Culinary Arts Division. Miguel's Jr. is now working on finalizing the job description, with students expected to start in the fall. Miguel's Jr. operates three sit-down restaurants and 19 fast-food locations. Congratulations, Wolverines!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 1**  
**Psychiatric Technology Graduation**  
5:00pm • Auditorium

**August 8**  
**IEMA 48-Hour Film Fest Screenings**  
7:00pm • Auditorium

**August 14**  
**New Student Welcome Day**  
9:00am • Campus Center Walkway

