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# President's Board of Trustees Report

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

## CalWORKs Expands Services to Under-Resourced Students on Campus

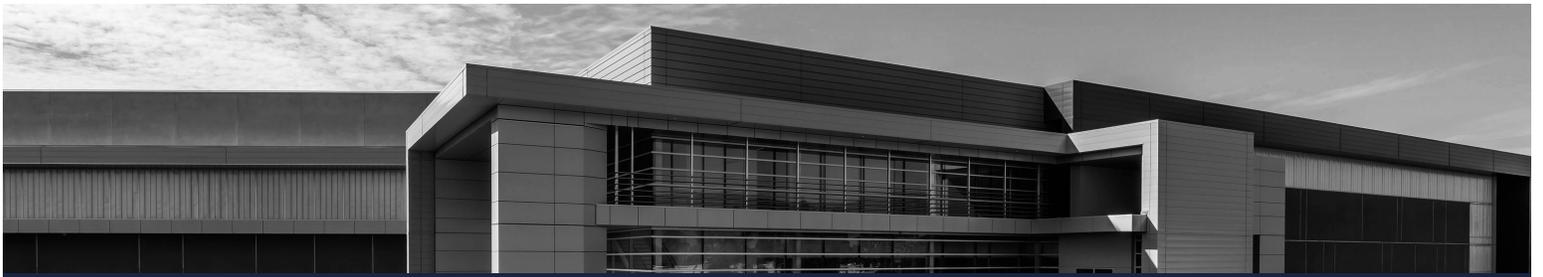
For Poverty Awareness Month in January, SBVC's CalWORKs and Workforce Development department has been working to bring additional resources to campus to support students. In partnership with the San Bernardino County Department of Child Support Services in Loma Linda, which donated over 500 pieces of professional work attire, the department has expanded its clothing closet for students. The clothing is available to students for interviews, job placements, job fairs, and any other career-related purpose. In February, CalWORKs hosted a job fair, allowing students and community members the opportunity to meet various employers and get interviewed on the spot. Students were also invited to an inaugural Poverty Awareness Resource Fair at San Bernardino Valley College to receive free food, information on housing and jobs, and access to academic support services. Shalita Tillman, CalWORKs & Workforce Development Manager, said that her department is committed to helping all students referred to find the best resources available for their success, both on and off-campus. "We want students to see that there is light at the end of the tunnel. I always remind students that the road can sometimes gets bumpy, we can experience turbulence. However, just hold on and stay persistent, and it will pay off," she said.



## SBVC Partners with City Water Department for Intern Training Program



SBVC has partnered with the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD) to develop an internship program that will provide training necessary to better prepare students pursuing a career in the water supply and wastewater management fields. This training program was designed to develop participants' technical skills and knowledge through hands-on instruction while providing course credit. SBMWD is committed to investing in water supply and wastewater education to support the next generation of water supply professionals. Candidates selected to participate are afforded the opportunity to use their knowledge in a real-world setting where decisions and corresponding actions immediately impact the events which occur at the workplace. Candidates will rotate through training modules in SBMWD departments to gain a better understanding of each of the responsibilities necessary to operate and maintain the city's water resources. Congrats, SBVC!



# SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

## Men's Basketball Hosts Meet-and-Greet for Children with Special Needs

The SBVC men's basketball team invited children with special needs and their families to a February game against Cerro Coso Community College. In partnership with the Down Syndrome Family Resource Center, the Wolverines encouraged all campus and community members to join the inaugural event. Children had the chance to talk to their favorite players in a special meet-and-greet before watching them in action. All guests with special needs received a free t-shirt. "I am very excited to host this event," Coach Quincy Brewer said. "My wife and I have embraced the challenges of raising a special needs child, and are proud to be part of ensuring that no child gets left behind." This is the first time the men's basketball team has ever held a meet and greet for children with special needs. "It feels good to give back to the community and do something for the kids, something positive," said SBVC basketball player Cameron Butler.



## SBVC Celebrates Black History Month on Campus

SBVC celebrated Black History Month with an extensive lineup of cultural reflections on racial justice, civil rights, and other historical festivities. The Black History Month Breakfast had the theme, "Know the Past, Shape the Future," and SBVC's Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) presented four honorees with recognition of their many years of service to the community and students. On Feb. 27, the Precinct Reporter newspaper and the BFSA presented "Black Butterfly," a modern fusion dance concert with Maura Townsend's Project21Dance, spoken word artist Alex Avila, and classically-trained vocalist William Lacey. On Feb. 28, fashionistas enjoyed the "My Black is Beautiful Head Wrap Party," where students discussed the headwrap's regal origins. This was the lead up to the annual Civil Rights/Black History Month Concert, which continues to grow every year, with a wide array of compelling performances.

## Gresham Art Gallery Exhibit Prepares to Celebrate Women's History Month

SBVC presented a special art exhibit ahead of Women's History Month which provided an introduction to female artists from the early 20th to 21st century. The "Kollwitz to Opie: A Selection of Works and Ephemera" exhibit featured original artwork alongside posters, publications, and other artistic media. "The show affords the opportunity to see a more diverse perspective, one that is not limited to the confines of gender," curator Ian White said. Some messages of the artwork in the exhibit ranged from fertility and babies to feminism and women's rights. SBVC student Catalina Montes said, "The painting that caught my eye is the one with the baby; it is my favorite. I used to draw myself but this is nothing compared to what I used to draw!" The collection aims to advocate on the behalf of the silenced in ways that can be explored by all viewers.





# SBVC SNAPSHOTS

## Students Write Custom Valentine's Day Poems

The Writer's Block Club celebrated Valentine's Day on campus with one-of-a-kind pieces of flash fiction in their "Love Me Notes" event. Students could request a free custom poem or short story, improvised on the spot, about Valentine's Day or other love topics of their choice. The Writers' Block aims to promote campus interest in writing, reading, performance, and literature.



## Celebrity Radio Quiz Show Filmed at SBVC

Every week, listeners across the United States tune in to "Says You!", a public radio quiz show that's a mix of Scrabble, Jeopardy!, crosswords, and anagrams. On January 25, a special episode called "Says You! The Witcom" was recorded inside the SBVC Auditorium. Participants have written, produced, or acted, and included actress Wendie Malick, actress Deb Hiett, screenwriter Doug Palau, writer Nat Segaloff, producer Sabrina Wind, culture critic Carolyn Faye Fox, and television host Barry Nolan. Proceeds from the sold-out event benefited the Autism Society, Inland Empire.

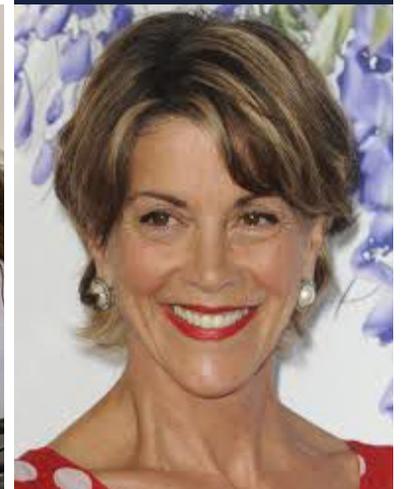


## More Wolverines Headed to Four-Year Universities

More SBVC football players recently signed to four-years, including Montre Moore to Missouri Southern State University, Riley Chado to Southwest Minnesota State, David Pollard to Lake Erie College, Jhalen Haynes to Kansas Wesleyan University, Jaiden Roe to University of Long Island, Ezekial Zaragoza to Oklahoma State University, and Ben Falck to University of Hawaii.

## "Eyes on Tech" Promotes SBVC Computer Science

The SBVC Computer Science department hosted an "Eyes on Tech" event that showcased robotics technology and 3-D printing applications for SBVC students and their families. Students could also follow workshops on designing their own websites, creating and building their own video games, and using Photoshop.

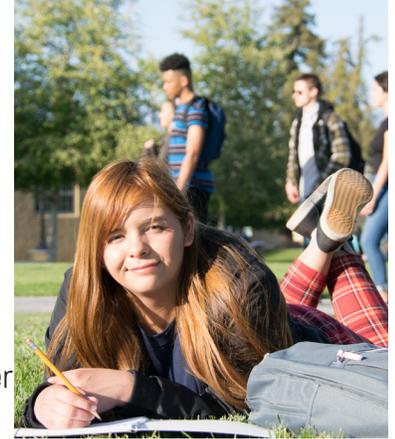




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## Campus-wide Effort Aims to Help Students Achieve College Readiness

San Bernardino Valley College is moving forward on AB705, recent state legislation that aims to get students through their coursework more efficiently and onto their career paths faster than ever before. Under the newly-implemented legislation, SBVC serves more students entering community college with access to transfer-level courses in math and English, reducing the need for remediation classes. Students are no longer required to take placement tests and can jump right into the college-level courses. But this is not a one-size-fits-all approach. Some students may need extra help, which is also available. Dr. Stephanie Lewis, Dean of Mathematics, Business and Computer Technology, said that from an equity standpoint, students will benefit by going straight into the transfer-level coursework. However, struggling students will have the right to access remediation help. "It gives us an opportunity to rethink and re-imagine the ways we deliver programs to students to optimize their learning experience." Congratulations, SBVC!



## SBVC Celebrates Dr. Javed Siddiqi's Aircraft Donation in Special Ceremony



Dr. Javed Siddiqi, a local pilot and neurosurgeon, was honored in a special recognition ceremony in the SBVC aeronautics laboratory to commemorate the donation of his personal Beechcraft B60 Duke aircraft to the college's aeronautics program. Students, aeronautics faculty, and Dr. Siddiqi's family and friends gathered to hear the story of his decision to donate the \$200,000 aircraft, and even get a chance to sit inside. While SBVC offers hands-on training in state-of-the-art facilities, the donation was an upgrade to the program's current equipment. President Diana Z. Rodriguez spoke to the audience and said, "this much-needed donation will allow SBVC to impact more students and families than ever before, providing much-needed training and skilled workers to continue to drive our region's economy." She

described Dr. Siddiqi's donation as an act of unprecedented generosity, and that by doing so, he was demonstrating the value he places on education within our community. "The first time I came [to San Bernardino Valley College], I was really impressed and actually stunned by the activity, the passion, and the wonderful feel of this place, and that convinced me to give my baby to [your campus]," said Dr. Siddiqi, "this is my form of service to the community." Thank you so much, Dr. Siddiqi!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 12**  
**Basic Police Academy Graduation**  
6:30pm · Abundant Living Church

**March 25**  
**César Chávez Celebration**  
6:00pm · B-100

