



San Bernardino
Valley College



President's Board of Trustees Report

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

Campus Honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy with 'Dream Rally'

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. continues to inspire San Bernardino Valley College students and employees, who participated in the college's inaugural 'MLK Dream Rally' on Jan. 14. Organized by SBVC's Black Faculty & Staff Association (BFSA), the event celebrated Dr. King's achievements during the Civil Rights Movement and tied his legacy in to the personal and academic dreams of current students. "Dr. King is the embodiment of courage to stand up for what is right," Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Scott Thayer, told the crowd. "Fifty-six years after Dr. King gave his 'I Have a Dream' speech, his words continue to resound within our hearts and minds." Several students read their own speeches, encouraging attendees to pursue their own dreams in life, no matter how challenging the path to those dreams might seem. A new banner dedicated to Dr. King was unveiled during the event and the BFSA awarded two new scholarships in his honor to students, totaling \$350. Attendees were invited to approach the giant megaphone near the Physical Sciences building to literally shout their dreams for the campus to hear and celebrate. Shout your dreams, Wolverines!



SBVC Partners with The Uniquely Abled Project for Special Job Training



Through recent funding from Goodwill of Southern California, multiple organizations have come together at San Bernardino Valley College to offer new soft skills training and job placement services. Students on the autism spectrum are able to connect with jobs and training through partnerships, workshops, services, and classes at SBVC. Ivan Rosenberg, founder and President of The Uniquely Abled Project, said the campus is showing strong interest in supporting a population not typically well served by community colleges. Parents have responded enthusiastically to the program, and in just 16 weeks, participants have been demonstrating great progress at SBVC. One aspect of this program is targeting jobs that don't require prior training, such as highly repetitive work. For jobs that require prior training, Uniquely Abled Academy helps pair up workers with unique abilities or disabilities to match in-demand jobs. One such job, CNC machine operator, offers a wealth of potential career opportunities and can be a great fit for high functioning students with autism. Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Receives Additional \$25,000 STEM Scholarship Grant from Edison

The San Bernardino Valley College Foundation has once again received a \$25,000 grant from Southern California Edison, which is used to provide \$1,000 scholarships to 25 students studying STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). The Foundation first started awarding the Edison STEM Scholarship in 2014, and this is the fourth year in a row SBVC has been the recipient. To be eligible, a student must be studying a specific STEM major, including environmental science, chemical engineering, applied physics, and statistics, and intend to pursue a career in a STEM field. Low-income students are also given special consideration. Grants given by Edison International go to help under-served student populations, with more than half of the funding benefiting educational and environmental programs. More SBVC students will now be equipped with vital skills that prepare them for the workforce.



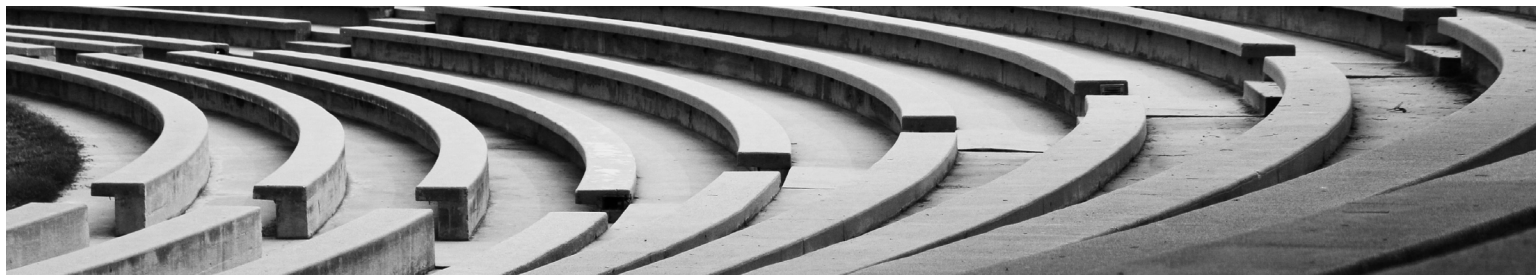
SBVC Credited for Driving Local Economic Growth

Birtcher Development LLC, a regional industrial real estate developer, recently announced the development of its newest regional distribution center in San Bernardino. According to a press release by the company, this is due to San Bernardino's position as "a central air cargo and distribution node...attributable in large part to the aggressive logistics training programs offered by the SBCUSD and SBVC." Birtcher Development LLC's Managing Director, Brooke Birtcher Gustafson, added that "the logistics opportunities presented by the airport, convenient access to major trucking thoroughfares and excellent labor market, the demand for new, modern industrial space in the San Bernardino Airport submarket is incredibly high. This state-of-the-art facility will bring much needed high cube product to market during a time when the e-commerce boom is driving unprecedented industrial demand."

NIMS Scholarship Awarded to SBVC to Fund State-of-the-Art Equipment

In just 18 weeks or less, students at SBVC can prepare for high-demand fields, such as machinist technology, using cutting-edge CNC (Computer Numerically Controlled) machines. SBVC was recently awarded a \$2,500 NIMS scholarship, allowing each student in the program to take the Basic Layout Test for free. Students use hand tools, draw lines and arcs, and set a punch, and their work is submitted to a local company to verify that the test meets state requirements. SBVC is ready to roll out an assortment of new state-of-the-art equipment, including a new CNC machine for the tool and die program, soon to be unveiled. SBVC has been expanding its outreach to help all student populations achieve specialized skills. Students in the program can take their training a step further by enhancing their skillset to meet the needs of the aerospace industry, among other exciting pathways.





SBVC SNAPSHOTS

Planetarium Kicks Off New Series of Shows

The start of the Spring 2020 semester also brings in a new schedule of viewings in the historic George F. Beattie Planetarium, with new shows set to debut. Come see views from the North Pole to the South Pole, showing all the stars that can be seen with the unaided eye on the darkest of nights. Visit valleycollege.edu/planetarium for a full list of upcoming shows.



SBVC Addresses Under-resourced College Students

In a special Flex Day event, SBVC hosted a workshop focused on the influence socio-economic factors can have on teaching and learning in higher education. "Understanding and Engaging Under-resourced College Students" emphasized the needs of students experiencing poverty, which is known to greatly affect their ability to succeed in a college environment. Led by Dr. Ciriaco "Cid" Pinedo of the Children's Fund, the workshop allowed participants to learn to recognize the impact of socio-economic factors on student preparedness and educational success.



Launching Into the '20s

SBVC celebrated last semester's achievements and focused on upcoming initiatives during Spring 2020 Opening Day. President Diana Z. Rodriguez highlighted the successes of the inaugural Promise Program, emphasized her goals of increasing enrollments of men of color and addressing food and housing insecurity on campus, and congratulated the campus on its numerous accomplishments in 2019.

Football Standouts Make Early College Choices

After his record-breaking debut, quarterback Jeremy Moussa signed his National Letter of Intent to attend Vanderbilt University at SBVC's Signing Day in December. Additionally, defensive lineman Jess Ybarra signed with the University of Sioux Falls, and offensive tackle Trey Edwards will be attending Missouri Southern State University.





SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

Faculty Spotlight: Joan Murillo, SBVC 2019 Outstanding Professor

Joan Murillo, one of SBVC's 2019 Outstanding Professors, has been recognized by her colleagues for helping students succeed in Anatomy and Physiology and their Allied Health careers. Murillo is known to keep students and colleagues up to date with the latest conferences and work opportunities, and is instrumental in ensuring SBVC offers certificates and programs like phlebotomy and sterile processing technician training. "I enjoy seeing how students grow, mature, and progress through human physiology and other prerequisites for Allied Health programs, and then in their professional programs like nursing, physician assisting, and medical school," she said. "I love seeing students reach their educational goals and knowing I had a role in that." Murillo's colleagues appreciate not only her hard work on behalf of students, but also her dedication to keeping department morale high by holding celebrations for special occasions and milestones. Being nominated by her colleagues for the award left her feeling "over the moon."



Coach Quincy Brewer Inducted into the Riverside Sport Hall of Fame



Men's basketball coach Quincy Brewer was inducted to the Riverside Sport Hall of Fame Wall of Distinction during a special ceremony this January. Brewer is in his twelfth year as the head men's basketball coach at SBVC, where he has compiled an overall record of 282-72 (80%) in 11 seasons that consisted of winning nine Conference Championships, appearing in four Elite Eights, one Final Four and one State Championship final. He has received ten "Coach of the Year" awards consisting of nine Conference Coach of the Year awards and one California State Coach of the Year award; he has had 10 conference MVPs and currently has seven players playing professionally. In Coach Brewer's 11 years as head coach, 61 student athletes from the men's basketball program have matriculated to universities. Before arriving on the SBVC campus, Coach Brewer spent the 2004-2007 seasons as the head coach at Ramona High School in Riverside. During his stint at Ramona, he guided the team to an overall mark of 71-16 and a pair of Sunkist League titles. The turnaround was even more stunning because the Rams won just three games the year before Brewer took over as head coach. He will be one of 12 coaches and administrators honored for their work in athletics at the Riverside Sport Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Coach Brewer!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19

CalWORKs Employment Fair

9:00am • B-100

February 21

Black History Month Breakfast

9:00am • Campus Center

