

Monday, April 5, 2021

Dear Students (Returning and Incoming),

As vaccinations become globally available, institutions are starting to make announcements about partial re-openings. Here at San Bernardino Valley College, most classes will continue to be online for the Fall 2021 semester. **The Music Department however has been approved to offer in-person, socially-distanced labs!** For the first time in a year, we will offer ensembles such as Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Mixed Chorus. We will allow students (gloved and masked) to sit at a piano for their Musicianship courses. And we will continue to offer in-person Piano and Guitar classes safely. We will persevere to continue providing high-quality music education for our students. It is in this vein I would like to share with you a few highlights of our programs, why we are special, and considerations as you make decisions about your academic future during this moment in history.

The Music Department Faculty at San Bernardino Valley College are brilliant leaders in the Southern California community, and remain dedicated to the students in which we serve. Please consider reading through their abridged biographies on our department website (www.valleycollege.edu/music).

We are growing our programs at San Bernardino Valley College. Some of the latest curriculum written, inspired by our community and career trajectories, include new classes such as Jazz Improv and Theory I and II, History of Hip-Hop, and Instrumental Chamber Music. We offer two Music degrees, the AA in Music and the AA-T in Music, and support both the instrumentalist and vocalist Music Major. Non-music major students who wish to continue their musical studies can take courses in Piano, Guitar, and Voice; and participate in our ensembles. We also boast one of the only community college opera programs in the country, and are in the process of assembling a Commercial Music Certificate.

You have some tough choices ahead of you. If this upcoming Fall semester is going to be mostly-online, why not save tens of thousands of dollars and take those courses at Community College for a fraction of the cost? We encourage you and your students to check out what San Bernardino Valley College has to offer, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I may be reached by email (mworsley@valleycollege.edu) or phone (909-570-3070).

Take Care,



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P.S. High School Juniors and Seniors, please check out our Concurrent Enrollment programs, where high school students can take college classes and boost their transcripts. Also, upon acceptance to SBVC, students may qualify for California College Promise Grant fee waivers, which award incoming First-Year undergrads (directly from High School) free tuition.