



San Bernardino Valley College



President's Board of Trustees Report

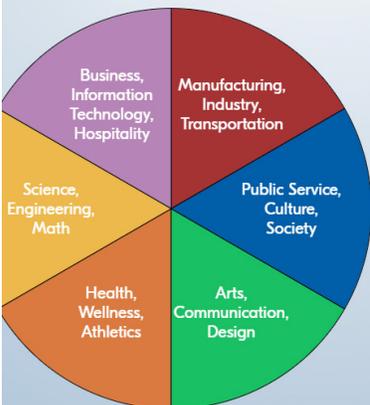
The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community

SBVC Trains Faculty & Staff to Provide Instruction & Services Remotely

SBVC is providing ongoing support and training to staff, faculty, and students amidst newly implemented social distancing measures. The transition to online classes began March 30, before which a dedicated team of faculty were available by appointment to aid instructors in setting up their classes on Canvas. Additionally, both students and instructors were able to seek real-time 24-hour technology support through a Canvas support line. During Flex Day, more virtual support was added in the form of workshops and webinars to increase the effectiveness of instruction and discuss best practices. Rania Hamdy, Professional Development Coordinator, along with the Distance Education team have been spearheading the numerous trainings available to campus to ease the transition to remote learning. In addition, the team compiled a list of free workouts and yoga practices to support staff and student health, and encouraged faculty members to replace their commute time with one of the workouts. They also acknowledged that some may have children at home and provided links to free stories on Audible. Hamdy encouraged instructors to support their students in the same way that the DE team was supporting them, as "they really need us during this time to show them caring, compassion and support."



SBVC Continues Guided Pathways Transition Despite Campus Closure



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The closure of SBVC's physical campus hasn't slowed the progress of its Guided Pathways initiative, which recently included the launch of a redesigned website experience. Students can now use the new, interactive "pathways wheel" at valleycollege.edu to explore various academic programs offered at SBVC that lead to careers in a corresponding fields. The individual program pages have also integrated SBVC's new digital catalog, allowing students to browse a digital archive of degrees & certificates, required courses, program outcomes, and faculty listings. The new digital catalog is a comprehensive, interactive document that encourages student engagement, replacing what was formerly a static PDF. The Guided Pathways framework can improve student achievement and transfer rates, cut down on the total number of units students take while earning degrees, and eliminate achievement gaps.



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Hosts Drive-Thru Food Distribution

SBVC partnered with the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) & Edison International to aid families in need with supplemental food during the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, they organized a community drive-through food distribution event that supplied over 700 families with boxes of food. Numerous volunteers from campus and local organizations assisted with unloading boxes from trucks and placing them inside the trunks of the hundreds of cars that lined the SBVC parking lot. These volunteers, wearing face coverings and plastic gloves, made sure to adhere to the social distancing guidelines issued countywide. Households were encouraged to pre-register for the event to confirm they were county residents and qualified to receive the food per emergency assistance program guidelines.



SBVC Becomes Highest-funded College in Statewide Clean Energy Project



SBVC has received a \$188,239 grant from the California Energy Commission for alternative fuel projects, and will use the funds to buy equipment, expand curriculum, and provide professional development for faculty members. The California Energy Commission distributed a total of \$1.2 million to seven community colleges, with SBVC receiving the largest award. The grants are part of the commission's Clean Transportation Training Project, an initiative that funds for-credit alternative fuel and vehicle technical training courses and programs. Over the next year, SBVC will update its advanced automotive and alternative fuel vehicle curriculum, specifically addressing the needs of local businesses that will be hiring students when they complete their degrees and certificates.

EOPS Celebrates its 50-Year Anniversary at SBVC

For 50 years, Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS) has helped students facing social, economic, and language barriers earn their degrees and certificates, and transfer to four-year universities. Through EOPS, they have become "better tooled or prepared to enter their chosen career path and ultimately increase access to more livable wages," Joanne Hinojosa, EOPS Director at SBVC, said. Every fall and spring semester, between 650 and 700 SBVC students participate in EOPS. They receive counseling, priority registration, transfer assistance, help with paying for textbooks, and also attend special workshops. "EOPS was started in 1969 as a statewide program during a time when access to higher education opportunities was limited for many," Hinojosa said. "The way the program was originally designed is exactly how it is still being implemented today, with regular counseling contacts being the basis of the program, as it is a known fact that the more a student meets with a counselor, the more likely they are to succeed."





SBVC SNAPSHOTS

Men's Basketball Coach Earns 300th Win at SBVC

Coach Quincy Brewer captured his 300th career win at SBVC with the Wolverines' 85-65 victory over Barstow this spring. Brewer is averaging 25 wins a season at SBVC, to go with nine conference titles and one state championship game berth. He also has nine Conference Coach of the Year honors and one California State Coach of the Year award. Congratulations, Coach!



SBVC Student Life Goes Virtual

SBVC is inspiring Wolverines staying at home to maintain their positive outlook and school spirit. The Office of Student Life and SBVC's Associated Student Government (ASG) hosted SBVC's first ever Virtual Trivia Night, where students tested their general knowledge for a chance to win a gift card up to \$100. Upcoming trivia nights will be themed, quizzing students about Star Wars and Disney trivia. The Office of Student Life also launched virtual Spirit Days, encouraging students to post an Instagram picture with the hashtag #SBVCstayhome. These Spirit Days will continue until the end of the semester, and include themes like Silly Socks Day, Favorite Quote Day, Show Off Your Pets Day, and Favorite Mug Day.

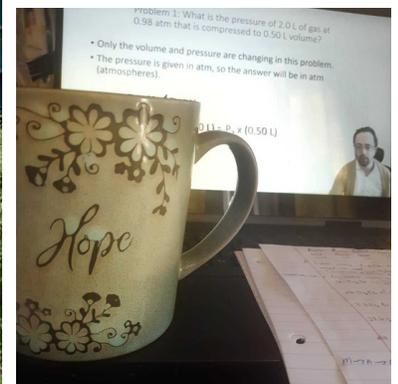


Writing & Tutoring Services Move Online

The Writing Center launched online writing & tutoring services to continue aiding student success, even debuting a Writing Center Hotline for students to call for real-time assistance or to make appointments. The Academic Success Centers have started offering tutoring via Pisces, an online video chat platform that will help to streamline the video tutoring service.

'Finding Your Calm' Group Offers Virtual Support

Finding Your Calm, a student support group recently launched by Student Health Services, will now offer virtual support for students via Zoom. In these unprecedented times, students can find peer support and opportunities to work through and discuss their challenges in an encouraging and empowering environment.





SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC President Diana Z. Rodriguez Named '2020 Centennial Trailblazer'

SBVC President Diana Z. Rodriguez has been recognized by the Zeta Phi Beta sorority's Phi Mu Zeta chapter for her dedication to promoting higher education. Rodriguez has been named a 2020 Centennial Trailblazer, and will be honored during Phi Mu Zeta's 4th annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship Brunch at the Arrowhead Country Club in San Bernardino this summer. The brunch's theme is "Blazing the Path for Others to Follow," and Rodriguez and her fellow honorees will be celebrated for their contributions as leaders and mentors. Zeta Phi Beta is a community-conscious, action-oriented organization that aims to follow its founding principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood. These ideals are reflected in the sorority's commitment to community outreach programs, funding scholarships, supporting organized charities and promoting legislation for social and civic change nationwide.



DSP&S Ensures Student Accommodations Continue Despite Campus Closure



Despite SBVC closing its campus, the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) department ensured that many student and faculty services would continue through online platforms or social distancing. DSP&S Director Larry Brunson shared modified department procedures, including how student and instructor contact will flow during the pandemic, how DSP&S will be processing Recommended Academic Adjustments, Auxiliary Aids & Services (RAAAS) forms, and modifications to proctoring exams. "[Accommodations] are not going away because of this online transition," said Brunson, "We just want to make sure that people have all of the right information as we navigate through this unprecedented time." Certain services have been suspended until further notice, such as Learning Disabilities Testing, Academic Tutoring and all 900-level DSP&S courses. Nonetheless, Brunson said this transition to online platforms has given his department the opportunity for streamlining and expanding its virtual services in a digital age. Read the rest of this article at valleycollege.edu/news.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22
SBVC Commencement Ceremony
9:00am • Virtual • www.valleycollege.edu

May 25
Memorial Day
Campus Closed

