

SBCCD Celebrates Nuestra Graduación at SBVC

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About 200 Hispanic, Latino, and Chicano San Bernardino Community College District students honored their cultures and traditions at the Nuestra Graduación ceremony May 9 at San Bernardino Valley College.

Graduates and their families enjoyed tacos from Espinoza Market, music by a mariachi band, and photo opps. One of the most meaningful moments occurred when graduates received their colorfully-striped serape sashes, said Aida Gil, president of the Latino Faculty, Staff & Administrators Association.

“The sash represents care, support, and sacrifice,” Gil added. “It is a symbol of appreciation for their steadfast perseverance and for choosing Valley as their home.”

SBCCD Chancellor Diana Z. Rodriguez, SBVC President Gilbert J. Contreras, and SBVC Vice President of Instruction Leticia Hector were on hand to celebrate with the graduates.

“The energy and pride shining on our students’ faces is truly contagious,” Gil said. “We want every student to remember there is only one direction forward — and that direction is ‘Valley Up!’”



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