



San Bernardino
Valley College

President's Board Report

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"FastPass" Helps Eliminate Lines in Admissions & Records

In June, SBVC's Admissions & Records Office introduced a new "FastPass" program that allows students to avoid waiting in line by calling ahead and making an appointment in advance.

Much like the "Fastpass" program made popular at Disneyland to help people avoid waiting in lines, the SBVC "FastPass" program helps people get the information they need on their schedule. Oftentimes, appointments are available on the same day for students who call 909.384.8960. In the coming months, students will be able to reserve appointment times online.

Initial reports in from the Admissions & Records Office have indicated that several dozen "early adopter" students have taken advantage of the service with usage expected to dramatically increase in the busy fall pre-registration period that just started.

Nearly 20 Tons of E-Waste Collected At Weekend Recycling Event

On the blistering hot weekend of June 19th and 20th, hundreds of local residents stopped by SBVC Parking Lot #8 with trunks full of old electronics to dispose of at the E-Waste Recycling Event sponsored by the SBVC Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) and Associated Student Government (ASG).

Heavily advertised online and throughout local cities, the event goals were to promote proper recycling processes and prevent unnecessary additions to local landfills. E-waste is any consumer electronic equipment that has reached its 'end-of-life' or 'end-of-usage' whether in full or non-working condition. It includes such things as computer monitors, TV's, computers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, cell phones, VCR's, and much, much more.



Event organizers reported better than expected results with a two-day grand total of nearly 20 tons (43,540 pounds) of e-waste. Donations included 252 televisions, 204 computer monitors and 142 computers.

Event partner Greenview Resource Management will submit the final information and numbers to CalRecycle (Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery), the commissioned governing body for the 'Electronic Recycling Act.'

Federal Stimulus Funds Lead To Free GIS Training Program Over Summer

San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) and the County of San Bernardino, in conjunction with the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board, are offering a free 9-week program in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to 25 local residents. A year in the making, the Summer 2010 GIS Workforce Development Program is funded by a variety of grants and the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA). In addition to providing an alternative to the slimmed-down SBVC summer school offering that filled rapidly, the program is aimed at assisting unemployed and underemployed San Bernardino County residents re-join the workforce after a summer of exposure to a growing industry.



GIS is a growing field with multiple applications for computer-based tools used in automated mapping technology. Students in the program will explore and utilize satellite data, aerial photography, and computerized information. Additionally, students will have opportunities to collect data during field trips.

"The goal is for participants to get significant training in a short amount of time to where they could apply for entry level GIS positions," said Dr. Todd Heibel, GIS Program Chair at SBVC. "Secondarily, this is a no-risk opportunity for people to re-enter a classroom setting and see if school might be a potential option for them."

Throughout the 9-week course that began in early June, a wide variety of instructors including GIS faculty from SBVC and industry professionals are being joined by counselors and professors in the fields of Math, English, the sciences and more. Beyond the critical training in preparation for GIS-specific positions, life skills, job skills, resume building, interview tips and other professional workshops will help prepare participants for entering or re-entering the workforce.

Exposure to potential employers at numerous field trips and guest lectures will assist in combining classroom theory with practical experience. Other corollary areas of study being included are: Geography, Geology, Sociology, Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science.

"Even though this is a not-for-credit class, the curriculum being taught is equivalent to an entry-level GIS class at SBVC and could lead to a quicker path to a GIS certificate if a student enrolls at SBVC," said Heibel. "Several of our recent SBVC grads with GIS certificates landed positions at ESRI and paid internships with multiple local municipalities."

Participants were not exclusively SBVC students, but priority was given to residents of San Bernardino County. The courses are being held Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will end on August 5th.

Foster and Kinship Youth Learn the Importance of Healthy Living, Higher Education, and Fitness at Sports Faire

The County of San Bernardino Children and Family Services hosted its 4th Annual Foster and Kinship Youth Sports Faire, themed "Youth Fitness, Community & Higher Education," on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Over 450 County of San Bernardino kinship and foster youth ages 11 - 18 participated in the event that was designed to provide youth with an opportunity to learn the fundamental skills involved with sports and gain access to information about healthy living, higher education, and local community activities. Among the many professional

athletes and mentors at the Faire were former USC/Los Angeles Sparks basketball player Pamela McGee and former USC/NFL football player Chris Claiborne.

Each participant at the Faire learned fundamentals in one of seven sports clinics offered in the areas of football, basketball, softball, baseball, soccer, tennis, and cheerleading/dance. Eligible youth also received a free lunch and goodie bag packed with SBVC information on financial aid, college life expenses, vocational and general education courses, and more from community businesses.

In addition, over 125 foster and kinship parents participated by attending training during the Faire offered by the Department of Public Health, Children and Family Services and SBVC. Three one-hour classes were held on Healthy Nutrition, Overcoming Academic Adversity, and Boundaries and Balance.

Sponsorship was provided in part by the SBVC Outreach & Recruiting Department, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, Children and Family Services, Department of Public Health, Children's Fund, San Bernardino Valley College and its Athletics department, Cucamonga Christian Fellowship, Fontana Exchange Club and In-N-Out Burger.

Student Profile: Alex & Aaron Rueda--Brothers at Arms

San Bernardino Valley College is a great place to start college for many individuals. Especially for two student athletes, 20-year-old freshman right-handed pitcher Alex Rueda and his brother, 18 year-old freshman right-handed pitcher Aaron Rueda. Natives of San Bernardino, Alex and Aaron have been playing baseball since childhood and decided to continue playing in college and are pitching side by side as they pursue their own educational goals at San Bernardino Valley College.

Before calling SBVC home, Alex and Aaron attended San Geronio High School in San Bernardino. Both played varsity baseball and were introduced to SBVC through the help of their high school coaches.

"Our coaches at San Geronio knew the coaches at SBVC. They were invited to watch us at our games and after we talked with them we ended up here," said Alex. "Since Valley was close to home, it was an easier decision to come here and play baseball."

Although Aaron doesn't see too many times at bat, both brothers agreed that Aaron is the slugger in the family and the one considered to have the speediest fastball—once clocked at 92 MPH. Alex's best pitch is an off-speed curve ball and change-up.

SBVC Baseball Head Coach Bill Mierzwik mentioned each one has their own unique pitching style and identifies their strengths as players.

"As the older brother, Alex has matured a lot. He has work hard in his pitching and has shown signs of maturity all around as a pitcher," Mierzwik noted. "Aaron is a fierce competitor. He looks and finds ways to win even though he is not pitching a good game. He



Brothers and SBVC student-athletes Alex & Aaron Rueda shared time on the mound for the Wolverines' baseball team in Spring 2010.

is lots of fun to be around and somewhat of a jokester on the team but, is real focused when he is pitching on the mound.”

With any sport, competition among teammates is highly visible. When family is involved, one might think there must be even more competition to win the starting role, especially playing the same position. Instead of being competitive with one another, the Rueda brothers look to help each other to get better.

“We push each other to work hard. People often ask us if it’s uncomfortable or if it’s different for us to play on the same team. We have played on the same team in previous years, but we look at it as having another teammate on the team,” said Alex. “Some of the guys tease us when one of us is doing better than the other, but nothing serious. It’s all fun and games.”

Alex and Aaron consider themselves as having a close relationship, but maintain their own circle of friends. Both have taken the same classes at SBVC, but at different times. Currently, Alex is taking general education classes in hopes of looking into Biology as a major in the near future and plans on playing baseball as long as he can. Aaron is also taking general education classes and is interested in Kinesiology. He plans on transferring to a four year university and playing baseball two more years with that institution.

This past April, both brothers won The Riverside Press-Enterprise Performer of the Week award for the week of April 11-17, making them the first SBVC student athletes to win the Performer of the Week award. Alex and Aaron were recognized for their impressive pitching performance handling both games of a SBVC weekend sweep over Mt. San Jacinto. In the first game, Aaron (6-3) pitched his fifth complete game of the year, a six-hitter. In the nightcap, Alex (2-0) then allowed three hits and only one unearned run in six innings to pick up the victory.

Earlier this Spring, Alex was named first team All-Foothill Conference and Aaron was named second team All-Foothill Conference for the SBVC Wolverines who finished 17-17 overall (15-9 in conference).



Save The Date

Friday, August 13 – Afternoon (exact time TBD)

Building Dedication Ceremony – The MAC – Inside the new North Hall Building

Join SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels, campus staff and faculty, Measure M team members, construction partners and local elected officials as SBVC kicks off the new school year by officially dedicating four new buildings—North Hall, Media & Communications, Maintenance & Operations and the Custodial Building. For more information, contact Craig Petinak at 909.384.8978.