



San Bernardino  
Valley College



# President's Board of Trustees Report

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

## Undocumented Student Action Week Brings DREAMer Events to SBVC



Undocumented Student Action Week is a statewide campaign to advocate and provide support resources for our undocumented student population, taking place October 14-18 this year. During the week, SBVC held numerous events to support DREAMer students. A "Know Your Rights" seminar helped students get legal assistance and advice related to rights as immigrants from legal experts, as well as tips on how to advocate for immigrant families or peers. The week also included an "Art for Healing" workshop, a series of webinars providing additional support and information for undocumented students and faculty, and an Undocumented Student Film Fest, showing special screenings of movies that explore political and personal topics related to immigration and undocumented individuals. The week ended with a special training for staff and faculty, aimed at increasing the SBVC community's awareness of the unique needs of undocumented students.

## SBVC Offers Food Truck Course for Budding Student Entrepreneurs

The SBVC Food Truck Restaurant and Catering Services course has begun for the fall of 2019, providing Culinary Arts students with a training lab that doubles as a simulated food truck experience. The course is an instructional, laboratory-driven overview of the mobile food service industry with an emphasis on food truck menu design and execution, vehicle operations and maintenance, business operations and success strategies, career opportunities, and customer service. This class is as hands-on and real as it gets. Students get to develop the menu, prepare all items from scratch, and operate lunch services for the public every Tuesday and Thursday through December. The Culinary Arts team, in collaboration with the Marketing and Public Relations department, recently launched a newly-designed website to complement the added course. You can now browse through the menu, read student testimonials, check out a gallery of photos, and even track the food truck in real time at [valleycollege.edu/foodtruck](http://valleycollege.edu/foodtruck).







## SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

### Local Nonprofit Recognizes STAR Program & President Diana Z. Rodriguez

The Redlands Northside Impact Committee has recognized SBVC's STAR program for a 2019 Educational Award and named President Diana Z. Rodriguez "Latina of the Year" at its annual leadership and scholarship awards ceremony. The STAR program was recognized for its impact on the well-being of hundreds of students and their families within the local community. A special federally-funded program designed to enhance student support services for first-generation, low-income students, STAR enrolls approximately 200 SBVC students every year. President Rodriguez was recognized for her contributions to the betterment of the local community, as well as serving as a role model for future generations of leaders. A first-generation community college graduate, President Rodriguez's background reflects the sociocultural experiences of many of the students SBVC serves.



### Foundation Welcomes Newest Board Members

The SBVC Foundation recently welcomed two new members to its Board of Directors. **Sam Lucia** (left) is deputy chief of the SB County Sheriff's Department, and has served with the department in many capacities since he was hired in 1989. He is responsible for the Personnel/Information Services Bureau, which includes the Training Center, the Employee Resources Division, and the Technical Services Division, among others. **Robert Garcia** (right) is a lifelong resident of Redlands and an SBVC alumnus. He served as a pilot in the Air Force from 1960 to 1981 and holds a B.A. in History from the University of Hawaii and an M.S. in Systems Management from USC. Board President Beverly Powell said she is excited to welcome both new members, who will actively promote SBVC student success on campus and within the greater community.

### Applied Tech Hosts Open House and National Manufacturing Day Events

The Applied Technology, Transportation & Culinary Arts Division recently hosted two events to give the campus and community a look inside their instructional facilities. The CTE Open House covered many aspects of the hands-on technological fields offered on campus, such as automotive, electricity/electronics, HVAC, culinary arts, and more. The aeronautics department allowed guests to sit inside several of their aircraft and learn about the panel boards that can send signals during a medical emergency. SBVC also participated in National Manufacturing Day, an event aimed at addressing the common misperceptions about manufacturing, the skilled labor shortage, and connection with future generations. Machinist instructors gave tours of the facility and on-site machine demonstrations, gifting custom-made keychains to guests.







## SBVC SNAPSHOTS

### JPL Tour “A Dream Come True” for MESA Students

Students in the Math, Engineering & Science Achievement program visited the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to learn about its robotic space missions. Student Cynthia De Los Santos said the visit was “a dream come true. Setting foot where I want to be just makes me feel like there is an end goal. Sometimes I feel like I can’t see the goal; this made it very real for me.”



### Transfer Events Promote Success

The SBVC Transfer Center held several events to promote student success and progress towards advancing to a four-year university. The “Transfer 101” workshop series encouraged students to learn about individual university systems, and hosted seminars with numerous university reps for students looking to transfer to a UC, CSU, or private university. The Annual Transfer Fair was also a huge success, hosting over 35 in and out-of-state university information booths. The first 150 students to visit 10 booths and complete a survey were given delicious, free tacos!



### English Professor Conducts Public Poetry Reading

SBVC recently hosted a public reading of English associate professor Mary Copeland’s work, with excerpts from her book, “The Archeologist’s Daughter.” Copeland’s work has appeared in a number of literary journals, including Spillway, Pearl and The Sulphur River Review, and she holds an M.F.A. in poetry from the University of California at Riverside.

### Indigenous People’s Day

SBVC and the MEChA Club hosted an Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration to honor Native American peoples and commemorate their histories. Dancing, singing, musical performances, readings, and various other cultural events took place, with numerous guest speakers sharing their personal cultural stories. Organizers encouraged all attendees to join a prayer circle and embrace their unity.







## SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

### Creativity, Education & Economy Intersect at SBVC Art Conference

SBVC partnered with the California Arts Council for the Creative People's Conference, allowing guests to immerse themselves in a day of artistic experiences and generative dialogue at the intersections of art, education, community development, and economic development. Afternoon sessions included professional practice workshops and discussions on important topics in the expanding fields of art and creative practices. Workshops included 'How-To's of Writing and Filming a Short Sketch, Painting Healthier Communities, and Activating Youth Voices through Poetry and Hip Hop. The event concluded with an evening reception at the Gresham Art Gallery, celebrating "Self and Place: ReFinding San Bernardino County," a county-wide group art exhibition culminating on the day of the conference.



### DSP&S Highlights Accessible Learning at 2nd Annual Awareness Fair



During the Disability Awareness Fair on October 1, students received valuable information on local agencies that provide services to individuals with disabilities. Now in its second year on campus, the fair was presented by Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSP&S). The goal of the event was to empower those with differing abilities and shift the public mindset to "all abilities" as opposed to "disabilities." The event provided a resource fair for students on the various programs, services, and resources SBVC has to offer for individuals of varying physical or learning abilities. Therapy dogs were also available for students to interact with, highlighting service dogs trained to assist individuals with disabilities so that they are more able to participate in day-to-day activities. The fair provided food, drinks, raffle tickets, prizes, and energetic music to encourage students to visit multiple resource booths.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 22**

**Valley 360 Resource Center Luncheon**

12:00pm • Valley 360 Resource Center

**December 3**

**WinterFest 2019**

3:00pm • Library Quad

**December 12**

**President's Holiday Gathering**

11:00am • Campus Center

