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President's Board of Trustees Report

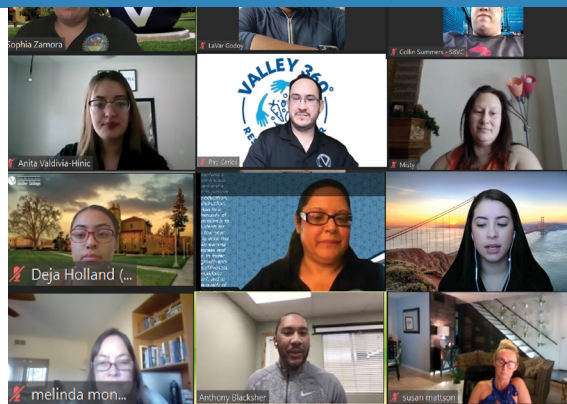
The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community

San Bernardino Valley College Commended During Reaccreditation

SBVC has received the highest level of accreditation an institution can receive by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). The ACCJC visiting team expressed "appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that San Bernardino Valley College undertook to prepare for this evaluation." SBVC, which has been reaffirmed for the next seven years, received special praise from the accrediting commission for leadership in serving the needs of students in three specific areas: its **Valley 360 Resource Center**, which provides food or other resources to registered students in need; the **Generation Go!** program, which provides career services and mentoring to youth ages 16 to 24, and its **Middle College High School** partnership, which provides a way for students to earn college degrees and certificates while still in high school. "This is an outstanding accomplishment on the part of everyone who has worked so diligently to ensure that our first-ever virtual accreditation evaluation went smoothly and that SBVC's exceptional progress since the last visit was showcased appropriately," said President Diana Z. Rodriguez. Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC Boosts Anti-Racism Efforts With EDCT Equity Workshops



Through the *Supporting Equitable Learning Environments Virtual Series*, San Bernardino Valley College employees are invited to participate in district webinars that can help them implement equity-minded practices in the classroom and through online instruction. This virtual series is part of an Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium Strong Workforce Program regional project managed by SBCCD Economic Development and Corporate Training. Nine virtual workshops are being delivered live to the region's 12 colleges, with webinar topics that include "Implicit Bias and Student Success" and "Supporting Students Who Experience Acute Basic Needs Insecurities." "Community colleges play a crucial role in connecting students to rewarding career pathways, thus it is important to foster inclusive, engaging, and equitable learning environments to

support students in achieving their educational goals," Wendy Lester, assistant manager of SBCCD's Workforce Development, said. "Workshops such as these align with SBCCD's commitment to equity and success initiatives related to the academic, student support, and social needs of students from culturally and socially diverse backgrounds."



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Launches 'Wolverine Telehealth' to Provide 24/7 Virtual Medical Services

Through the new Wolverine Telehealth Program, SBVC students can speak to a doctor or mental health specialist whenever necessary, free of charge. Powered by 24HOURDOCS, the Wolverine Telehealth Program is "intended to take campus student health to a whole new level," Dr. Johnny Negusse, a lead practitioner with the program. "We believe that students should have the easiest access to see a doctor or mental health specialist 24 hours a day and that there shouldn't be a cost associated with this access outside of initial enrollment." To enroll in Wolverine Telehealth, students pay a \$25 fee at the beginning of the semester, and every virtual visit after that is free. Students can use their mobile device, tablet, or computer to see a doctor by video or simply talk with the doctor over the phone when appropriate. The doctor sends their prescription electronically to their desired pharmacy. SBVC is the first college in the IE to offer this service to students.



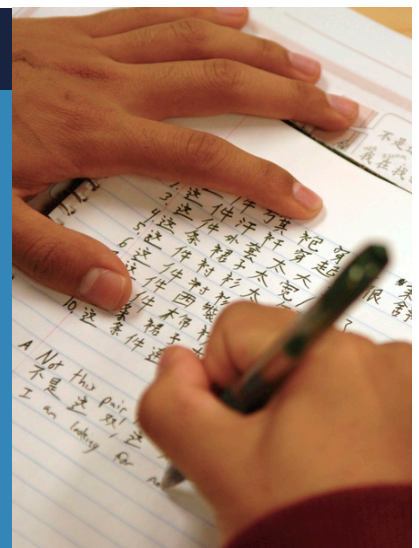
Machinist Technology Department Installs New Equipment for 75th Anniversary

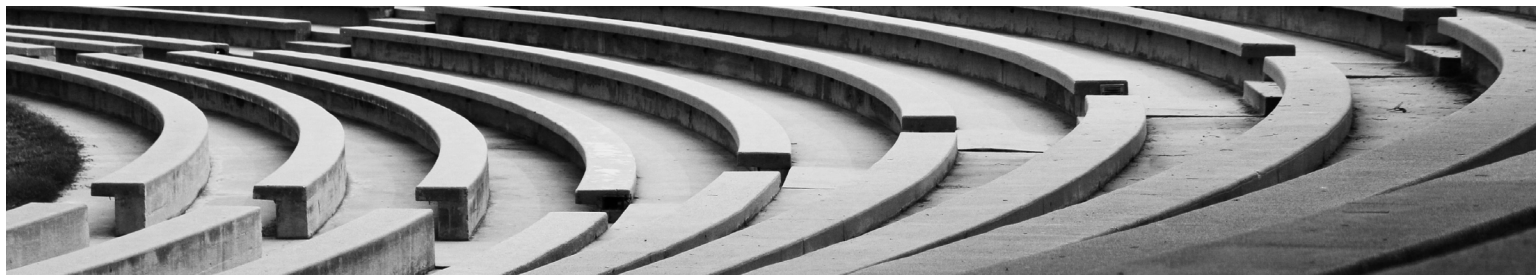


SBVC's Machinist Technology Department is the oldest machinist training facility in the Inland Empire, and is commemorating its 75th anniversary this year. In January, the program received several pieces of new equipment to replace obsolete lathes and mills. The items, including an electric servo press, vertical machining center, CNC lathe, and electric discharge machine, were purchased with Strong Workforce grant funds. In order to bring the new equipment into the Applied Technology building, dozens of machines had to be rearranged, and police blocked the street so trucks could make their deliveries. By acquiring more advanced equipment, SBVC continues to provide cutting-edge technology to students in the machinist tech program.

SBVC Launches First-Ever Chinese Language Program

This spring, San Bernardino Valley College has opened to students the opportunity to learn a language spoken by hundreds of millions of people around the world: Mandarin Chinese. Taught by Hsiao Hui Shih, this beginning course will help students develop competence in listening, speaking, reading, and writing as they learn basic vocabulary, sentence structures, and characters. Nori Sogomonian, co-chair of the Modern Languages Department, says this is the first time that the college is offering a Mandarin Chinese course. "The course curriculum was written and submitted through the SBVC Curriculum process three years ago, and we are just now able to offer it since the courses have been approved and we have hired an adjunct faculty to teach it online for now," she explains. By offering Mandarin, SBVC is providing students with "an alternative language and culture to study and integrate into their chosen majors, whether they decide to transfer and major in Chinese language and culture, liberal arts, or apply the language to a business degree," Sogomonian says.

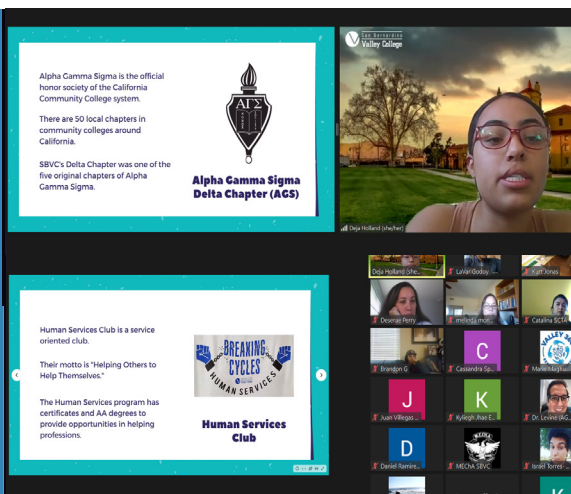




SBVC SNAPSHOTS

SBVC Hosts First-Ever Virtual Club Rush

San Bernardino Valley College hosted its first-ever Virtual Club Rush. All students were invited to learn more about the various clubs on campus and meet its members through Zoom. Subsequent breakout rooms based on each club allowed students to network with different organizations on campus, develop their interests, and get involved on campus.



Aeronautics Gets Special Demo

Ed Harris from HEATCON Composite Systems visited the Aeronautics department to demonstrate to students a Composite Hot Bonder. Provided by HEATCON Composite Systems, the bonders are used to control localized heat sources for a wide variety of manufacturing and repair applications that require the curing of prepreps, resins, or adhesives. The demonstration trained students on the latest composite repairs for commercial airlines and aircraft manufacturing. The Aeronautics students enjoyed the hands-on demonstrations and the expertise of Harris, while further gaining experience with current industry technology.

HERSTORY

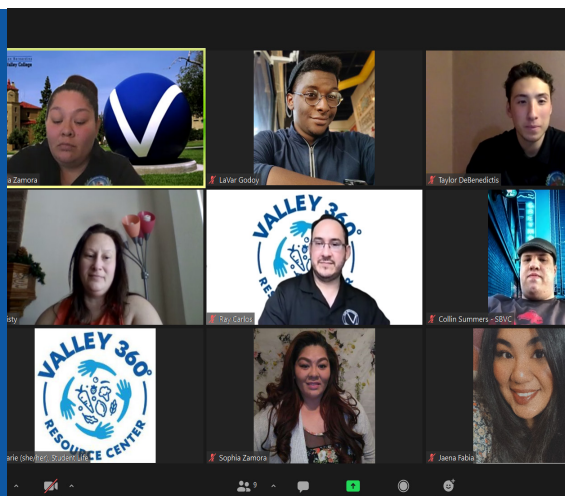


Student Health Launches 'Herstory' Virtual Group

SBVC recently launched "Herstory," a women's empowerment group, in time for Women's History Month. The topics addressed include self-esteem, intimate relationships, emotion, family dynamics, body image, and motherhood. The group, hosted by Student Health Services, will be held every Tuesday beginning in March.

SBVC Hosts Spring 2021 Virtual 'Week of Welcome'

San Bernardino Valley College took its Week of Welcome to a virtual format for the first time ever. Hosted by the Associated Student Government, the week-long schedule of exciting events included a campus trivia competition, a webinar about the transition to distance learning, and a "Sippin' Tea with ASG" event to allow students to get to know their campus officers and voice their opinions.





SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Celebrates Black History Month with Virtual Series of Guest Speakers

SBVC commemorated Black History Month with a series of inspirational guest speakers. Kim Gardner (right), Circuit Attorney to the City of St. Louis, virtually discussed her work in social justice, its cultural importance to equity work across the nation, and the implications it holds for social justice advocates in an increasingly polarized society. Dr. Afiya Mbilishaka, clinical psychologist and hairstylist, joined campus virtually to explore the concepts of PSYCHOHAIRAPY, an organization she founded that uses hair as an entry point for mental health services in beauty salons and barbershops. SBVC also hosted a discussion with author and medical ethicist Harriet Washington. She was able to virtually discuss with students the implications of black and brown communities resisting receipt of the COVID-19 vaccines currently being developed and distributed. The month's events were presented by SBVC's Arts, Lectures & Diversity Committee in partnership with the Black Faculty & Staff Association.



SBVC Student Starts Non-Profit Distributing Books to Community Children



Sunshine Ray has made it her mission to get as many books as possible out to children in the Inland Empire. A Child Development-Early Childhood Intervention major at SBVC, she learned while student teaching that many of the kids in her class did not have access to books. Ray started an Amazon list and shared it on social media, and soon she was receiving new and used books from friends, family, and strangers. Armed with more than 1,000 books, she launched Nanny's Book Garden, named in honor of her late mother, Annis "Nanny" Ray. Through Nanny's Book Garden, Ray distributes books to elementary school kids in the San Bernardino area. Her daughter, son, and fiancé help collect and sanitize the books, and when she is ready to give them away, Ray picks a time and place, usually a park, and shares all the details with teachers and on social media.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22-27

Spring Recess

Campus Closed

April 13

Faculty In-Service Day

No Classes in Session

