



# PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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

## Enrollment Reaches More than 15,000

More than 15,750 students are enrolled at San Bernardino Valley College this fall, reflecting a gain in two-year college programs nationwide.

"The start of the academic year is always an exciting time at San Bernardino Valley College, and we're honored that more than 15,000 local students are here to learn and prepare for their careers," SBVC President Gilbert J. Contreras said.

The SBVC student body reflects the demographic backgrounds of the communities served by the college. The demographic breakdown is:

- 73% Hispanic (Latinx)
- 10% Black/African American
- 9% White
- 5% Asian, Filipino, Native American, and Pacific Islander
- 3% two or more races



## Centennial Markers Found on Campus & Online

San Bernardino Valley College's centennial is in full swing, with students returning to a campus filled with signs of the celebration.

There are markers for each year of SBVC's history, along with light pole and fence banners. Online, visitors can check out [valleycollege.edu/100](http://valleycollege.edu/100), which showcases the college's 100-year legacy of education and service through a timeline of campus snapshots that highlight SBVC's history. It also includes the "100 Events for 100 Years" calendar showing upcoming centennial festivities.

More in-person and online interactive features will be launched over the next academic year, honoring a century of transformation and impact.





# SBVC Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month, HSI Week

San Bernardino Valley College marked both Hispanic-Serving Institution Week September 8-14 and Hispanic Heritage Month September 15-October 15 with celebratory events across campus.

More than 70 percent of SBVC students are Hispanic, and the college is "honored to champion and embrace our identity as a Hispanic-Serving Institution," said President Gilbert J. Contreras. "Our student body reflects the demographic backgrounds of the communities served by San Bernardino Valley College."

As part of Hispanic-Serving Institution Week festivities, aguas frescas were served at the Lois Carson Campus Center and students cheered on the Wolverines in a football game against Compton College. The game featured a halftime performance by Mariachi Juvenile Grullense and salute to those who served in the military and law enforcement. The Wolverines cruised to a 70-0 victory over Compton College. On September 16, Dr. Gina Garcia spoke at the Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff in the auditorium with a presentation, "From Heritage to Impact: Servingness in Action." She ate lunch with students and then signed books before a campus-wide celebration including music and food was held in the gym breezeway.

Hispanic Heritage Month festivities will end on a high note October 12 with a free concert in the Greek Theater by Latin jazz great Poncho Sanchez.

All of the Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations were part of SBVC's 100 Centennial Events.



## Alumni Football Game Brings Wolverines Back to Campus

San Bernardino Valley College hosted its Alumni Classic football game on August 30, one of its 100 centennial events. SBVC recognized members of the 1982 championship team and alumni cheerleaders brought spirit to the crowd. The SBVC Foundation hosted an alumni tailgate, and the game began with an airplane flyover courtesy of the Applied Technology Division.

The Wolverines lost a close one to Antelope Valley College, launching a second-half comeback. They were down 20-8 less than 10 minutes into the game and trailed by 19 at the half, but SBVC righted the ship in the second half, shutting out the Marauders and limiting them to 137 yards of offense after giving up 277 in the opening half. The Wolverines were in the red zone with less than two minutes to play, but could not find the end zone, falling 33-28.

The Wolverines rebounded September 6 on the road, defeating Los Angeles Valley College 33-0.



# Incoming SBVC Students Flock to Wolverine Welcome, Pizza with the Presidents

New San Bernardino Valley College students were welcomed to campus on August 27 with food, games, music, and resources.

Wolverine Welcome coincided with the first week of classes and had a high turnout. Students enjoyed freshly grilled burgers and hot dogs, interacted with mascot Blue, and asked questions at resource tables.

The fun continued on September 2 when Associated Student Government hosted Pizza with the Presidents. Blue was on hand to deliver pizzas to the crowd while student leaders & college administrators mingled and showed new Wolverines ways to get involved on campus.



## Glassblowing, Journalism, Piloting Among New Programs Offered

San Bernardino Valley College has added several new programs for the 2025-26 academic year, ranging from glassblowing to piloting aircraft.

"SBVC already has a huge variety of programs, and we're excited to offer even more course diversity this academic year," Curriculum Coordinator Kay Dee Yarbrough said.

The additions are:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Essential Skills Certificate of Completion:** This noncredit certificate introduces practical applications of AI and machine learning tools in business contexts.
- **Artistic Glass and Design Certificate of Achievement:** Students gain hands-on experience in glassblowing, kiln-formed glass, lampworking, and coldworking techniques so they can enter the art glass industry.
- **Education, Society, and Human Development A.A. Degree:** Students are equipped for careers in education-related fields, spanning advocacy, public policy, community leadership, and working with special populations in sectors like law, health care, and the arts. This degree has a pathway to UC Riverside.
- **Flight Operations - Professional Pilot A.S. Degree and Professional Pilot Certificate of Achievement:** This program prepares students for a career in aviation, providing comprehensive flight training and ground school instruction in aerodynamics, navigation, and aviation regulations.
- **Journalism AA-T Degree and Journalism Certificate of Achievement:** Students learn writing, video creation, and documentary production, developing skills tailored to the demands of modern media.
- **Sustainable Design Certificate of Achievement:** This program teaches sustainability principles with practical design applications, geographic information systems, and interdisciplinary knowledge from geography and environmental studies.
- **Urban Planning Certificate of Achievement:** This program merges theoretical insights with practical applications and focuses on sustainable, eco-friendly, and people-centered urban planning and design principles.



## CENTENNIAL SPOTLIGHT

# Marta Macias Brown



Hall of Fame Alumna Marta Macias Brown

Marta Macías Brown, a member of the SBVC Alumni Hall of Fame, worked throughout her life to serve the Inland Empire as an educator, journalist, and activist.

After growing up on the west side of San Bernardino, she graduated from SBVC and then Cal State San Bernardino, where she was a founding member of the first United Mexican American Students chapter, a precursor to Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA). MeChA promotes Chicano empowerment and unity.

"My time at Valley helped me to determine my goals to pursue higher education," she said. "I had very special professors who encouraged me to continue my studies in science."

As a graduate student at UC Riverside, Macías Brown taught history at SBVC and Chaffey College, and in 1968 helped establish El Chicano newspaper, one of the Inland Empire's first Spanish publications. She was the founding editor of the newspaper, and went on to also serve as a San Bernardino County community education specialist and a student affirmative action officer at UCR.

Macías Brown was an active member of the political scene, coordinating the local presidential campaign of Robert F. Kennedy and collaborating with United Farm Workers to bring Cesar Chavez to the area. She worked with and later married Rep. George E. Brown and helped facilitate the preservation of her husband's congressional papers through the Brown Legacy Project at UCR.

Following her death in 2021, Macías Brown's family established a scholarship at SBVC to continue her legacy as a "firm believer in the power of education to transform lives and communities."

## 100 Centennial Events

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### Student Services Building Groundbreaking

Greek Theatre grassy area

Noon

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### Rendezvous Back to Route 66

Greek Theatre

9 a.m.

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### Poncho Sanchez Concert

Greek Theatre

5:30 p.m.

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### Horror Film Festival

Library viewing room

6 p.m.

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### Wellness Spooktacular

Greek Theatre walkway

10 a.m.

