



San Bernardino
Valley College



President's Board of Trustees Report

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

SBVC Accepts \$35 Million in State Funds to Build Career Training Hub

San Bernardino Valley College welcomed Senator Connie Leyva and Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes for a ceremonial presentation of a \$35 million check towards the renovation of the Applied Technology building on campus. After championing the building's renovation as a state budget priority earlier this year, these elected officials celebrated the project with other dignitaries on the grounds that will house a new, 21st century training center for Inland Empire students. The \$35 million in state matching funds have been approved to build this nearly 100,000-square-foot modern career training hub, where students will receive the necessary preparation to sharpen their skill sets to meet the needs of today's tech economy. Built in 1964, the current 78,000-square-foot technical facility is one of the oldest buildings on campus. With the \$70 million in combined Measure CC and state funds, the new facility will be a huge boon for SBVC students, as it will allow them to receive instruction in a brand new facility with state-of-the-art equipment. Approved by 61% of voters last year, Measure CC will generate \$470 million for upgrades to classrooms and job training facilities districtwide. The new Applied Technology Building is expected to begin construction in July 2021, with completion anticipated in 2023. Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC Foundation Inducts Newest Alumni & Athletics 'Hall of Famers'



SBVC proudly ushered in its latest additions into the Alumni and Athletics Halls of Fame, all recognized for their prize-winning accomplishments and service to the community. The SBVC Foundation honored newest Alumni Hall of Fame inductee **Dr. Louie F. Rodríguez**, and the Athletics Hall of Fame inducted the **Undefeated 1982 SBVC Football Team, Kenneth Blumenthal, Stan Sanchez, Michael Sola, and Eric Swanson**. SBVC Foundation Board President Beverly Powell said the Foundation is honored to partner

with the Athletics department to recognize the achievements of SBVC alumni and former student-athletes. "The opportunity to showcase some of Valley College's best 'success stories' not only helps the Foundation raise funds necessary to help students achieve their dreams, but events highlighting our alumni also help inspire our current SBVC students to envision their own success and believe their own dreams are possible," she said. *For a list of current Alumni Hall of Fame inductees, visit sbvcalumni.org/HOF.*



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Sends 23 Students to HACU Conference for Professional Development

After 60 students applied, 23 SBVC students were selected to attend the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) annual conference last month, where they participated in networking sessions and workshops over three days. Five students spoke about their experience at SBVC's All Student Services meeting in October, and a second group of five students presented at the Board of Trustees meeting in November to share their experiences and lessons learned through participating in the program. Last year, SBVC also participated in the conference and challenged students to put into action what they had learned, resulting in the formation of a HACU Club on campus. Five of last year's participants took advantage of HACU's Ford Scholarship challenge and placed second, resulting in a \$7,500 grant and \$500 scholarship for each student.



MESA Panel Series Motivates STEM Students

The Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) program at SBVC has debuted an impressive lineup of workshops and panels this semester highlighting the various career pathways students can take. The itinerary of great thinkers coming out to MESA events reads like a list of TED Talks, with many heavy hitters in STEM fields. Armone Lochard, MESA acting director, said the program offers students valuable tools and a great impetus to excel in the cutting edge careers of tomorrow. Workshops included hands-on titration, growth mindset strategies, and how to read a scientific paper. MESA's "Meet A..." panel series hosted numerous career professionals to discuss their field. These sessions included Meet a Mathematician, Product Engineer, Computational Neuroscientist, and Coroner (left).

Over 1,300 Students Participate In Expanded Free College Promise Program

SBVC recently expanded its Promise program, providing more students with access to a free college education than ever before. Participating students receive two years of free college, free textbooks, \$300 cash for school expenses and the use of a laptop to complete coursework or online classes. The program is off to an excellent start, seeing 1,316 students from across the Inland Empire apply and take advantage of the new program. "The program provides the opportunity for students in the Inland Empire to continue their education with resources available to them to accomplish their goals," said SBVC Dean of Student Equity and Success Carmen Rodriguez. "Many of the students in the program are first generation college students, low income, or come from single parent households and many do not have support in the home. We provide the motivation, support and, most of all, the opportunity for them to accomplish their goals."

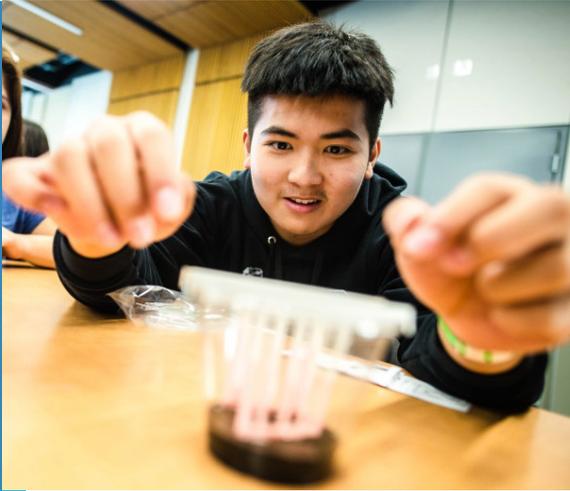




SBVC SNAPSHOTS

STEMapalooza Inspires Over 800 Local Students

With interactive activities and fun speakers, the annual STEMapalooza Student Conference got young students excited about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). An annual SBVC event, this year's STEMapalooza was held on November 1, with more than 800 middle and high school students from across San Bernardino County participating.



13th Annual Día de los Muertos

SBVC held the 13th annual El Día de los Muertos Celebration to honor Latinx culture on campus. Families put up altars, also known as ofrendas, to honor the deceased, and decorated them with photos, sugar skulls, marigolds, and objects that the person loved in life. About 250 campus and community members attended to enjoy live music, dance performances, food, an exhibit in the Gresham Art Gallery, and a screening of the Disney movie "Coco." Hosting the event each year gives SBVC a chance to participate in a local community tradition and allows for positive cultural affirmation for many students.



Cross Country Star Named 'Athlete of the Month'

Freshman Kimberly Pena has the fastest feet in town, as proven during the Inland Empire Athletic Conference championship. Not only did the women's cross country team win the championship, defeating Chaffey College, but Pena also earned the best time, finishing the 5K in 20:45.6. She has been named the conference's Athlete of the Month for October.

Students Earn Top Honors in Architecture Contest

All three SBVC students who participated in the Pasadena Foothill chapter's American Institute of Architects (AIA) Birdhouse competition won top awards, including first & second place, and people's choice award. Kathleen Ellis, who took first place with her birdhouse, "Tweet Tweet Bitches", has since joined the board of the AIA, Inland California as the SBVC student representative.





SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

Weekly 'Ask a Counselor' Events Help Nearly 2,000 Students a Year

Whether a student has a quick question about a transfer requirement, or would like more information on how to set academic and career goals, they'll find the answers they are looking for during 'Ask a Counselor' sessions. The counseling department holds about 110 Ask a Counselor events throughout the year, 40 in the fall, 40 during the spring, and 30 in the summer. They set up a table outside, and students are welcomed to walk up and ask the counselors about anything pertaining to classes, specific services, or their future. About 1,800 students are estimated to attend Ask a Counselor events every year, and their response has been overwhelmingly positive. "They appreciate seeing us and being able to ask quick questions or find out about a new resource or service they didn't know about that will help them be successful at SBVC," counselor Patty Jones said.



'Escape the Vape' Provides Safe Space to Discuss Dangers of E-Cigarettes



San Bernardino Valley College, in collaboration with Mental Health Systems-Central Valley Prevention Program and Community Coalitions for CHANGE, recently hosted Escape the Vape, giving young people from the Inland Empire a safe space to share their concerns about vaping. The event was held in response to Governor Gavin Newsom signing an executive order tasking the state with spreading awareness to kids and their parents about the risks associated with vaping. Attendees discussed how to best educate young people about vaping, with Terrace Hills Middle School student Margareth Gonzalez sharing that she started a prevention club for her peers. "I want to help create a safe and healthy environment for as many kids as I can, and help as many of them escape the vape," she said. SBVC student Elena Zermeno told the Inland Empire Community News the event was "a great opportunity for the community to come together and learn about the issues of vaping. Having a lot of youth show up and seeing so many willing to learn and share their experiences was an amazing thing to see."

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 10
Spring Opening Day
8:00am • Auditorium

January 14
MLK Dream Rally
12:00pm • Physical Sciences Building Lawn

