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Diana Z. Rodriguez, President

Hosts: Dr. Todd Heibel & Susan Mattson

Awards & Recognition

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2020

Diana Alblinger
Horace Alexander
Eunice Cairns
Sarah Miller
Michael Lysak
Andrea Booker
Jacqueline Moore
Glenn Drewes
Cynthia Bidney
Rebecca Dean
Sheela Free
Cecilia Galindo
Melodie Jollie
Judy Jorgensen
Marianne Klingstrand
Jerry Mason
Tamara Maurizi
Anita Moore
Roger Sadler
Mary Lou Vasquez

2021

Marcia Alfano-Wyatt
James Smith
James Dulgeroff



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

2020

Anthony Ababat
Jennifer Bjerke
Anthony Blacksher
Keynasia Buffong
Yancie Carter
Anthony Castro
Maribel Cisneros
Alicia Halex
Andrea Hecht
Lisa Henkle
Carol Jones
Judith Joshua
Steven Lee
Michael Levine
Micah Martin
Sana Massad
Joshua Milligan
Botra Moeung
Brandy Nelson
Miguel Ortiz
John Roberts
Matthew Robles
Soha Sobhanian
Malik Stalbert
Christina Torres
Bruce Underwood
Maria Valdez
Margaret Worsley
Daniel Algattas

2021

Bryce Cacho
David Casillas
Laura Estrada
Robyn Seraj
Bethany Tasaka
Deborah Trusheim

PROFESSOR

2020

Kellie Barnett
Marcia Alfano-Wyatt

2021

Mary Copeland
Sherri Lillard
Nori Sogomonian
Yvonne Beebe
Victoria Anemelu
Elaine Akers

PROFESSOR EMERITA

2020

Horace Alexander
Michael Lysak

2021

Sheila Free
Jeanie Marquis



2021 Nominees



Phylicia Sanchez

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Phylicia has excelled in her duties as Developer Coordinator at the SBVC Foundation. In addition, to overseeing the student scholarship application and award process, Phylicia also provides administrative support for SBVC Foundation grant programs, Board meetings, and events. Her efforts have allowed the SBVC Foundation to successfully award more than \$350,000 in SBVC student scholarships this semester, which represents a 50% increase from the prior year. With a staff of just two-full time positions, the Foundation relies heavily on the administrative support duties that Phylicia has provided this past year to manage donor contributions and grant programs

Karol Pasillas

COORDINATOR, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Karol does an outstanding job handling the department's budgets/invoices and assisting with moving funding to accommodate emergency services.



APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORTATION & CULINARY ARTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2021 Nominees

Tamara Schlinkert

LAB TECHNICIAN, CULINARY ARTS

Tamara has kept the culinary arts department running smoothly for the past 10 years. She adapts to whatever situation arises and there are many issues, concerns, and needs that come up daily. Tamara helps run all 12 labs within the department, assists students with projects in the labs and in the classroom. She maintains all budgets, creates PR's and keeps track of spending for the department. Tamara does all of the purchasing, food, equipment, and supplies for all lab courses, caterings, and special requests. She makes sure all of the vendors are paid while working with Accounts Payable and with other district offices. Since the pandemic, Tamara has adapted to working three days a week in the culinary labs and two days a week from home without missing a beat. Tamara has many strengths and without her, the culinary department would not run as smoothly as it does. Thank you Tamara for all of your hard work and dedication. The department appreciates you.

Glenn Smith

INSTRUCTOR, CULINARY ARTS

Glenn Smith is a great asset to the culinary department. He has been extremely flexible as an adjunct employee and taught classes that are out of his comfort zone and has done a great job. Glenn has taken over the baking courses for the program. The students love what they are learning. Chef Smith adapted to the online learning very quickly and completed both DE training classes offered by our campus. He assists the department chair with whatever is asked of him. He is very deserving of an award.

ARTS & HUMANITIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2021 Nominees

Catalina Trasporte

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, ARTS & HUMANITIES

Cathy Trasporte has demonstrated excellent support and care for faculty during semester Orientation, contract organization and signing of over 100 plus full and part time faculty, navigated COVID-19 pandemic issues related to faculty transition from f2f to online instruction, and been an assistant during the department leadership change. Cathy also assists department students with semester internships that are transient in nature, student class petitions, and various student-related items so vast in terms as to be too many to list here. Cathy also works with SBVC and district staff on countless issues attending to the detailed work that her position demands of her. Her professionalism is readily apparent as Cathy navigates the many hats she wears in performance of her duties. This outstanding effort demands the nod of all those who have been helped by her efficiency and attention to detail. I highly recommend Cathy for the Arts & Humanities Achievement Award for 2021!



2021 Nominees



Dr. Mandi Batalo

PROFESSOR, ART

At the SBVC Art Department, during open campus or complete online instruction, Mrs. Batalo is constant in positively presiding over all the instructors, her secretary, her students in the classes she is teaching, extra online enrichment activities for the campus. She engages off campus guest artists to present special interests and programs and advertises the events for students and an open online audience. She keeps up with campus events and emails the instructors with relevant information and instructions. San Bernardino Valley College greatly benefits due to the manner she accepts and carries out her responsibilities in supervising the SBVC Art Department. I highly recommend Mrs. Batalo for the Arts and Humanities Achievement Award.

Lucas Cuny

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FILM, TELEVISION & MEDIA

Throughout the pandemic, Lucas has continued to create. He has hosted Wolverine Con, helped with filming for different departments, has been dedicated to his students and the Institute of Media Arts. He is an inspiration.



2021 Nominees



Mary Copeland

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ENGLISH

It is common knowledge that the Arts and Humanities Division is the best division on campus. Behind every great division is a group of fantastic faculty and staff. Mary Copeland is one of the faculty that makes the division shine. Mary has been serving as the Curriculum Chair for several years now and does so with great integrity. She has also been active on Academic Senate as a member of the Executive Committee. Mary demonstrates integrity and is thoughtful in her work. She approaches her work with the goal of doing the best and right thing for our students. The load for a Curriculum Chair is always heavy but this year it has been an especially heavy lift given the need to lead the committee through hundreds of Distance Education Addendums with the move to teaching online. In the last couple of years, Mary led the Curriculum Committee through the work required of AB 705. The upcoming Ethnic Studies requirements by the CSU systems requires continued leadership for the campus to successfully meet this new requirement. Mary is a champion of faculty and students alike and is an example of great leadership. Mary is always deserving of the Achievement Award, but this year the added load to her duties and her exemplary performance in managing the extra load makes her a stand out candidate this year.

Melinda Fogle

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, THEATRE ARTS

Melinda has maintained energy and persistence through this past year. Her department produced virtual live performance of a play in the fall and continues to push what you can do with theatre even in the midst of a pandemic.



ARTS & HUMANITIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2021 Nominees



Angelina Godwin
INSTRUCTOR, MODERN LANGUAGES

Professor Angelina Godwin deserves to obtain this award because she is a dedicated, knowledgeable, intelligent, and respectful professional. She is also a kind and patient person who is always willing to help others. I have known Professor Godwin for eleven years, and she has always helped me with aspects of teaching that are difficult for me, especially with technology. She is the kind of person who does not hesitate to sacrifice her time and energy for the wellbeing of others. I am glad that she has been nominated for this award, which she surely deserves, and I am more than happy to give her my vote.

COUNSELING & MATRICULATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2021 Nominee

Armando Garcia
*COUNSELOR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,
GENERAL COUNSELING*

Armando is such an asset to the SBVC Counseling Dept. His willingness to go above and beyond for students and staff makes him deserving of this award. He has extensive knowledge and experience with Assist.org, the UC transfer process, Cal State Apply and transferring to private, out-of-state and even overseas universities. He is very sensitive to the needs of our population of students, e.g., Spanish speaking students, students needing basic skill development, adult learners, EOPS/CalWorks, CTE, athletes, first generation, international, low-income, homeless, veteran, nursing, honor, undocumented, re-entry and traditional and non-traditional students. He is a mentor for the Puente Project at SBVC and

was Chairperson for the Puente Program at Cypress College for six years. Armando has found his path and purpose in life and that is Counseling. He is such a perfect fit at SBVC and for our students. Working with Armando is such a joy.



2021 Nominee



Vicente Alvaraz

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MATHEMATICS

Vicente works hard for our department and our division. He supports and helps organize one of the largest departments on campus. There are several schedules and needs that he accommodates because of the quantity of people in our department. Additionally, because math is not every student's favorite course, Vicente also acts as an intermediary for students and faculty should the need arise. These are not small feats, especially with a large department. Vicente professionally navigates all aspects of his role as department chair. Vicente has shown leadership through our transition online while navigating big undertakings such as AB 705. He's been a consistent resource for both full-time and adjunct faculty. He created a Canvas shell with resources for faculty. He's championed OER materials for our courses. Currently Vicente is leading a Community of Practice for Statistics faculty to discuss best practices for the classroom. This year-long community helped support faculty

learning to teach online to ensure that students have the best experience possible. In this role, he gives other faculty the opportunity to ask questions, lead conversations, or share what they're doing in their own classroom. Vicente also serves on the Academic Senate and the Curriculum Committee, both of which require a good amount of work outside of attending meetings. He's a great colleague who goes above and beyond in the accomplishment of his daily duties. We immeasurably appreciate what he does.

SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2021 Nominee

Michael Torrez

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CHEMISTRY

Michael is an instructor who takes his duty to his students very seriously. He regularly researches the latest information on learning theory. He adapts and adjusts his course to provide learning experiences that serve the needs of students while maintaining academic integrity. Many students come to hard sciences with a deficit of study skills and educational perspective. Michael tries to educate the student not only in the subject of the course, but in the skills needed to become a better student. He exhibits the characteristics of a life-long learner and this rubs off onto his students. Michael is worthy of recognition for his dedication to students and their educational needs as well as to his scientific discipline.



2021 Nominees



Evelyn Luna

*COUNSELOR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,
FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE*

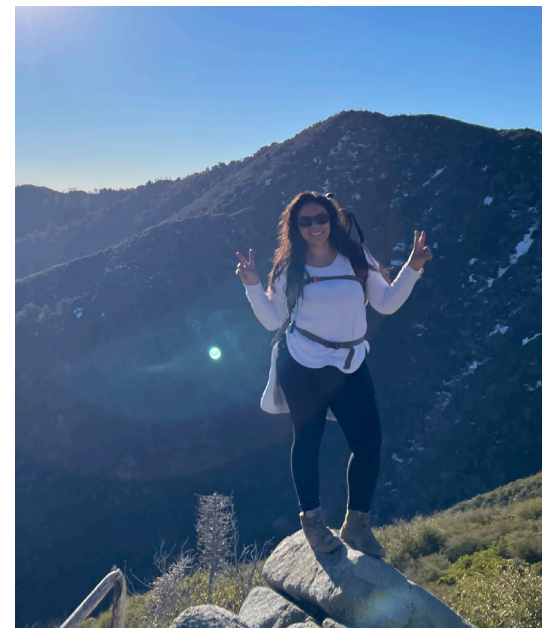
Evelyn Luna for her incredible work as a counselor & instructor. Evelyn is a change agent who recruited many Guardian Scholars/Foster Counselors in California Community Colleges and created a community where counselors meet to discuss best practices to help their student population. She goes above and beyond the expectations of a faculty and is always readily available whenever they need her, nights, and weekends. She has established a strong rapport with her students where they trust and rely on her guidance to ensure their success. Evelyn constantly seeks out all the opportunities on campus and in the community to support her students with any resources she can find. She created events to fundraise for her student population and is a very strong advocate for their success. She truly cares for her students and provides a motherly nature that frequently follow-up on their well-being, not only their academic but their

social and mental health. During the pandemic, many of our students were struggling with food & housing insecurities; she reached out to Foster Nation and we partnered with Students received one FREE meal a day for 30 days & Together We Rise and they assisted our students with house and grocery assistance. She completed Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator and Strong Interest Inventory Certifications and @One's Introduction to Online Teaching & Learning for SDEV to help students to navigate the online education platform to increase student success. Evelyn is selflessness

Andrea Rodriguez

COUNSELOR, STAR

Andrea Rodriguez has gone above and beyond to ensure that students receive optimal service. She has great rapport with her students and serves them with care and attention.



STUDENT EQUITY & SUCCESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2021 Nominee



Sharaf Williams

DIRECTOR, FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Sharaf displays what it means to be "here for the students". She goes above and beyond to help students and staff. She is quick to volunteer her time to help whether for a staff association, student club, meetings, etc. Always has a positive and friendly attitude when you approach her.

HONORED RETIREE AWARD

2021 Nominee

Horace Alexander

FACULTY CHAIR, ENGLISH

Horace has been an outstanding Professor and contributes to the success of many students. He was also part of the Accreditation team, which put in long, long hours in helping our school finish in the top!



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Jennifer Bjerke

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, GEOGRAPHY;
DIRECTOR, MESA**

Jennifer is doing an incredible job with MESA. The program, under her direction, does so much to help students studying math, engineering, and science. She found ways to continue this support in a fully remote environment and the MESA program didn't miss a beat. They regularly run workshops on valuable topics for students and the MESA facilitators do a great job of supporting students taking math, engineering, and science classes. Additionally, the program assists students with scholarships, research opportunities, and networking, all of which are incredibly helpful as they prepare to transition to four-year universities and careers. I know students truly appreciate the program and all of Jennifer's hard work.

Lucas Cuny

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FILM, TELEVISION & MEDIA

Lucas has done so much for the Inland Empire. Most importantly, he has done so much for our campus and students. He has bridged together film/media and athletics, has interviewed our head football coach, Daniel Algattas, televised campus athletic games, created many independent films and is giving students a hands-on learning experience. He "thinks outside the box" and has found ways to continue student learning during a pandemic.



2021 Nominees



Daniel Algattas

*ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, HEAD FOOTBALL COACH,
KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH & ATHLETICS*

Program Review Needs Assessment has historically depended on paper-based processes with live voting. When the committee decided to pilot a rubric-based scoring system, Daniel stepped up and volunteered to create a digital submission form that committee members could use for scoring. Daniel went above and beyond a creating a simple spreadsheet that tallied up scores. He developed a submission template using Google Forms and created formulas to calculate the scores for each section of the Needs Assessment form. To make the submission process easier for committee members, he input all the static data on the back end. When it came to the report, again Daniel went far beyond creating a simple results list. He created a thorough report with statistical data, graphs, and charts. This report disaggregates requests by type and division, calculates the overall average for each request as well as the average for each question, and identifies outliers. This data rich report will be used by the committee to evaluate individual questions and the overall Needs Assessment pilot. Daniel's work has enhanced the Needs Assessment pilot and the committee looks forward to utilizing the results of his work to enhance our Program Review process for many years to come.

Devin Bennett

*INSTRUCTOR, SOFTBALL COACH,
KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH & ATHLETICS*

Devin has helped other teachers with their canvas course design, and would consistently find new ways to keep students engaged in the school. She helped design a Canvas Athletics Huddle Page for all student-athletes that aimed to improve the ease for our athletic counselors and students to better connect.



2021 Nominees



Dr. Dina Humble

VICE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

Since Dr. Humble's arrival, she has thrived in her position, in turn helping our campus thrive in many areas. Dina supports all staff and encourages them to be their best. Dina has demonstrated support for all departments many times. Recently, she helped fill the gap of equipment needed for a new course, Table Tennis, a course created for students. Dina has helped in trying to build an equitable environment on campus and committees. Dina has kept her composure during the panic of the pandemic. She has shown true leadership and is a mentor. She continues to encourage everyone's ideas and seek growth. I see her vision and I am glad to be part of it.

Leticia Hector

DEAN, ARTS & HUMANITIES

When our previous dean transferred, we could not have gained a better, more qualified person than Dean Leticia Hector. She grasped the duties of dean and executed her role responsibly and efficiently. The transition from one dean to another was seamless. Leticia had consistent and frequent communication, always ensuring she has addressed our questions and concerns. Despite the challenges faced over this past year, Leticia has led with grace, kindness, clarity and wisdom. While the journey has been long, Leticia has been by the side of the staff and faculty of the division every step of the way. She has provided the encouragement to continue on and press forward with the goal of serving our students and campus in the best way possible. When the road has been bumpy and had quick and unexpected turns, Leticia has been a calming and grounding force reminding us all that we are in this together and have what it takes to succeed.



2021 Nominees

Michael Layne

*INTERIM DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT
AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS*

Mike has worked for the Foundation for a little over a year and has shown his continuous dedication to our department. He has demonstrated leadership skills and has proved that he is trustworthy. Mike has worked extremely hard to bring in funds to support students through the pandemic. This past year, Mike brought in funds that assisted students with hotspots and emergency financial assistance. He also brought in a grant that specifically supported current SBVC students that are current or former foster youth. Mike is a go-getter when it comes to grants. He has been open to assisting multiple departments in the submission of grants. Mike works closely with the SBVC Grants Department to bring in additional funds to the campus. With Mike managing the Foundation Office, this year the department brought in over a million dollars through donations, grants, and fundraising. This is the most funding that has been brought in through the Foundation for at least the last five years. Mike is a great supervisor, and is very open to suggestions and input. Mike is also an accommodating and very understanding manager.



Dr. Raymond Carlos

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

My experience of working with Dr. Carlos has been highly collaborative, positively impactful, and productive. He has taken the lead on chairing the Retention Workgroup that is under the umbrella of Enrollment Management and the Student Equity Committee. Dr. Carlos does not work in a silo. He is intentional about his work and is a master at connecting the different programs with opportunities and resources that will, in the end, benefit the students we each serve. For example, in the last year, he selflessly worked very closely with in EOPS to implement use of the Presence software so that we can move towards a paperless application process. This implementation occurred seamlessly thanks to Raymond. He also introduced the campus community to Full Measure Education, which is a company that offers effective and purposeful SMS (text) communication between the college or individual programs and students. In the last year and especially in this COVID remote learning environment, Dr. Carlos's leadership and commitment has been more than essential to our transition and continued top service to all SBVC students. He deserves to be recognized.



2021 Nominees

Sharaf Williams

DIRECTOR, FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Sharaf Williams is an exceptional leader at SBVC, and an incredible and rare individual. Sharaf is a strong advocate for her students, staff, and faculty members at SBVC. She is passionate about her work and constantly has positive energy and attitude regardless of any situation. I am fortunate to be at SBVC and have her as a mentor and manager. The way she leads the team is incredible. She puts everyone at ease when things are rough and always has a smile on her face. She truly is a change agent in this institution who constantly works every day; literally day and night, and weekends to serve her students and team. She is always there for everyone who needs her at any time of the day. Not only does she support their careers, but their academic development and well-being. She is an example of a transformational leader, and there are no other managers like her. She truly wants the very best for her team and will fight to provide all the resources for them. Her emotional intelligence allows her to understand her team members' needs and she knows what actions are necessary to help them. She is an angel at SBVC who touches all the students' lives and team members. She is a blessing to have at SBVC.



Stephanie Lewis

*DEAN, MATHEMATICS, BUSINESS
AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY*

Dean Stephanie Lewis's qualities encompasses her passion for each and every student who arrives in her office. She will assist them to overcome barriers, misinformation and is patient with each one of them regardless of the emotional state they would be when arriving in the office when the campus was fully operational. Often the students were not able to meet in her office due to transportation, employment and child care issues and she would take time from her schedule to contact them to provide resolutions. In addition, she listens carefully to her staff and is open to alternative viewpoints on office procedures. Under her leadership, the Medical Coding and Billing Certificate of Achievement was established and classes for the certificate are thriving. Working closely with the Adult Education Block is a paramount and crucial service for adult education services and includes programs for immigrants as English is a second language enabling the immigrants to educational services in citizenship. Adjunct instructors are a vital component for classes offered to students and she will pay attention to their concerns, their needs and make all attempts to ensure they are assigned a class or classes for each fall and spring semester. Any challenge that arises, she meets with dignity. She has a profound sense of fairness to those in the greatest need, the students.



2021 Nominees

Kay Dee Yarbrough

*ADMINISTRATIVE CURRICULUM COORDINATOR,
OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION*

Simply stated, Kay Dee is an amazing rock star! Anyone who has had the pleasure of working with Kay Dee knows the organization and attention to detail she brings to her work. She is quick to provide information, provide support for faculty needing assistance in curriculum related projects and lend a helping hand with projects. She is organized, allowing her the ability to complete her work with efficiency. When it comes to the curriculum committee, Kay Dee is a key part of the success. It is not uncommon to hear committee members give Kay Dee a shout out of thanks for all of her hard work and support. The Excellence Award is to honor those who improve campus life by demonstrating outstanding performance of their daily work on a consistent work. She works incredibly hard; she is reliable and efficient. Kay Dee is invaluable to groups like the Curriculum Committee. She helped coordinate the virtual accreditation visit, and it was a very smooth event. Kay Dee improves the quality of every project she's involved in and she makes our campus a better place. She is the very definition of excellence.

Rania Hamdy

*COORDINATOR, PROFESSIONAL AND
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

Rania has demonstrated a passion for her job, and her enthusiasm improving all staff in turn helps us to improve our campus. She finds ways to bridge gaps to allow all employees of San Bernardino Valley College to be their best or at least have the tools to be their best. Rania takes on projects to meet the needs of all staff, and is a good leader. She aims to direct others as a team, and to allow them to become leaders of the future.



2021 Nominees



Anthony Castro

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MATHEMATICS

Anthony demonstrates excellence in every aspect of his job. He dedicated hours to developing high-quality online classrooms. It isn't enough to teach students formulas or theorems. He works hard to make his course content relevant to students' lives and to prepare them for jobs in STEM fields. He encourages them to become better, more prepared students. Anthony also serves as the co-chair of the SBVC Budget Committee, and in that role he presented updates on the budget to the Academic Senate. He led workshops with MESA on finance topics such as "How to Buy a Car" where attendance was well over 100 people and student engagement was at an all-time high. He leads an ad hoc workgroup on AB 705 for the Math Department. He co-leads a Community of Practice for Math 102 where faculty create best practices for the course and discuss new ideas to support students. Anthony works hard to present quality materials in every aspect of his job. He goes above and beyond in all of his roles at SBVC.

Devin Bennett

*INSTRUCTOR, SOFTBALL COACH,
KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH & ATHLETICS*

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Jason Brady

WEB DEVELOPER, DISTRICT COMPUTING SERVICES

Jason is one of the most helpful people at the district. He is quick to respond and he is very supportive. His directions are very clear and he explains processes in a way that empowers whomever he is helping. Jason is incredibly dependable and reliable. You know that any work he does will be done with quality and care.

Michael Nguyen

*ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH & SAFETY*

Before the pandemic, Michael worked on making our campus safe and informed staff on safety. Michael has offered help in areas of planning regarding Coronavirus, and updates on testing and vaccines. He has not missed a beat. He helped by quickly providing all safety necessities needed. This is an opportunity to show him how much he is appreciated. He deserves this award and recognition for his hard work and dedication to our staff and campus.



DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

2021 Nominees



Kristina Hannon

***VICE CHANCELLOR, HUMAN RESOURCES
AND POLICE SERVICES***

Kristina Hannon is being nominated based on the work ethic she has exhibited and the actions taken toward change. Kristina has been utilizing her position and platform as a way to promote and create positive change within the district and across both campuses. She utilizes a lens of equity, inclusion and diversity as she approaches her work, whether that be in the role of President of District Assembly, as Chair of EEO Committee or within the role of Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Police Services. She has been a champion for bringing equity and diversity into spaces across the district and campuses. In addition to her efforts as part of her job duties, Kristina has stepped into the role of President of District Assembly unexpectedly and has led the group with great efficiency and professionalism. Kristina has made herself accessible and available to those who need to consult with her on various projects and work being done and has done so with a smile on her face. She has been supportive through some of our most challenging times and is deserving of the District Employee of the Year Award.



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KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH & ATHLETICS*

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Tatiana Vasquez

PROFESSOR, BIOLOGY

Tatiana has continuously worked hard to ensure the success of her students. She works with each one diligently as a mentor, and somehow finds time in her hectic schedule for individualized meetings. She strives to facilitate smooth transfer to on campus learning while doing research on how to best mitigate the spread of COVID. Tatiana is the backbone of our biology department, and is a pleasure working with as a colleague and student.



2021 Nominees

Herlinda Molina

EVALUATOR, ADMISSIONS & RECORDS

Linda's has years of dedication and devotion for the SBVC students. She makes sure that all paperwork is completed for their graduation accomplishment, and continues to go over and beyond. Linda started as a Clerk I in 1980, and by 1981 was promoted to Evaluator. Since then she has attended CACCRAO conferences, Evaluator conferences, and graduation committees. She is an alternate on the scholastic standing committee, has assisted with curriculum, and, most recently, contributed to the degree planner (Starfish). Starfish will electronically streamline the graduation evaluation process for both counselors and evaluators. She has personally evaluated 300 students per semester since 1981. Her vast knowledge is invaluable, and her dedication shows with over 40 years with SBVC. Her knowledge, expertise, and help is there when you need her. She is very detailed in her work and goes an extra mile for the students and for those who need her help. I truly think she should be recognize her years and dedication here at SBVC for so many years. Linda's dedication to her position is like no other. She performs every job duty so meticulously and is diligent in everything she does. She is quick to fill in for anyone who is not available to do their job. Linda understands that the service to our students cannot be put on hold. She recently lost her husband due to Covid19 and she is still beyond dedicated to her duties. She is so reliable, you can set your clock to her. She is the person everyone can go to for the correct answers. She is a quiet force demonstrating an exemplary employee.



Angela Grotke

SECRETARY I, SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ms. Grotke has consistently risen to the occasion during the incredibly difficult working environment of the COVID-19 pandemic. She has filled in for another professional staff person who had to take time off due to child care issues caused by the pandemic. Angela has to keep track of a number of complicated processes to make sure faculty, classified professional staff, and managers in a large instructional division are paid correctly and on time. Angela has to check and re-check work reports for all full-time employees in the division and time sheets for over 100 adjunct faculty in the division. She has a high level of attention to detail in this regard because she knows errors can cause people to not be paid each month. She also manages complex files for purposes of evaluation of over 30 (sometimes as high as 50) members of the faculty each semester. These files contain documents that require multiple signatures and that have to be submitted by hard deadlines. All of this has been more complicated and time consuming in the working remote environment, but Ms. Grotke and by extension, our office, has not missed any deadlines and all of our documents have been submitted correctly. She consistently replies to email communication in a timely manner and is always there when needed for help. She has a broad knowledge of the operations of SBVC, and a positive attitude towards faculty and students who need help. She has attention to detail to make sure errors are not made on paperwork, and a willingness to step up when another staff member has been out.





2021 Nominees



Elizabeth Larivee

***COUNSELOR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,
DISABLED STUDENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES***

Beth is the poster child for going above and beyond for students in DSPS every single time. She takes the time to get to know our students and she is keenly aware of their unique needs. She is well respected campus wide and is aware of every single resource that would be beneficial to our students. Because of her efforts, we graduated the largest class of DSPS students last year and we are on track to do the same this year. Many of our students often reference her support as the reason why they were able to complete their studies and move forward in life. She is extremely collaborative and always puts our students first. No one is more deserving of this honor.

Phylicia Sanchez

***DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, DEVELOPMENT
AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS***

Phylicia has worked many evenings and weekends over the past year to ensure that over 600 students were able to apply for available scholarships at the SBVC Foundation. The planning and implementation process for student scholarships took nearly six months of Phylcia's time. The end result is that several hundred SBVC students will receive scholarships from June 2021, collectively exceeding \$350,000. Working in a department that has only two full-time staff, Phylcia has had to juggle multiple administrative and program tasks at the same time, as she oversaw the student scholarship program: from application stage, to review stage, to the award stage. Her commitment to the students and programs at SBVC has ensured that hundreds of enrolled students at SBVC will receive a scholarship award.



+ **OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR**

AWARDS

1984

Willard Anderson
John W. Berry
Harold Chandler
Henry A. James
Charles M. Rodecker
Edwin Switzer

1985

Dr. Frank J. Bruno
Pat Jacobsen
Dr. John Lewis
Dr. Roger Schmidt

1986

Dr. Neil Campbell
Juliann Martin
Harry Murray
Abelardo Villareal

1987

Dr. Dorothy Gates
Dr. Terry Maul
Edward R. Rothhaar
Dr. Susan A. Shodahl

1988

John H. Lorei
Dr. Robert M. Petersen

1989

Dr. Judy P. Okamura
Edward J. Szumski

1990

Chef "Bob" Baldwin
Dr. Eva E. Conrad

1991

Lloyd Hammond
Rita Sturgeon

1992

Dr. Diana Anderson
Gordon Novinger

1993

John Dabney
Sylvia Sherman

1994

George Iwanaga
Robert C. Stafford

1995

Dr. Diana G. Avila
Cleon E. Diers

1996

Richard Long
Bob Segui

1997

Dr. Susan Spagna
Nickolas W. Zoumbos

1998

Judith Ashton
William Kastner

1999

Dr. Frank J. Bruno
Dr. Kathryn G. Weiss

2000

Dr. Susan M. Bangasser
Julie Tilton

2001

Anne F. (Leal) Gibbons
Dr. Diane J. Pfahler

2002

Dr. Sherrie L. Guerrero
Dr. Odette Salvaggio-McGinnis

2003

Dr. Diana Anderson
Laura Gomez

2004

Dr. Diane Dusick
Dr. Teri Strong

2005

Diane S. Hunter
Rebecca K. Warren-Marlatt

2006

Dr. John Stankas
Paula Ferri-Milligan

2007

Allen Moore
Patti Wall

2008

Carol Cook
Leticia Hector

2009

Dr. Ailsa Aguilar-Kitibutr
Michael Mayne

2010

Romana Pires
Kevin Kammer

2011

Victoria Anemelu
Dr. Todd Heibel

2012

Dr. Jeremiah Gilbert
Dr. Edward Millican

2013

Stacy Meyer
Priscilla Taylor

2014

Achala Chatterjee
Melinda Moneymaker

2015

Dr. Celia Huston
Dirkson Lee

2016

Dr. Jack Jackson
Tatiana Vásquez

2017

Dr. Sheri Lillard
Davena Burns-Peters

2018

Susan Mattson
David Smith

2019

Amy Avelar
Joan Murillo



2020 Nominees



Margaret Worsley

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MUSIC

Professor Worsley teaches in the Music Department at San Bernardino Valley College, and has an excellent reputation as a faculty member who goes the extra mile to support our diverse population. She provides an outstanding format for her online classes, and is readily available to students both online, after class, and in her office hours. Students rate her music classes as “my favorite class” and often brag (during my class!) how much they have learned, and are inspired to learn, because of her teaching. In addition to her excellent teaching skills, she is also a skilled musician in her own right. Perhaps that is why she inspires so many of our student musicians. They look to her success as something that they could work for, in achieving their own dreams. While I believe these arguments offer proof enough of her qualities as an Outstanding Professor, this is just the tip of the iceberg. Part of being a great professor is also being a great faculty leader. Professor Worsley works tirelessly to support the

advancement of our Online Program as one of the Online Committee Co-Chairs. Even before Covid-19 had rocked all of our professional lives, Professor Worsley and Davena Burns worked to represent our college in the online consortium while also growing and supporting a robust online program at our own college. This dynamic duo created our three tier training sessions for online faculty—and then provided feedback to the instructors who were working their way through the training. When the district made the decision to move all of our classes online, Professor Worsley provided training for instructors who required help for those who were learning to log into Canvas, or for those who wanted to be the next all-time Zoom star. She has worked countless hours preparing faculty to meet the needs of our students, and still maintains a smile through it all.

Edward Gomez

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, HISTORY

Ed Gomez has time and again, shown his dedication to students and help staff. In this past year, he shown me how to get involved and help our students. Anytime a student needs help, Ed has been there. He leads as President for the Latino Faculty Staff Association. He and our committee put on the best 20th Nuestra Graduacion. He is very involved with our community and the CCA. He has helped give away free school supplies, feed and clothe many through fundraisers. Thank you Ed Gomez for your support.



2020 Nominees



Dr. Tamara Maurizi

COORDINATOR, NURSING

I would like to nominate Dr. Tamara Maurizi for the Outstanding Professor award. I met Dr. Maurizi in 2004 at Community Hospital of San Bernardino while she was working with her RN students in Maternity. I observed her being patient with her students and passionate about teaching. I was mesmerized with all her abilities of teaching from keeping their attention, explaining things in detail, demonstrating a skill, discussions at post conference and even how she disciplined the students. I continued to observe Dr. Maurizi over the year out of pure curiosity and she too started observing me with her own students and liked my teaching ability as well. She soon encouraged me to pursue a career at SBVC in teaching Maternity Nursing. I was hired as an Adjunct Clinical Instructor in 2005 and have been working with the college and Dr. Maurizi ever since. I too have become very passionate about teaching and love every bit of it. Dr. Maurizi has taught many students over the years and

many have kept in contact with her. She has even had students that graduated and have come back to the college to work as staff. Her teaching skills are exemplary and all her students appreciate her style and say they learn a lot and retain the information. She has always been consistent and fair. She has been a wonderful mentor, colleague and manager over the years. Dr. Maurizi has many achievements over the years. Noticeably she went on to obtain her DNP. A higher degree that few achieve. Utilizing her DNP she became the Assistant Director and Site Coordinator for the department. She ran both of these leadership positions with integrity. Lastly, Dr. Maurizi worked very hard with Director Carol to bring the NCLEX passing rate substantially higher from years past by initiating a new curriculum and initiating a remediation program for struggling students. Dr. Tamara Maurizi has dedicated a significant portion of her nursing career to molding our current generation of nurses and those instructors fortunate enough to have received her excellent tutelage.

Glenn Drewes

INSTRUCTOR, BIOLOGY

Professor Glenn Drewes has been a Biology professor at SBVC for 25 years and he is retiring this Spring 2020. During his career, Glenn has taught Biology honors courses, served on the Curriculum committee and provided the Biology department with plants, organisms, and animal skeletons from his travels around the world and from his home pond for Biology labs. Most recently, Glenn worked with architects to design the Health and Life Sciences building and more importantly he designed and establish the landscape and pond next to the Gym and HLS buildings. Glenn put in drip irrigation in the Biology gardens, installed the ponds in front of the Gym and HLS buildings, and planted the native plants for outside student lab use. Most Fridays you can find Glenn out in the Biology gardens planting, weeding and maintaining the gardens. The native gardens are definitely Glenn's legacy and gift to our campus and students. In addition to our campus gardens, Glenn mentors general Biology adjuncts and tutors, holds workshops on Paleontology for Science outreach including Science and Technology day, gives impromptu tours of his collections (insects and bones) and provides Biology faculty with seedlings for home planting. During his time away from work he is a Master Gardener.



2020 Nominees

Bethany Tasaka

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MATHEMATICS

A sine wave of energy recently hit Valley College in the form of a fresh crop of youthful math professors. None have impacted our division more than Bethany Tasaka, and we are pleased to nominate her for the honor of Outstanding Professor. Her contributions extend far beyond a bullet-point list of extracurricular achievements, but we shall begin with those.

Bethany arrived here in the Spring of 2017 with a straightforward three-word motto: HERE TO SERVE. Just a few months into her tenure, she agreed to accept the arduous task of Academic Senate secretary. This major role involves taking all the notes, recording votes for the Brown Act, typing up, editing, and posting the minutes, participating on the Executive Committee, and now updating the Senate web site. She represents our campus on District Assembly, is the Ed Policy Chair, and serves on the Accreditation and Outcomes Committee. Since 2019, she has willingly added the task of SLO Faculty Lead. On top of all else, this Spring she said yes when invited to serve on the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT).

The above is already a bulging resumé, but there is much more. Bethany has been involved with our campus Food Pantry. She lends her wisdom to the Safe Spaces work group and helped organize a discussion for them on Flex Day. Despite her full load as a professor, Bethany carves out time to participate in book club discussions. Her peers in Mathematics have so often appreciated her spirit of volunteerism. Is there a suddenly-called Friday morning work group on Student Learning Outcomes? "Sure, I'll be there." When holidays come around, she decorates her own cubicle with flair, and then goes down the hall to also contribute to the departmental ambience. When a peer needs tips on freshening up syllabi, how to log onto Zoom, or help with a comedy Math video to show at the Scholarship Celebration, you will invariably find the name Tasaka in the closing credits. When a knot of nerd professors gathers at a local restaurant to decompress on a Thursday night, odds are good it was her idea. Chance to walk by the faculty workroom and peer inside, and she is there with four or five students, nudging them toward trig solutions. Go by two hours later — still there. Sit down in the bleachers for a volleyball contest or a Wolverines football playoff game, and she is there on the fifty-yard line. (Bethany is a somewhat noisy fan!) She attends plays, drops in for Valley musical concerts, and poetry slams.

Thankfully, this selfless young dynamo is our homegrown resource! Bethany was born to two Valley alums and raised right here in Colton; she and her family are active pillars in a local Vineyard church where they serve hot meals for the homeless and provide groceries to those in need. On top of all else, this generous young professional is just plain nice! Her students appreciate her; Bethany's peers have come to count on her for support and encouragement and a quick, insightful quip. In that spirit, we submit her name to the Valley College faculty community and invite your affirmation of Bethany's selfless contributions with a YES vote.



2020 Nominees



Kenny Melancon

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

In March of 2017, Assistant Professor Melancon, through hard work and persistence, had an opportunity to bridge the gap between high school and college through Concurrent Enrollment. The result of this Concurrent Enrollment and partnership between the San Bernardino Community College District and San Bernardino City Unified School District allowed students from Pacific High School to earn college credits toward a CTE Certificate and at the same time complete High School with a diploma. The Heavy/Medium Duty Diesel Truck Technology (Diesel) program offers students high technology training and skills that may be utilized for immediate employment after certificate completion. The students can continue their education to receive an AS degree or Bachelors.

He helped the department earn a Southern California Gas Co. Grant (2019-20), an Edison Grant for \$50,000 (2019-20), and wrote the Air

Quality Management District's/Volvo Lights \$200,000 Grant (2018). He strategized and accepted seven trucks that were donated to SBVC in 2013 from CARB, valued at \$200,000.00. He updated all training equipment with use of Perkins grant money, and applied for grants from Southern California Gas, receiving \$20,000, \$25,000, and \$25,000. He applied for the Southern California Edison Grant for 50,000.00 and received it in January 2019 to purchase a Hybrid training module. He assembled a very strong advisory board with nationwide industry partners, which was instrumental in the donation of a 2012 Volvo Truck value of \$20,000 in 2017. The Board donated one shift transmission for lab value of \$10,000.00, and a Freightliner truck valued at \$90,000. He coordinated with the SBVC District, which donated 1000lbs gantry to the Diesel department, and 20 laptops to the Diesel class through meetings. Allison Transmission of Indiana donated an Allison 4000 transmission to use in lab for training in Feb 2019 valued at \$20,000. Kenny helped strategize a scholarship program with CR England Trucking Company specific to SBVC Diesel Department in May 2014.

Freight-liner dealer donated 4 Detroit and Mercedes engines for Engines' class valued at \$20,000.00, and Cummins donated three engines to the lab areas to teach newer technology valued at \$60,000. Cummins also donated free web site access for lecture and lab functions valued at \$1000 every year since December 2013. Overall, Kenny strategized the purchase of equipment that would be useful for Automotive and Collision Hybrid departments. In the past six years, Kenny Melancon has brought over \$815,000 to the Heavy/Medium Duty Diesel program.

Mr. Melancon has contributed to the College in significant ways. He has served on the SBVC Program Review committee since 2016. As such, he has helped shape the process to improve participation and transparency. He has also helped countless programs effectively represent their departments during the process. Kenny Melancon has been the CTE Chair for the Academic Senate since 2017 as well as on the program committee and Scholarship review team. In 2019 Kenny was voted-in, to act as the Faculty Chair of Medium/Heavy Diesel Trucks, Collision, Refinishing & Street Rod and Automotive. His performance has been outstanding in a challenging environment.

Mr. Melancon received the Excellence in Teaching award from the Inland Empire /Desert Regional Consortium in 2014, for his continued support with the Strong Workforce Program. Kenny Melancon creates an environment of professionalism and a feeling of appreciation towards all full and part-time faculty and staff. He continues to unite the college to create a friendly and comfortable work environment where everyone feels they are recognized and appreciated.



2020 Nominees



Kenneth Lawler

*ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, KINESIOLOGY,
HEALTH & ATHLETICS*

Ken Lawler has shown leadership in teaching students how to use our school app. This is his routine ever semester in his lecture classes. He walks them through the steps. He is part of the SBCCD Black Faculty and Staff and attends, supports and promotes all the events, and supports all Latino Faculty and Staff meetings and events. He has served on the Academic Advancement in Rank Committee, he supports his colleague when they have an emergency and need, a Professor to teach their classes. He is quick to sign up for Professional Development to have growth in his job. He is a Full-Time Senator for the Kinesiology Department and volunteers to give CTA updates. He was the Elections char for CTA and now he is running for Full-Time Representative. He has taken Leadership classes. He is OUTSTANDING in helping Freshman enroll and be part of San Bernardino Valley College. He helps with

educating them on the surrounding area. Like a place to live. He is the Co-Chair of Train Em Up Academy, that does research on concussions and getting the head out of the game. He is passionate about student learning and success. He understand student-athletes and helps educate on the importance of having their degree. He is on the Enrollment Management & Student Equity Committee and feels strongly on helping our college be first or on the top list of schools offering a great educational and sport program. He sees a future where everyone is engaged in growing together as a team! I could go on and on. He loves what he does and it shows!

Kristin Hauge

*ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, HEAD WOMEN'S SOCCER
COACH, KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH & ATHLETICS*

Kristin exemplifies what a hard working, dedicated, and all around top notch professional should. She is dedicated to her athletes, assistant coaches and department as the head women's soccer coach. Not only on the soccer field but in the class room as well. She builds character, passion, and cares about these young women. She strives person over player in the women and truly sets them up for success. She dedicates so much time and passion to her students as well going above and beyond the means of her job. It is a pleasure to work beside her and to look up to her as her assistant and colleague.



2020 Nominees

David Casillas

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, AERONAUTICS

I would like to nominate David Casillas for recognition as an outstanding professor. My name is Christopher Byars and I am an adjunct instructor in the Valley College Aircraft Maintenance Technician (AMT) program. I have had the pleasure of working with David for the past two years, and in my time as an educator, I have never seen anyone work so diligently on behalf of their students, and their program as a whole. Mr. Casillas has gone above and beyond his duties to ensure growth in the AMT program and success among its students. Mr. Casillas has had a long and successful career in aviation and uses that experience to act as a mentor. On multiple occasions, I have seen Mr. Casillas use his personal time to setup mock interviews for students who have completed their studies and are entering the field. I have also seen David use his own time, money, and resources to develop material for lecture and lab classes that have given students the tools that they need to be informed and trained on current practices of an AMT. The COVID-19 crisis gave Mr. Casillas yet another opportunity to shine as an outstanding professor. He spent a considerable amount of time communicating with the FAA, our administration, and our adjunct faculty in order to find ways to continue our classes through the spring semester. If this had not been accomplished, our students could have potentially lost their progress, and the adjunct faculty would have lost that much more of their income. This was not something that was asked of Mr. Casillas, it was not something that was expected of him, he did it because he has a passion for aviation and genuinely cares for the students, and his colleagues. Mr. Casillas has made a great many sacrifices for, and contributions to the AMT program and everyone involved with it. A simple inquiry into the character, commitment, and performance of this professor from anyone that has had the pleasure of working with him will most certainly result in enthusiastic praise.



Rania Hamdy

*COORDINATOR, PROFESSIONAL AND
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

I cannot think of any one faculty member who is known by more people on campus than Rania Hamdy. Everyone knows Rania in her role with Professional Development, but she does so much more. Rania serves on many committees in her role as Professional Development, but she is always seeking to find solutions to challenges and barriers faced by faculty, to provide training and support to faculty that will make a difference for our students and to look for ways to do all things in a professional and collegial manner. I have had the pleasure of working with Rania for several years in the more traditional manner, but over the past year have come to know her quite well in our partnership related to training for Distance Education. Rania is unwavering in her determination to support faculty. As a member of the Executive Committee of Academic Senate, she always seeks to bring forward issues to be addressed and is quick to remind us all the collegial processes to be followed. If it is not known already, all faculty should know she is in your corner.



2021 Nominees

Janice Wilkins

COUNSELOR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, GENERAL COUNSELING

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Janice over the past several years, particularly in her capacity as Articulation Officer. Janice is the epitome of dedication, professionalism, and collegiality. As Curriculum Chair, I have worked closely with Janice in this area. First, Janice's top concern is for students and their success. She diligently reviews all curriculum submitted to ensure that it meets the needs of our student population in several areas. As an example, Janice ensures that the curriculum we offer does not require students to take unnecessary units because this impacts their transfer and their financial aid. This can be a rather tedious process which requires reviewing the state transfer guidelines as well as the local 4-year institutions. Additionally, Janice ensures that the curriculum we offer meets our college mission and satisfies the requirements from the CSUs and the UCs. Doing this requires Janice to juggle many moving parts; it also requires quite a bit of diplomacy.



Janice meets with faculty to help them create the curriculum, certificates, and degrees they want for their respective disciplines and programs. For example, Janice has been instrumental in seeing that SBVC is not only responsive to the new Ethnic Studies requirement from the CSUs, but she created an evaluation process that helps faculty navigate all the core competencies so that their course outlines reflect the CSUs guidelines. While there has been a lot of confusion about the Ethnic Studies requirement at the state level, Janice has made that process much easier for our faculty by providing the evaluation worksheet and communicating with them about all the recent updates from the articulation perspective.

Although Janice reviews and submits courses and degrees for articulation purposes, she also meets with faculty and assists them in all types of courses, including CTE. For example, Janice will often meet with faculty and provide them with information that other colleges are offering which can include course outlines, certificates, or degrees. Janice stays current on state and local guidelines for curriculum. She attends the yearly Curriculum Institute as well as numerous AO meetings and conferences to keep abreast of the ever-changing world of curriculum and articulation. Janice is always diplomatic and pleasant, even when handling difficult or stressful situations. At times, curriculum can be a complex puzzle of competing deadlines, requirements, and personalities, and in the hundreds of meetings I have shared with her, she is always gracious, putting the needs of students first, but also endeavoring to assist faculty in providing top quality curriculum to our students.

Besides her articulation duties, Janice also teaches Student Development Courses. It is clear that Janice loves teaching. She is dedicated to helping her students achieve their goals and also strives to grow professionally. For instance, she recently attended the USC Equity Institute: Meaningfully Integrating Race Across the Curriculum in December. Also, Janice enjoys collaborating on teaching pedagogy. For instance, I recently shared with her some strategies I came away with from a conference I attended. She loved the ideas so much, she immediately implemented them in the classroom. One of these ideas was to use the term "Student Hours" instead of "Office Hours" on her syllabus. We talked the first week of school and she was excited because she had more students attending her office hours than in previous semesters. Janice's knowledge and patience have made me a better Curriculum Chair and teacher. I have not only learned a lot with respect to articulation policies and procedures, but with respect to student success and leadership in general. Janice's dedication to students, her collegial attitude toward colleagues, and her overall purposefulness in her position are just a few of the reasons why Janice deserves to be Outstanding Professor of the Year.



2021 Nominees

Yon Che

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MODERN LANGUAGES

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to nominate my colleague, professor Yon Che for the SBVC Outstanding Full-time Faculty award. Yon has been a full-time faculty member since 2004. She has been teaching Spanish for us for the last 17.5 years. I immediately felt a sense of collegiality with Yon when I initially met her because we both trained to teach Spanish at UCLA. Her preparation, style and rigor can be detected in her classroom observations as she guides students using a direct inductive approach to language acquisition. One amazing thing about Yon is she has not lost that training. Yon is committed to quality instruction and dedicated to providing our diverse population of learners with engaging lessons, practice and explanation in the target language. Yon's classroom instruction keeps getting better and better. She prepares thoughtful lectures and activities to engage students in reading, speaking, listening and understanding Spanish language and culture. She has adapted to our diverse population and strives to teach our beginning and advanced students so they may excel in careers in Spanish or improve their skills for personal reasons.

Another amazing attribute about Yon is she is able to transfer and transmit her quality face-to-face instruction into her online sections. Even before the pandemic Yon had been teaching online Spanish classes for several years. She was one of the lead pioneers in Modern Languages to take on the challenge of asynchronous instruction via online. Since she began teaching online, she has ventured out to teaching multiple levels online including Spanish 101, Spanish 102 and Spanish 157, Spanish for Heritage speakers. Yon expresses the benefits and challenges to online learning and shares best strategies with colleagues newer to teaching online.

When Yon first taught the online Heritage Speakers class, she researched textbooks that would best accommodate students. She has become familiar with many features, applications and technology, including Canvas to improve her courses. Yon's familiarity with online instruction and her desire to address student financial concerns led her to participate in the Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) grant project through Basic Skills. She is a key participant as she has worked with the ZTC feature before. Her thoughtful analysis and commentary regarding ZTC resources have been essential in moving the team forward. I appreciate working along side Yon in this endeavor as she is certainly seasoned in online instruction. Her contributions to our discussions and project are extremely valued. Our part-time colleagues and I often look to Yon for her expertise in the area. We are fortunate to have Yon participate on the team. She not only knows how to best present the material for Spanish language learning, but she is also familiar with best practices on how to present it in an online format.

Yon's contribution to the Modern Languages Department extends beyond her expert instruction. She has been a student advocate by nominating students for Sigma Delta Mu Spanish Honor Society, selecting qualified tutors for our Supplemental Instruction and tutor programs and assisting in selecting a recipient for the George Iwanaga Scholarship. She regularly participates in our annual Sigma Delta Mu initiation ceremony. She has worked closely with SI Leaders mentoring and training them so they are prepared to tutor students. Yon's inquisitiveness demonstrated at department meetings often stimulate dialogue we hadn't previously considered. Her inquiries are often about how best to serve our student population. She has a commitment to improvement and providing our students with quality education.

In an effort to enhance the diversity of our course offerings, Yon took a lead role in developing our Mandarin Chinese curriculum, Chinese 101 and Chinese 102. She learned the Curricunet and curriculum approval process and within a year, the courses were submitted and approved. Yon is a professional expert in her field and has over seventeen years of experience teaching Spanish at our campus. She has done so responsibly, with care and concern for our student population. She has been innovative and creative. She demonstrates commitment to excellence in education by adhering to best practices. She motivates students and provides stimulating lessons. She supports her department and dedicates time and attention to her field. Yon is most deserving of the Full-time Outstanding Professor Award and I nominate her without any reservations.



2021 Nominees

Lucas Cuny

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FILM, TELEVISION & MEDIA

I pleased to nominate Prof. Lucas Cuny for the Outstanding Professor Award for this academic year. Prof. Cuny brings exuberance and joy to every meeting and conversation of which he is a part. In Fall 2020, I had the opportunity to evaluate Prof. Cuny's online courses in RVTF, particularly in screenwriting. He spoke with passion about teaching, and it was evident in his online courses. I will mention some more details about why Prof. Cuny not only qualifies for this award, he should also be considered as an exceptional candidate.

In this current environment, where we have moved to nearly 100% online learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many faculty members have been "forced" to move courses online and teach in an unfamiliar environment. Prof. Cuny has taken this opportunity to improve his own courses and learn from the current environment. By his sheer excitement and passion for learning, he quickly earns the students' interest and respect in the courses he teaches. Students are brought into real life conversations and a real learning community about what it is like to work in radio, television, film and other media outlets. Students learn how to learn in his courses and Prof. Cuny is a passionate professor.

In Spring 2021, Prof. Cuny, organized and produced Valley College's 10th annual film festival, Wolverinecon. His passion was overflowing for all attendees and it was a joy for me, personally, to be a part of this wonderful event for the students, staff and faculty of Valley College. This event is usually held in person. However, in the current environment, this event moved fully online. Panels, films, presentations and even a cosplay event were held in online formats. Once again, Prof. Cuny saw this as an opportunity to reach as many students as possible, publicize the event and provide an exciting experience for everyone involved. As Prof. Cuny would be the first to say, he had help with technology and organization, but he provided the leadership and vision for this event. He made this year's Wolverinecon successful!

I encourage all faculty to consider Prof. Cuny for this award. He is most certainly an "Outstanding Professor," and this award would help to recognize his excellent and meaningful contributions to Valley College.



Dr. Tammy Vu

COUNSELOR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Dr. Vu is an exemplary counselor, instructor, advocate, and colleague. She continually is searching for professional development; such as gaining her certifications in MBTI and Strong, in order to provide the best quality student service opportunities for our students, specifically those in the First Year Experience Department. Dr. Vu's students are always well versed in what is required of them to complete their educational and career goals after taking her SDEV 102 and SDEV 103 courses or by seeing her in a counseling appointment. In addition, she was part of a team that created the New Student

Orientation Guide Booklet to help current and incoming students navigating college, especially with the transition of remote learning. Tammy created and facilitated yearlong workshops for the First Year Experience Department. These workshops focus on academic, career, personal and social development. Tammy is extremely compassionate and a pleasure to have as a colleague in the Free College promise. I know I can always count on her, and so can our students.



2021 Nominees

Rania Hamdy

COORDINATOR, PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rania Hamdy has been a part of the SBVC family, serving as Professional Development Coordinator, since 2013. Rania's skill and dedication for her profession have been obvious from the moment she stepped on campus, but since the onset of the pandemic her talents have never been needed more. Rania controlled the chaos by organizing, centralizing, and promoting professional development opportunities throughout the college and the district. Rania coordinated and promoted webinars, open labs, and one-on-one virtual appointments for training on Adobe Creative Cloud, Canvas, Office 365, Zoom, and countless more! Rania rose to the challenge and created SBVC's Fall 2020 Convocation Week in a fully online format. She also reimagined and continued vital campus events such as Opening Day, Adjunct Orientation, and Flex Day informing the campus community about important changes to campus services and highlighting important topics such as SBVC Accreditation Online Forum; Creating Global Studies Curriculum; Cultural Curriculum Audit with Long Beach City College; Ergonomics for Working at Home; Guided Pathways Reimagined Session; Library Highlights: New Databases and Film Streaming; Theory to Practice for Educators; Student Services Resource Tour. Rania found speakers to engage the campus on timely events including Spring 2021 Opening Day Speaker- Nzingha Dugas; and more!



Rania sought out and promoted quality webinars, workshops, and programs from educators and change agents throughout the state, forever changing and improving, the scope of professional development on campus. Programs from A2MEND, Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, Brandman University, Breathe for Change, California Community Colleges, Cal State San Bernardino, Community College League for California, Institute for Evidence Based Change, The RP Group, and USC Equity Institute. She has provided much needed substance for pandemic education, social justice, and self-care all of which are vital in our current climate. Webinars and workshops included Black Student Success Week; Caring Campus: Professional Classified Staff Front and Center In Improving Student Success; Courageous Leadership Webinar Series; Cultural Change for Equitable Student Success; Don't Be A Robot- Humanizing Online Teaching; Educator Wellness Workshop and Yoga; Latinx Student Success Virtual Town Hall; Nurturing an Anti-racist Campus Culture; Personalizing Asynchronous Instruction; Racial Battle Fatigue & Microaggressions; Supporting Equitable Learning Environments; Wayfinding Online: Navigating the Virtual Landscape Together; and Work-Life Balance.

Over the years Rania has moved beyond her responsibilities and innovations as Professional Development Coordinator and has served on several important campus and district committees including Academic Senate, College Council, District Budget Committee, District Assembly, and District Institutional Effectiveness Committee, always advocating for faculty and for SBVC. Recently, Rania has taken the lead on the revision of the Educational Master Plan and review of the 2021 Environmental Scan in College Council. Rania's dedication to providing quality, responsive professional development opportunities can be illustrated using Spring 21 In-Service. Three working days prior to In-Service Day the campus was notified that students would be returning to campus for face-to-face instruction. As I write this Rania has already completely restructured In-Service Day to meet the needs of faculty to prepare for this much awaited return. Rania Hamdy is a dedicated faculty member of San Bernardino Valley College and very deserving to be named Outstanding Professor.



2021 Nominees

Heather Johnson

COUNSELOR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Heather has been a strong presence on this campus for several years now and during this time has been actively involved in the important work of the campus as a faculty member and has gone beyond what is expected or required. Active Senator on Academic Senate, Senate Executive Committee member, member of EEO committee, faculty advisor to the LGBTQ Pride Student Club, active participant in Safe Spaces work group and member of BIT Committee are all examples of Heather's participation as a faculty member and demonstrates her commitment to the students at San Bernardino Valley College and making positive impact and change on the campus.

Heather's work and commitment to making positive change and impact does not stop with the campus but extends into the shared community of the campus, the city of San Bernardino and beyond. During this past year Heather was a candidate for a position on the San Bernardino City Unified School District Board, became a board member for Casa Ramona (a non-profit in San Bernardino), was a Democratic National Delegate and has founded the Inland Valley Women's Progressive Democratic Club. Again, these are examples that exemplify Heather's commitment to the community, to change and representation. The list of examples provided is certainly not an exhaustive one and is sure to continue to grow.

Heather is the definition of outstanding in more ways than one, as evidenced by the examples given in this letter.

Dr. Celia Huston

LIBRARIAN, PROFESSOR, LIBRARY AND LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES

This year we had our first-ever virtual accreditation visit. Celia's tireless efforts as the accreditation faculty lead, helped SBVC receive the highest accreditation affirmation for the next 7 years. As faculty lead Celia accomplished the following: She co-chairs the accreditation and outcomes committee, co-coordinated the accreditation throughout the district; held open forums campus-wide to receive feedback on all the standards, Celia was also the primary faculty author of several reports related to accreditation including our ISSR and QFE. She contributed to the accreditation newsletters leading up to the visit. Additionally, after her time as Academic Senate President, has remained a mentor to senate leadership. In her new position as program review chair, she began to evaluate the process of program review through focus groups and surveys, for the purpose of making this process more equitable to all programs across our diverse campus. Celia's deep commitment to SBVC is truly incomparable, it is my pleasure to nominate Celia Huston for Outstanding Professor.

Nicole Jimenez

COUNSELOR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

I would like to nominate Ms. Nicole Jimenez as one of the top-notch faculty members in the Counseling Division. Nicole is an outstanding counselor AND assistant professor who created an impactful change to the Free College Promise serving 2500+ students. She has complete awareness and understanding of all the various challenges that many students face. She demonstrated her passion and strong advocacy to create changes to increase student success and retention rate in counseling services and instructional practices. In one word to describe Ms. Nicole Jimenez, a fighter. Ms. Nicole is a fighter for all students and will not stop to ensure everyone receives the support they deserve to reach their goals. In addition, she has an incredible rapport with students both in counseling services and instruction and they trust in her completely with their success! She is an outstanding faculty and team player in the Counseling Division at SBVC.



2021 Nominees

Evelyn Luna

COUNSELOR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Ms. Evelyn Luna is a change agent who recruited many Guardian Scholars/Foster Counselors in California Community Colleges and created a community where counselors meet to discuss best practices to help their student population. She goes above and beyond the expectations of a counselor and instructor and is always readily available whenever they need her, nights, and weekends. She has established a strong rapport with her students where they trust and rely on her guidance to ensure their success. Ms. Evelyn Luna constantly seeks out all the opportunities on campus and in the community to support her students. One word to describe Ms. Evelyn Luna, selflessness. She puts students' needs first before herself. When they need her the most regardless of the time, she will contact them immediately! Her strong emotional intelligence and advocacy for students provide endless support to ensure all her students achieve their success.



Evelyn deserves not only the nomination, but the award for the tremendous work she has been doing pre-pandemic, and during the pandemic for students at SBVC and other campuses. Evelyn is our DREAMers and Guardian Scholars counselor and also teaches SDEV courses at SBVC. As the pandemic began, Evelyn began to brainstorm on how we can keep students engaged. "Your Story Can Move Mountains" aims at bringing students and speakers from across multiple Colleges and Universities in Southern California, who have experience in the foster care system. The goal is to empower and teach students to embrace their personal narrative and use it to move mountains. With this, she decided to bring together other campuses, and for the Spring 2021 semester, the series began in collaboration with 7 other community colleges. The series are taking place once a month with participation of students from all different colleges. "Sharing our Stories Series for Dreamer's" series has empowered our undocumented students to embrace their personal narrative and change their stigma of mental health. . The series consist of inviting guest speakers who have already graduated college as undocumented individuals and talk about their journeys. This gives current students a way to build community, engage with one another, and network. The SBVC student health department provided 2 therapists to give mental health awareness and share tips on how to deal with some emotions these conversations may bring for students. She also presented this project at the "Keeping the Dream Alive" conference, where other colleges were eager to implement a similar project.

These are just a few examples of all the hard work she has been doing for our student population. She has also inspired students to bring back our DREAMers club, and serves as an advisor not just for DREAMers club, but also Guardian Scholars club. Evelyn Luna not only deserves the nomination, but is the ideal candidate for the award.

2021 Nominees

Dr. Jessy Lemieux

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CHEMISTRY

I would like to nominate Dr. Jessy Lemieux for the Outstanding Professor award. Dr. Lemieux has worked at SBVC for several years. We have worked closely on a great number of tasks in this time (needs assessments, efficacy report, STEM-a-palooza and Science & Technology Day, etc). Dr. Lemieux has recently stepped up and is co-chair to the Chemistry department and is doing a phenomenal job! Even though this last year has been extremely difficult for my family, Jessy seems to be able to manage all the challenges that are coming his way and he is very understanding of the rest of us and the issues we are facing. He does a great job keeping our department notified as to what is happening on campus and updates us regularly on any changes. He also asks us for our opinions and takes them into consideration as he plans for the future. Several years ago Jessy was the MESA (Mathematics, Engineering Science Achievement) program's director and he did a great job getting it started back up after a several year absence from our campus. In addition to all the responsibilities of a MESA director, he also found the time to prepare and present a variety of science related workshops. Later, he stepped down as director and I was able to get involved in MESA as a faculty sponsor. Dr. Lemieux was kind enough to continue offering some workshops for the MESA program: Polyatomic Ions & Nomenclature, How to Study for Math & Science, How to Read a Scientific Paper, etc. even after he was no longer the director of the program. Before the pandemic, the chemistry department would be involved in at least two outreach events each year, STEM-a-palooza and Science & Technology Day. Jessy would volunteer to lead a hand-on activity with visiting high-school or middle-school students whenever his teaching schedule allowed. Jessy also steps up to sub classes/labs when a part-time faculty member is not available to sub for another faculty member. This was very comforting to me when I was teaching O-Chem and had been summons for jury duty because I knew he was willing to teach my lab for me and I didn't need to worry about finding another sub (which can be difficult for an O-Chem labs since not all our faculty are familiar with the equipment used in those labs).

Dr. Mandi Batalo

PROFESSOR, ART

Here's my nominee, Mandi Batalo. During this whole pandemic she has really pushed to keep arts on the map on this campus. From running a weekly critique session for students, with faculty and artists from all over the world. To running some artists talks. Also, Mandi is really awesome support for folks like me, who are new to the world of full-time academia. She kept me sane at times. She is really one of our unsung leaders on this campus and speaks to what is valuable here at SBVC, the students and faculty.



2021 Nominees

Anthony Castro

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MATHEMATICS

We are pleased to nominate our dedicated colleague, Professor Anthony Castro, for the honor of Professor of the Year. Anthony is a proven leader in our “new generation” of math educators, a whirlwind of ideas and passion for service. In just six school terms here at San Bernardino Valley College, he has established himself as a key player and a force for invigorated vision. First, his youthful energy and cachet are appealing to our student base, who eagerly sign up for his classes. Anthony’s presence here as a home-grown success story (alumni of both Valley College and our Middle College High School) has inspired so many students who see a role model who looks and thinks like they do. Anecdotally, his are the first statistics classes (Math 103) to fill up; indeed, his wait lists are typically overflowing! He successfully leads students through some of our most challenging courses, e.g. Calculus III (250) and Differential Equations (266), and earns rave reviews from students who thrive at this advanced level with his help.



Anthony is not only a member of Academic Senate, but agreed to serve as Chairperson of that body’s Financial Policy Committee, working closely with the District and President Diana Rodriguez to help chart the college’s secure path through the difficulties of COVID-19. He also co-chairs the Campus Budget Committee and has been part of Valley’s Scholastic Standards Committee. On the academic side, Anthony is a fount of innovation, serving as co-leader of our newly formed Math 102 Community of Practice. In this demanding role, he leads bimonthly Zoom discussions where interested faculty members brainstorm improvements. In his own teaching, he has already redesigned the topic flow for College Algebra, now the school’s pivotal transfer-level class. He has also volunteered to spearhead our AB 705 Taskforce, which involves a Senate ad hoc group and hours of research into best practices at other colleges. Anthony thus serves us as a vital liaison between our department and the entire college in giving the AB 705 project its best chance to succeed. Regarding collegiality, Anthony is a sparkplug in meetings, exhorting his peers and cheering our society with wisecracks and moments of affirmation. Zoom chat boxes quickly fill up with his helpful comments. He has gone out of his way to research and then package media materials for his effective MESA forums on financial topics like “How to Buy a Car” and Money Management Principles.

His seminars are among our campus’s most highly attended MESA Zoom events, with students from all disciplines joining in and taking notes. For all the above reasons, and also because we have grown to appreciate and admire our unique colleague, we urge your consideration of this talented friend. Over the years Rania has moved beyond her responsibilities and innovations as Professional Development Coordinator and has served on several important campus and district committees including Academic Senate, College Council, District Budget Committee, District Assembly, and District Institutional Effectiveness Committee, always advocating for faculty and for SBVC. Recently, Rania has taken the lead on the revision of the Educational Master Plan and review of the 2021 Environmental Scan in College Council.



Nominees

2020

Ken Green
Kevin Lyons
Donna-Maria Trewhella
Mary Lawler

2021

Crystal Sanchez
Senobio Aguilera
Devin Bennett
Angelina Godwin
Mark Hamza
Shonia Hayes
Katherine Kiefer-Newman
Phillip Pacier
Pedro Rivera
Markazan Romero
Edward Wen

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

1986

Angelita Gideon

1987

Mary Shook

1988

Sharon Mincher

1989

Steve Race

1990

Loretta Payne

1991

Thanh Pham

1992

Anita Moore

1993

Wilma Freeman

1994

Alice Cross

1995

Patty Berver

1996

Becky Garcia
Virginia Martinez

1997

DyAnn Walter
Clyde Williams

1998

Yolanda Brown
Bridget Candelaria

1999

Gloria Ceballos
Charles T. Dean

2000

Patsy Martinez
Pat Washington

2001

Brian Mullgrav
Chris C. Williams

2002

Sharen Chavira
Donald L. Romero

2003

Abe Fulgham, III
Cecile Rubin

2004

Colleen Gamboa
Andrea Rosas

2005

Michelle Crocfer
Shalita Tillman

2006

Stanley Corella
Debby Gallagher

2007

Virginia (Gina) Ochoa
Melodie Jollie

2008

Rose Garcia
Joy Hadnot

2009

Laura Cross
Rick Hrdlicka

2010

Lisa Archuleta
Rose King

2011

Lisa Hepburn-Stroud
Gloria Kracher

2012

Karol Pasillas
Mary Valdemar

2013

John Feist
Corrina Baber

2014

Jerry Mason
Gino Vargas

2015

Cassandra Thomas
Linda Tymchek

2016

Albert Gutierrez
Rosemary Rivera-Reza

2017

Larry Laughlin
Grayling Eation

2018

Rosemary Chavez
Ernest Guillen

2019

Bonnie Cruz
Phylcia Sanchez



2021 Nominees



Treesa Sabato

***SENIOR STUDENT SERVICES TECHNICIAN,
EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES***

Treesa is a Senior Student Services Technician with the EOPS/CARE Program. In the last two years that I have been with the college, I have observed nothing but great service to our students from Treesa. Besides the fact that she is thorough with her work, where she currently manages a caseload of about 200 student files and is always punctual and highly dependable, she is also very dedicated to serving our students to the best of her ability. She promptly returns calls and/or emails from students and is very attentive to their needs. This lends to the idea that Extended Opportunity Programs & Services is a program of retention and when a staff member responds to students in the positive and kind way that Treesa always does, the likelihood of that student continuing at San Bernardino Valley College is high. Additionally, Treesa is very knowledgeable about EOPS and its different facets that I automatically

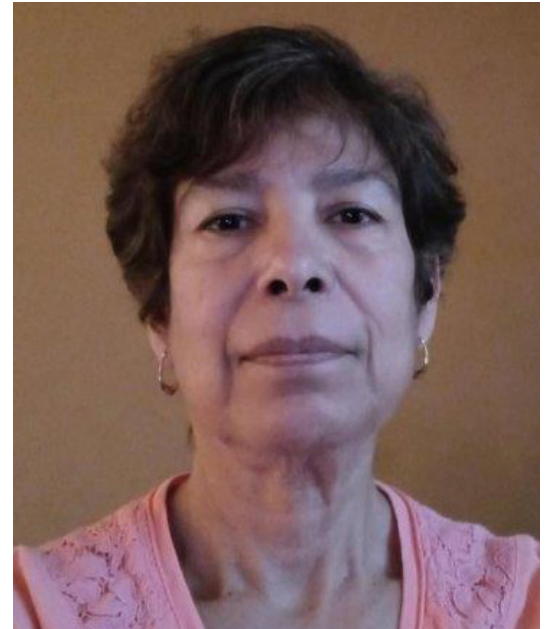
go to her for answers to questions I am unfamiliar with. She goes "above and beyond" the call of duty for our students and she applies the same attitude and principles when it comes to her work. She serves on the MIS Executive Committee and is very attentive to our management information system (MIS) data. She keeps the other SSSTs on task by providing them with updates and reminders as to when certain data needs to be entered into Ellucian. Treesa understands that our numbers drive our funding and is always looking out for errors or missing data. Even in this remote work environment, Treesa demonstrates time and time again that she loves the work she does and is most active in staff meetings by asking questions and following up when needed. This past year, Treesa also joined an off-campus committee called "Inland Fair Chance" or IFC. IFC is comprised of members from different community organizations that come together in support of formerly incarcerated adults and assist them in reentering or re-acclimating to society while teaching these students of their rights. Treesa volunteered to represent EOPS on this committee and attends weekly meetings. I appreciate this about Treesa because it tells me that she understands how important it is to promote education to the community and especially to vulnerable student populations who are often shunned by society, and who do not believe they can also be successful college graduates. Treesa is also an active member of the Black Faculty and Staff Association and always participates in the different fundraising activities they do for student scholarships.

2021 Nominees

Herlinda Molina

EVALUATOR, ADMISSIONS & RECORDS

Linda's has years of dedication and devotion for the SBVC students. She makes sure that all paperwork is completed for their graduation accomplishment, and continues to go over and beyond. Linda started as a Clerk I in 1980, and by 1981 was promoted to Evaluator. Since then she has attended CACCRAO conferences, Evaluator conferences, and graduation committees. She is an alternate on the scholastic standing committee, has assisted with curriculum, and, most recently, contributed to the degree planner (Starfish). Starfish will electronically streamline the graduation evaluation process for both counselors and evaluators. She has personally evaluated 300 students per semester since 1981. Her vast knowledge is invaluable, and her dedication shows with over 40 years with SBVC. Her knowledge, expertise, and help is there when you need her. She is very detailed in her work and goes an extra mile for the students and for those who need her help. I truly think she should be recognize her years and dedication here at SBVC for so many years. Linda's dedication to her position is like no other. She performs every job duty so meticulously and is diligent in everything she does. She is quick to fill in for anyone who is not available to do their job. Linda understands that the service to our students cannot be put on hold. She recently lost her husband due to Covid19 and she is still beyond dedicated to her duties. She is so reliable, you can set your clock to her. She is the person everyone can go to for the correct answers. She is a quiet force demonstrating an exemplary employee.



Angela Grotke

SECRETARY I, SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ms. Grotke has consistently risen to the occasion during the incredibly difficult working environment of the COVID-19 pandemic. She has filled in for another professional staff person who had to take time off due to child care issues caused by the pandemic. Angela has to keep track of a number of complicated processes to make sure faculty, classified professional staff, and managers in a large instructional division are paid correctly and on time. Angela has to check and re-check work reports for all full-time employees in the division and time sheets for over 100 adjunct faculty in the division. She has a high level of attention to detail in this regard because she knows errors can cause people to not be paid each month. She also manages complex files for purposes of evaluation of over 30 (sometimes as high as 50) members of the faculty each semester. These files contain documents that require multiple signatures and that have to be submitted by hard deadlines. All of this has been more complicated and time consuming in the working remote environment, but Ms. Grotke and by extension, our office, has not missed any deadlines and all of our documents have been submitted correctly. She consistently replies to email communication in a timely manner and is always there when needed for help. She has a broad knowledge of the operations of SBVC, and a positive attitude towards faculty and students who need help. She has attention to detail to make sure errors are not made on paperwork, and a willingness to step up when another staff member has been out.



2021 Nominees

Maritza Portillo

SECRETARY II, STUDENT LIFE

Maritza has been exemplary in the past year serving in the role of Secretary II in the Office of Student Life. Her ability to complete projects and task close to perfection is only shadowed by her empathetic and student focused attributes. As part of the Office of Student Life, Maritza has taken the opportunities to support our students in various situations. First, she accepted the challenge in assisting in the first ever, and successful, virtual commencement ceremony in March of 2020 in only a handful of weeks. Second, over the 2020-2021 academic year, she assisted in the development of our student engagement activities and even participated as a Trivia Host. Third, The Office of Student Life took over operations of the Valley 360 Resource Center (Food Pantry). Maritza took the lead in the operationalization of the center and continues to take trips to the food bank by driving a district vehicle weekly to ensure we have ample food for our students. Moreover, she keep sensitive information of our students confidential as she assists in the scheduling of students going through the student conduct process and is a valued members of the campuses Behavioral Intervention/CARE team that supports students in crisis. She does all of this while maintaining a strong oversight of seven different budgets. Maritza is focused on supporting students wherever she can. Whether it is volunteering to come in on a Saturday, travel with students, or spend her weeknights calling students asking them to register for courses, Maritza has a deep respect for the educational goals of our students. She is a team player, working across campus with colleagues who are utilizing the Diversity funds, and is a valuable part of multiple committees and work groups. Her customer service skills with students, colleagues, and community members are high level - both in deescalating frustrated students, and building relationships with vendors.

Patrice Hollis

FINANCIAL AID SPECIALIST II, FINANCIAL AID

Patrice always goes above and beyond for students and staff as well. She cares deeply for the students, is very passionate about her job and position, and is very dedicated. As a fellow staff member, whenever you call her, email, or text her a question, she will reply quickly with the right information you need. When campus events are happening, she is involved in them. She is a member of the BFSA and continues to contribute to this campus.



2021 Nominees



Sandy Karge

INTERIM DIRECTOR, CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ms. Sandy Karge, is an amazing leader and team player and has been an employee of SBCCD for the last 24 years. She has flawlessly help run our Child Development center and created a safe space for not only our participants and their families, but our Child development work family as well. Ms. Sandy started at Valley College as a Child Development Student and worked her way up from Laboratory Student and now Senior Teacher at our Center. She has her Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in environmental studies and her Masters degree in Child Development which she obtained at University of Redlands and the University of Laverne. Ms. Sandy has her site supervisor permit through the state of California through the board of education and is Senior teacher in the child development center. She accomplished all of this while working full-time and not limited to but also was a full-time mom and wife to her son whom we are all very proud currently serving in the United States air force (Paul Karge, Hooah!) Ms. Sandy does so much

without a title. She has been responsible for making sure we are completely funded, guided and trained both teaching and office staff: in care, paperwork and enrolling procedures. She makes sure to get any job done. She is currently "maintaining" our child development center during a difficult season and making sure we are all fully enrolled (since July of last year and during THIS PANDEMIC) and supporting not only our college campus but, the community. Sandy has been employed at the Child Development Center for 26 years! She has worked in various capacities; student worker, teacher, senior teacher, and now interim director. She has a Master's Degree. Ms. Sandy made sure that our center opened up last year in the middle of a pandemic that was sky rocketing. The center opened up and was able to service several families who are also students at the college; and make sure they had a safe environment in order for them to return to work and their studies safely. Ms. Sandy realized the importance of this reopening and that the staff (who are essential workers) were deeply concerned about our nation's current state. Still with all of this Ms. Sandy has help maintain our contract, our sanity and our ongoing love for our center, our children and their families and our college students. Ms. Sandy has worked tirelessly with our Dean and Child Development Instructor's on campus to modify and seamlessly produce learning outcomes with our college students on campus as well as the mentor teachers here at the center. Without Ms. Sandy our center would have truly fallen a part and this would have affected not only the thirty plus employees here but campus families who need childcare in order to succeed in life. Sandy has the BIGGEST heart. Always making thoughtful gifts. She puts the program first. She makes us feel heard and understood. She genuinely cares for the staff and goes above and beyond to ensure the children in our program have the best of everything. She steps up to challenge (succeeds) and always thinks beyond what is needed.

2021 Nominees

Amanda Moody

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, STUDENT EQUITY & SUCCESS

Amanda has worked diligently on all of our large scale events, from the beginning to end. She continued to assist in any way that she could during the pandemic as well. She has stepped up to support our students by answering questions on the ChatBot, volunteering to work on Super Saturday and being flexible in assisting students in any way that she can during this time. Amanda always goes above and beyond to support anyone on the Student Equity team, and she has a vast amount of knowledge and experience when it comes to Valley and the various processes and procedures. Amanda is a San Bernardino native and an alumni of Valley College, she is extremely vested in the college, the students and the community. She is passionate about the success of the college and what she can do in her role to support it. Being a classified staff for several years, Amanda has built relationships with faculty, staff and administrators across the campus. She is involved with activities that support groups on campus, such as the classified staff. Lastly, but most importantly, she had the idea to create a food pantry on our campus. She worked with other classified staff, administration and community partners to create The Valley 360 Resource Center. She went weekly to pick up food from our partners at Community Action Partnership and also created and facilitated a Thanksgiving Luncheon for the students as well. This is way out of the scope of an Administrative Secretary, but she did it, because that is who she is and how much Valley College means to her.



Ana Bojorquez

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST, DISABLED STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Ana is an extremely dedicated professional who deeply cares for the students in DSPS. She creates hundreds of audiobooks for our DSPS students so they can be successful their courses. Because of her hard work and dedication, we were able to graduate 77 DSPS students. In addition to all of this, Ana has kept the High Tech Center open throughout the entire pandemic to ensure that students get the support they need. She also takes great care in ensuring that the HTC is clean and sanitized to protect the safety of our students in this COVID-19 pandemic environment. Ana possesses the following attributes that make her an excellent candidate for this honor. She is trustworthy, hardworking, dedicated, honest, thorough, reliable, skilled, dependable, and so much more.

2021 Nominees



Tamara Schlinkert

LAB TECHNICIAN, CULINARY ARTS

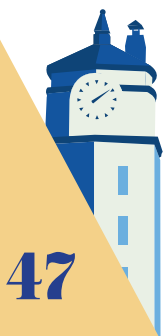
Tamara Schlinkert has been working for SBVC for 7 years as a lab technician in the culinary arts program. Tamara has gone above and beyond her job duties each semester to help run the departments 4 businesses that are run within the program. She learned Oracle even though it is not her responsibility, and prepares and completes all PR's and deals with all of the POs for the department. She keeps accounts payable and accounts receivables for all 4 businesses, and does all ordering for all classes and three chefs. Tamara assists the students when needed, works with AP to make sure all of our invoices are up to date, and makes sure the departments' permits and licensing is up to date. She prepares the labs each morning and afternoon for both day and evening classes, and assists all three chefs with their recipes and printing for all classes. Without Tamara the department would not be where it is today. Tamara has volunteered her time multiple times beyond her scheduled 8

hour shifts. She works with all campus personnel that orders caterings from the culinary department to make sure everything is ordered properly, set up properly, the menu is created based on what has been ordered, and orders all products. Many times Tamara works evenings and weekends to make sure all food orders are completed so the students get the proper course competencies and gain the skills needed to become successful. Tamara graduated from the Culinary Arts program with her certificate and was such a great student, she was hired into the culinary arts lab technician position. The program could not ask for a better lab tech to help with the program.

Veada Benjamin

COORDINATOR, ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS

Veada displays the team player attitude whether working with her department, BFSA, or any other event at SBVC. She always goes above and beyond for students and staff. Always displays a positive vibe that we all love. When you contact her, she will respond back with the information you need right away. She is a member of the BFSA and continues to contribute to this campus.



2021 Nominees

Maria Silvia Romo

SPECIALIST, ADMISSIONS & RECORDS

Sylvia Romo has worked at San Bernardino Valley College for approximately 25 years. She began as a short term worker with financial aid, then student worker for Admissions and Records and became permanent in 2001 with Admissions and Records. She began as a technician now is an Admissions & Records Specialist. This shows that she has enjoyed her tenure at SBVC and continues to grow within the department and campus as a whole. Some of the accomplishments and/or achievements that I have seen of her throughout her tenure at SBVC include helping departments with anything that entails Admissions and Records processes; working professionally with other departments to verify their questions are answered; taking the opportunity to grow within her department and promotes the campus in a positive manner. I have the pleasure of working with Sylvia and have been so impressed on how she communicates not only with me but for the campus and community

constituents. She always answers questions with detailed information. Sylvia has worked with me with verifying that students are placed in system as sponsorships. This process has to be completed manually. The lists that have been provided to her may vary from 200 to 1,000 names. She never complains about list and says, "I will work on this and let you know when they are inputted into system." Not only is she positive when it comes to the lists, she is more open to changes on lists. She is active in her committee responsibilities and provides positive feedback to others on how we can enhance our support to students. She is personable, professional and helpful. I have seen her communicate with staff, students, and community members in a professional and positive manner. She connects with everyone and helps them to the best of her ability.



Jorge Vivar

TECHNICIAN, MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

George is very knowledgeable in his job along with other maintenance duties. George goes above and beyond in his job as the campus plumber, and is always willing to give a helping hand. He is very patient with his job and helping others, and does the dirty work that some of us probably wouldn't want to do such as fixing clogged toilets. George has a lot of experience with his job. The majority of the time George can walk in the room and right away determine what the issue is and gets right to work on fixing the problem. If George isn't sure about something, then he researches to determine why a problem is occurring and how to fix the issue. Last year when there was a gas leak in the Campus Center, where multiple classified employees were suffering from headaches, right away George was able to determine the issue and help get it fixed. George also stepped up to assist in making keys for the campus while the position was vacant along with doing his regular job duties. George has also stepped up to assist with the job duties of the HVAC position since it has been vacant for over the past two years. George always participates in campus activities such as the Classified Softball Game and Classified Week. George is known for doing an amazing job at singing at our talent show and during karaoke at our yearly Classified Celebration Luncheon. George is very kind and respectful and always has a smile.



SPONSORS

The Academic Senate of San Bernardino Valley College congratulates the following faculty on their advancements in rank and receiving of tenure.

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Daniel Algattas
Bryce Cacho
David Casillas
Laura Estrada
Robyn Seraj
Bethany Tasaka
Deborah Trusheim

2021 PROFESSOR

Mary Copeland
Sherri Lillard
Nori Sogomonian
Yvonne Beebe
Victoria Anemelu
Elaine Akers

2021 PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Sheila Free
Jeanie Marquis

2020 TENURE

Anthony Ababat
Jennifer Bjerke
Anthony Blacksher
Keynasia Buffong
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Anthony Castro
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Malik Stalbert
Christina Torres
Bruce Underwood
Maria Valdez
Margaret Worsley

2020 PROFESSOR

Kellie Barnett
Marcia Alfano-Wyatt

2020 PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Horace Alexander
Michael Lysak

Congratulations!

We recognize your commitment demonstrated, time invested, and flexibility exemplified in these challenging times. Thank you for continuing to provide quality instruction and support for the student body of San Bernardino Valley College.

The SBVC Classified Senate would like to congratulate our 2021 Classified Employee of the Year nominees. We are proud and honored to work beside these dedicated individuals on a daily basis.

2021 Classified Employee of the Year Nominees

Veada Benjamin
Admissions & Records

Sandy Karge
Child Development Center

Silvia Romo
Admissions & Records

Ana Bojorquez
DSPS/High Tech Center

Linda Molina
Admissions & Records

Treesa Sabato
EOPS/CARE

Angela Grotke
Social Science Division

Amanda Moody
Student Equity and Success
Division

Tamara Schlinkert
Culinary Arts

Patrice Hollis
Financial Aid

Maritza Portillo
Student Life

Jorge Vivar
Maintenance



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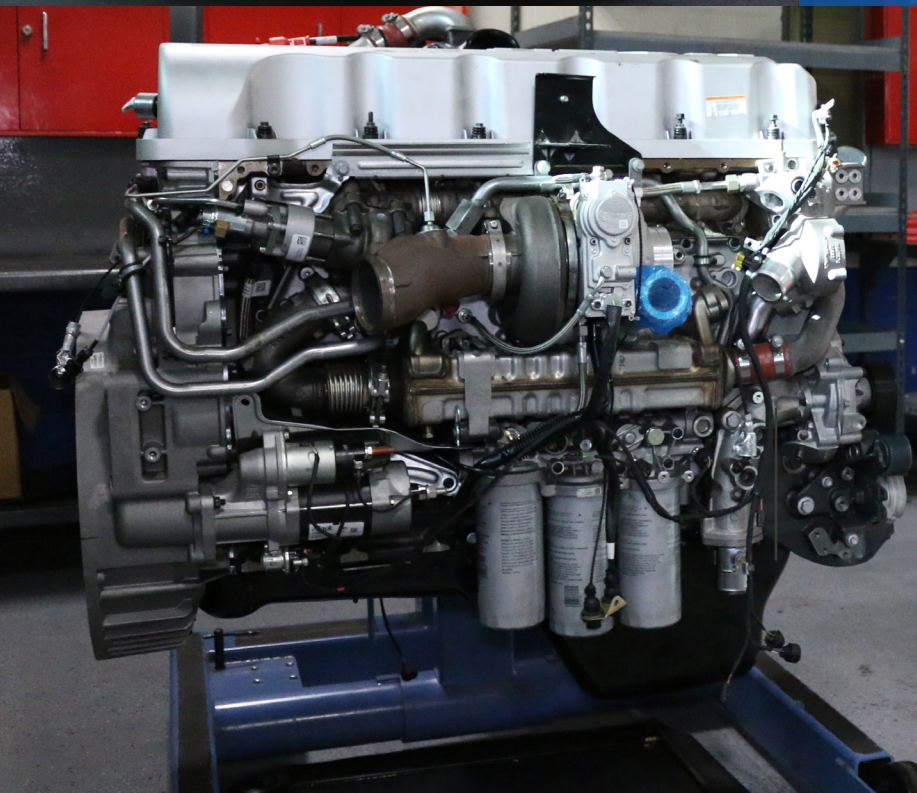
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The Heavy/Medium Duty Diesel Truck Technology (Diesel) program at San Bernardino Valley College has received generous donations to further provide state-of-the-art resources for its students. TEC Equipment of Fontana donated a 2011 Volvo truck, and Volvo donated one of its own engines as training equipment for students. Both donations will greatly benefit students in learning the latest technology that is needed by local employers and the diesel industry.





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SBVC was the recipient of a three-axle natural gas 2012 Cascadia Luxury Truck, donated by **Velocity Vehicle Group** and **Daimler Trucks North America**. The department also received a 4500 rugged duty series transmission, donated by **Allison Transmission**, to further provide premium technical training.

In collaboration with the SBVC Foundation, the Heavy/Medium Duty Diesel Truck Program was awarded \$25,000 from the **Southern California Gas Environmental Champions** grant. Funds were used to purchase supplies for the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) system alternative fuels course.

The program also partnered with **South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)** for its Volvo Low Light Impact Green Heavy Transport Solutions (LIGHTS) grant project application. SBVC was a sub-recipient in the amount of \$200,000, which will allow the development of hands-on education and curriculum with the Volvo electric trucks.

Additionally, the department was awarded a \$50,000 Edison Clean Energy grant from **Edison International** to benefit students looking for hands-on training with electric vehicles. The funding allowed SBVC to use \$5,000 towards student scholarships, and \$45,000 to support Hydrogen power for heavy duty truck and battery electric vehicles.





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