



San Bernardino
Valley College

President's Board Report

March 17, 2011

SBVC Celebrates Black History Month

We the People and Project 21 Performance

The Arts and Lectures committee sponsored a performance entitled "Reflections" featuring *We the People* and *Project21 Dance* on February 24th. The performers wove dance and the spoken word into a historical reflection of the African-American experience.

Anthropology Department Presents Films in Celebration of Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, the anthropology department sponsored screenings of films commemorating Black History Month. Some of the films viewed were *The Roots of Resistance: A story of the Underground Railroad*, *The Howlin' Wolf Story*, and *Black Artists on Art*. Participants who attended the viewing also had the opportunity to discuss the films. A special thank you goes to Benjamin Fierro who organized this event. Mr. Fierro is an adjunct faculty member of the Anthropology Department.



Tumaini Program and Club Celebrate Black History Month

On February 16th the Tumaini Club sponsored "Speak Your Soul" in LA 100. SBVC students showcased their talents in the recitation of poetry they personally wrote. Faculty members who attended the event inspired and encouraged the students to be the best students that they could be. Students were so rejuvenated by the experience that they plan to have "Speak Your Soul" on a monthly basis throughout the semester.

The Tumaini Program and the Black Faculty and Staff sponsored Dr. Carolyn Bennett Murray, Professor of Psychology at University of California, Riverside on February 23rd. She spoke on the presentation of "The Socialization Process of African American Families." Dr. Murray discussed the history of African Americans, its impact, and how socialization has affected the individual, couples, the family, and the community. The event was well received by the SBVC community. The Library Viewing room was full to capacity as Dr. Murray's held the audience spellbound for more than two hours.

Faculty/Staff Members Invited to Present Research, Publish Papers

History Instructor Jeffrey Demsky will present a paper discussing American Responses to the Holocaust at a conference co-sponsored by the Netherlands American Studies Association and Antwerp University, Belgium. He is also providing entries about U.S. politics in the *Encyclopedia of Oft-Altered, Oft-Misrepresented, and Generally Misunderstood People, Events, and Ideas in American History*.

Dr. Jeremiah Gilbert, faculty chair of Mathematics, will be presenting "Balancing the Equation: The Effect of Alternate Course Formats on student Retention and Performance" at the 26th Annual California Mathematics Council for Community Colleges South Spring Conference in Anaheim on March 5th.

One of our nurse practitioners, Hannah Priscilla Sandy, ND, MPH, FNP-C, was just published in the *American Journal for Nurse Practitioners*, vol. 15, no. 1/2, January/February 2011. Her article is titled *Female Genital Cutting: An Overview*. It is an excellent article on an issue health care providers and counselors encounter more often as greater numbers of women emigrate here from Third World countries.

Music Faculty Performance

Music faculty members William Beuche and Alex Lavruk performed "Two to Tango" featuring the music of Astor Piazzolla. They played both guitar duets and a few pieces featuring both guitar and accordion in North Hall's Multi-Activity Center on February 24th. The free program provided an educational exploration of the composer as well as the cultural significance of the pieces and the instruments.



Perkins Grant Update

Thirteen departments at SBVC received Carl Perkins IV grant funding this year. As of February 22nd, these departments have expended more than \$237,000, which is well above the \$113,000 spent last year at this same time. These much needed funds are meant for the improvement of Career Technical Education Programs. This year's purchases have provided for equipment, instructional supplies, and media software to enhance the learning experience of students in programs such as Aeronautics, Automobile Mechanical and Collision Repair, Culinary Arts, Diesel, Electricity, Graphic Arts, Human Services, Machine Trades, Nursing, RTVF, and Welding.



There have been two exhibitions in the Gresham Art Gallery this semester. The first presented work of retired art faculty member John Berry (pictured above with his self-portrait). The current show is titled "Improvisations" and is the work of LA-based artists. The next show is a 3-D Invitational titled "Art by Fire." Works from that show will be on exhibit March 14-April 8.



Phase Two of the Biology Gardens outside the Health/Life Science building was completed when faculty members Glenn Drewes and Tatiana Vasquez (pictured above) planted primitive and native plant species in two of the three planned gardens. The final stage will include a Xeriscape® garden.

Water Supply Technology Class Funded by American Recovery and Reconstruction Act



The fourth and final Water Supply Technology class funded by ARRA funds through the San Bernardino County Work Investment Board finished in February. Students completed 220 hours of Basic Skills Math and English as well as Applied Math and Water Treatment coursework. Students are now eligible to take the state licensing exam and employment placement.

(Achala Chatterjee, Faculty Chair of Water Supply Technology; Susan Bangasser, Dean of Science; and Clarence Mansell, Adjunct Faculty member in Water Supply Technology, with a student receiving his program completion certificate).

Women in Mathematics and Science Day



SBVC hosted the 6th Annual Celebrating Women in Mathematics and Science Day on February 25th. The event provided information and encouragement to women to pursue careers in fields that require mathematics and science education. The day was organized by the college's Mathematics Division in partnership with the University of California, Riverside and the San Bernardino Alliance for Education. Dr. Pamela Clute, a Lecturer in Mathematics at the University of California, Riverside was once again a featured speaker, bringing her dynamic and confidence-building message to more than 200 young women from SBVC and area high schools.

Student Groups Participate in Club Wars



Thirteen clubs competed for the 2011 Club Wars Championship at the end of February in events like the Egg Race, Tug-o-War, Scavenger Hunt and Pie-Eating Contest. The Culinary Arts Club and the Philosophy Club finished in a tie for first place.

Fast Facts from Financial Aid

- **22,995** FAFSA applications **received** to date for the current 2010-2011 cycle
- **4,468** new 2011-2012 FAFSA applications already received
- **5** disbursements distributed on time thus far for the Spring 2011 semester
- Awarded **\$202,843** SEOG (\$74,031 disbursed)
- Awarded **\$21,684,498** Pell grant (\$11,968,957 disbursed)
- Awarded **\$36,500** Perkins loan (\$21,000 disbursed)
- Awarded **\$980,944** Cal Grant B (CALB) (\$858,622 disbursed)

Campus Construction Update

The new **Physical Sciences Building** is moving steadily towards completion. Contractors dodged rain showers to install landscape and walkways around the building. Furnishings have begun to arrive and are being installed as they are received. Work recently began putting in the extensive data and telecommunications networks throughout the building.

Mechanical systems, such as heating and air conditioning, are now functional and are being fine-tuned through a process known as *commissioning*. This is an integral part of the LEED certification process. The Physical Sciences Building will be occupied at the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2011 and will be in full operation for fall 2011.



HMC Architects has advised the campus that plans for the new 1200-space **Parking Structure** are still being reviewed by the California Division of the State Architect (DSA). Although the DSA plan review is taking longer than was first anticipated, the district's project management team, Kitchell/BRJ/Seville, has informed the college the overall project schedule remains intact. The new Parking Structure is scheduled to be completed and in use for the fall 2012 semester.



DLR Architects has begun the final phase of planning for the renovation of the **Business Building**. Construction plans and specifications are being prepared for submission to DSA in early spring 2011. Work on this major renovation project is scheduled to begin in spring 2012. The new classrooms, computer laboratories, faculty and staff offices, and the new SBVC Conference Center should be ready for the fall 2013 start of classes.

Construction documents are being prepared for the new **Central Plant** facility that will occupy the space adjacent to the Custodial and Grounds Building. This facility will provide centralized chilled water eventually to cool the entire campus. To accomplish this, a network of large insulated pipes must be installed

throughout the campus to bring the chilled water to each building. Because the renovated Business Building will be reliant on this facility for its air conditioning, the construction of the Central Plant facility and piping infrastructure must be completed for the fall 2013 semester.

Planning efforts for the new athletic and physical education facilities are ongoing with HMC Architects. Campus user groups have been formed in anticipation of planning for the renovation of the **Auditorium** and the construction of a new **Technology Building**. NTD Architects, the same firm that completed the design work for the North Hall, Media and Communication, and Physical Sciences Buildings, will provide design services for this historical renovation project. LPA Architects has been selected to lead the design process for the new Technology Building. LPA is also working with the college to provide plans and specifications for a major campus signage, access, and landscape improvement project that will begin during the coming summer. Design work for the Auditorium and Technology projects is scheduled to begin in March 2011.

Vice President of Student Services Receives Statewide Award

At its 36th Annual Conference held in Long Beach in February, the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) awarded SBVC Vice President of Student Services Damon Bell with the Progress in Diversity Award.



The ACCCA Award for Progress in Diversity was created as a component of the ACCCA Diversity Forum to recognize the outstanding achievements of individuals and organizations in their efforts to expand the concept of diversity in the wider higher education community. Criteria for the award were as followed:

- A demonstrated history of effective leadership in promoting diversity, particularly in higher education;
- Documented support from colleagues or those within the organization that attests to the unique contribution of the individual or organization; OR
- Research or a documented presentation at the state or national level that has impacted, enhanced or represents a contribution toward the goal of diversity in higher education; OR
- The creation - by a district or organization - of an unprecedented example of inclusion through district policy, activities on campus and within the organization, or organizational documentation that represents effective actions taken by the organization toward inclusion.

Damon's leadership in ushering in new programs and events to campus include the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and accompanying DREAM Awards, the Man Like Me Mentorship Program, and the coordination of the award-winning Valley-Bound Commitment Program.

Save The Date

Week of March 13-17 – Various times - Dr. Seuss Read to Children Event – SBVC Child Development Center

Dr. Seuss books and stories are the theme of week-long activities, including a Scholastic Book Fair for the spring literacy week. The goal is to expose young children to the concept of a life-long love of books and reading. For more information, contact brodrigu@valleycollege.edu or rmbeck@valleycollege.edu.

Wednesday, April 20 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Spring Health Fair– Campus Quad

Student Health Services will promote physical activity in partnership with the Nursing Program and participation from DSPS and student clubs.

Friday, April 29 – 5:00 p.m. - 16th Annual Spotighting Our Success Faculty/Staff Awards – Campus Center

Awards will be presented to the top faculty and staff members of the 2010-2011 SBVC family as voted on by their colleagues. Retirees and employees with years of service anniversaries will also be honored as part of the evening's festivities. Tickets are \$10 per person and dinner will be served by students in Chef Stacy Meyer's Culinary Arts Program. For more information, contact Craig Petinak at 909.384.8978.

Friday, May 27 – 9:00 a.m. - 84th Annual Commencement Ceremony – SBVC Football Stadium

In an effort to beat the heat and minimize parking challenges, SBVC will be holding its annual Commencement ceremonies at an even earlier start time of 9:00 a.m.