

## ***President's Board Report*** *May 19, 2011*

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Spotlighting Our Success" Awards Celebration Spotlights SBVC's Best and Brightest**

SBVC faculty, staff, family, and friends gathered in the Campus Center on Friday, April 29, 2011, for the 16th Annual "Spotlighting Our Success" Faculty/Staff Awards event recognizing employee anniversaries, outstanding employee contributions, and departing retirees.

Students in the SBVC Culinary Arts Program catered the event as part of their final assignment for the semester. Nearly 180 employees and their friends and families attended the celebration organized by the all-volunteer Faculty/Staff Awards Committee.

After a meal that provided the option of salmon, filet mignon or vegetarian ravioli, the awards ceremony began by honoring employees celebrating landmark anniversaries. More than 70 employees were recognized from the stage with certificates—including Carolyn Allen Roper (Instructor, Reading) with 30 years of service and Steve Race with 35 years of service (Senior Multimedia Specialist).

To wrap up the evening, a tribute to the retiring Dr. Susan Shodahl (Faculty Chair, Psychology) was read, and the President's Award was bestowed upon Dr. Kay Ragan (Interim Dean, Applied Technology, Transportation & Culinary Arts Division).

Further award recipients included:

Honored Retiree: Cindy Runyon (Retired Faculty, Physical Education)

District Employee of the Year: Jason Brady (Web Developer, District Computing Services)

Manager of the Year: Dr. Kay Weiss (Dean, Arts & Humanities)



*Employees celebrating five years of service with SBVC gather on stage with SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels. More than 70 employees are celebrating landmark anniversaries in 2011.*

Excellence Award: Achala Chatterjee (Assistant Professor/Faculty Chair, Water Supply Technology & Engineering Departments, Science Division)

Outstanding Service Award: Craig Petinak (Director, Office of Marketing & Public Relations)

Outstanding Professors:

Dr. Victoria Anemelu (Math)

Dr. Todd Heibel (Geography, Geology, Oceanography, GIS)

Classified Employees of the Year:

Lisa Hepburn-Stroud (Assistant Manager, Bookstore)

Gloria Kracher (Custodian, Maintenance & Operations)

## Spring Musical Takes Place at Smokey Joe's Café

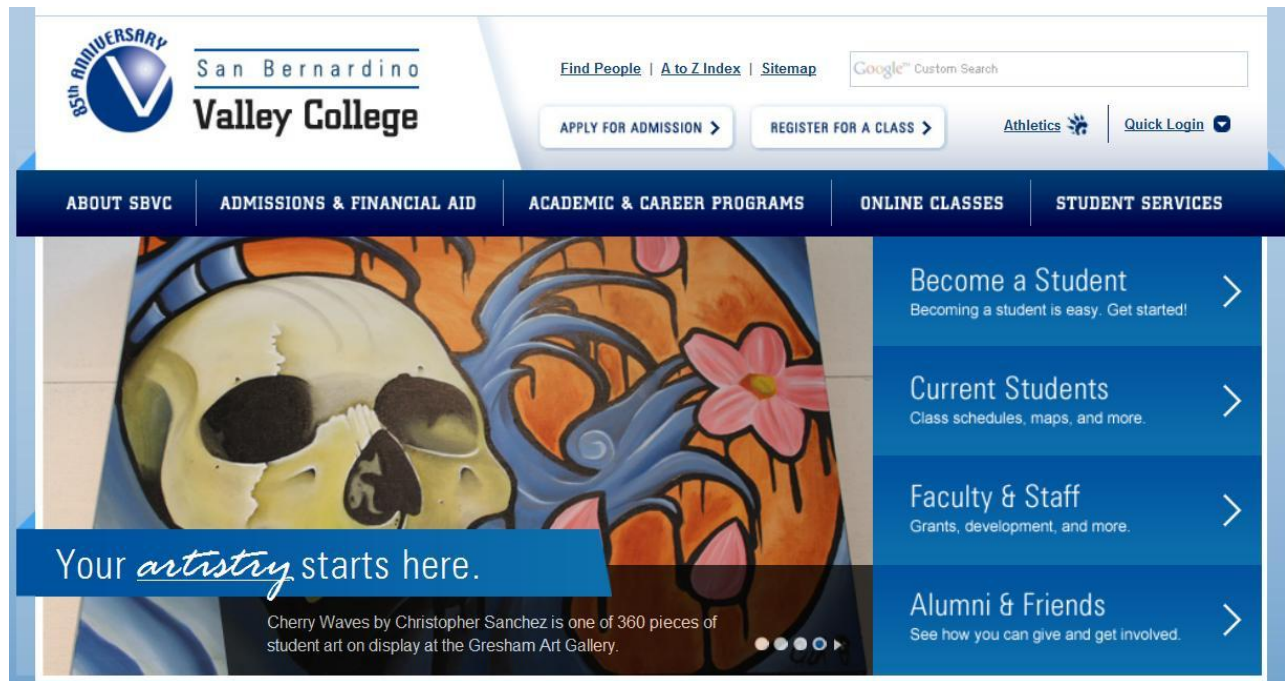


*Smokey Joe's Café opened on April 28 at 7:00 PM in the SBVC Auditorium. The music of Leiber and Stoller was featured in the production directed by Denise Dales Jacobs for the SBVC Theater Arts program. Audiences enjoyed such songs as: "Dance With Me," "Yakety Yak," and "Hound Dog." Shows ran on April 28-31.*

## Foster & Kinship Care Education Program

The Foster & Kinship Care Education Team Conference was held at the Hilton San Bernardino on Thursday, April 21, 2011. Foster parents, kinship caregivers, social workers, members of the SB County Administration, and community organization representatives attended. The conference emphasis this year was attachment; how separation from biological parents affects children, and what foster parents and kinship caregivers can do to assist these children develop healthy relationships throughout their lives.

# SBVC Launches New Website Featuring Streamlined Navigation, New Design, and Fresh Content



After nearly 17 months of planning and 11 months of design, production, training, and content migration, the new SBVC website at [www.valleycollege.edu](http://www.valleycollege.edu) officially launched on Wednesday, May 4th, 2011.

Loaded with fresh content, intuitive navigational tools, and a small army of content contributors from around campus, the new website is poised to be the resource for all things SBVC.

A coalition of entities in/around the SBVC campus joined forces to overhaul the campus website and prepare it for re-launch: District Computing Services, Office of Marketing & Public Relations, Campus Technology Services, SBVC Professional Development, and the Website Task Force.

SBVC's partner in designing, developing, and programming the new website was *Mind Over Media*, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based consultant to higher educational institutions. SBVC first engaged Mind Over Media using US Department of Education Title V Grant funds in May 2010. The company was selected after months of planning and research by the all-volunteer Website Task Force—an ad-hoc group of SBVC students, staff, and faculty whose input and direction shaped what has become the new [www.valleycollege.edu](http://www.valleycollege.edu).

The new website project came to fruition through dozens of professional development sessions totaling hundreds of hours of group and individual trainings held during the spring 2011 semester. Throughout 2011, additional professional development courses will be offered to encourage staff and faculty to enhance and update their sections. Trainings will focus on using multimedia and advanced imagery so the SBVC web site remains up to date with technological advances meeting consumer expectations.

## Art Show Showcases Students' Talents

Images of Elvis, Edward Scissorhands, Audrey Hepburn, and an Amazon Tigress were among the 360 pieces of artwork on display inside SBVC's Gresham Art Gallery showing through May 18.

The annual SBVC Student Art Exhibition, which has been held for more than 30 years, featured single and multiple submissions from art students in a variety of categories.

Gallery Director David Rosales said approximately 465 submissions were considered but had to be reduced to 360 due to limitations in the amount of space in the gallery. Students have been working on their art during summer school and fall and spring classes, said Rosales.

For many of the art students, this exhibition was their first opportunity to display their art.

"They get such a kick out of seeing their work on the walls," said Mandi Batalo, Art Department chairperson.

Categories include Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Digital Design, Glassblowing, Photography, 2D Design, and Design in Glass and Sculpture. Approximately one-third of the artwork was for sale at the reception and awards ceremony held from 5 to 7 p.m. on May 9<sup>th</sup>.



*An expanded photo slideshow of selected pieces is now on display at the SBVC website (Click on "About Us", then "Facilities", and select "Art Gallery").*

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## 2011 Spring Health Fair Emphasizes Physical Fitness

During the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>, Student Health Services partnered with a variety of campus groups to provide screenings, physical activities and teaching points about how physical activity lowers blood pressure, prevents type-2 diabetes, improves mood, and more.

Activities included: the My Bad Back clinic, SBVC nursing student presentation tables, a well-attended blood drive, and a volleyball tournament. Student Health Services provided all with water and spirit bandanas.

## SBVC Students and Faculty Join Feeding the Homeless on Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday at Arrowhead Elk Lodge, approximately 500 needy families were treated to an Easter Celebration thanks to students and faculty from the Human Services department, including faculty members James Robinson and Melinda Moneymaker. An Easter egg hunt was the highlight for many of the young children while parents were treated to bags of groceries, clothing and food. Students were able to work alongside volunteers from CSUSB, and participated in cooking, cleaning, serving, passing out bags of groceries, and helping kids find their eggs. Pastor Joseph Mack, himself a graduate of both SBVC Human Services Program and CSUSB, sponsors this event three times a year through his congregation at New Beginning Outreach Christian Church.

## Student Group Hosts Congressman Baca for Discussion on Future of Higher Education

As part of their Distinguished Speaker Series, the Alpha Gamma Sigma hosted Congressman Joe Baca, D-Rialto, on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in the standing-room-only Library Viewing Room.

Congressman Baca discussed the status of federal funding for education, Pell grants and other critical factors affecting education and the economy. More than 26,000 students in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District will receive a Pell Grant in the 2011-12 school year—nearly \$100 million towards helping students pay for college.

“I’m happy that Pell Grants were not cut out of the current budget,” Rep. Baca said. “But Republicans are still targeting

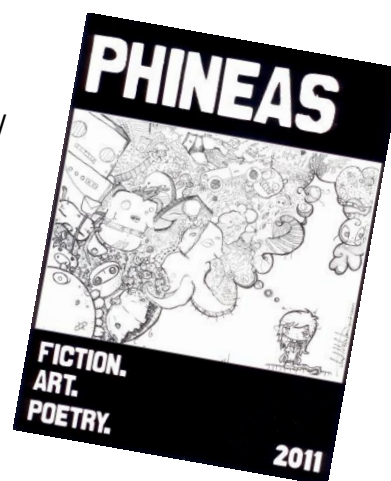
Pell Grants in next year’s budget. Under their plan, the maximum Pell Grant would be cut to \$3,040 for the 2012-13 school year, the lowest amount since 1998. For students, this could mean a cut in their aid of more than \$2,500, making college far less affordable.”



*Congressman Baca spoke to a full room of students, staff and faculty—even though no classes were in session on April 19<sup>th</sup>.*

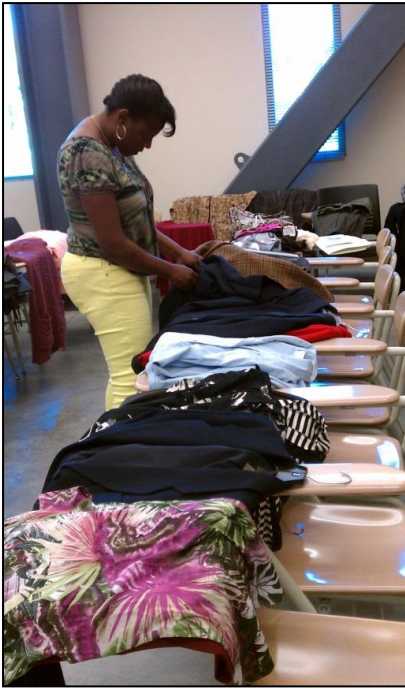
## Phineas Literary Magazine Released

San Bernardino Valley College’s literary magazine, Phineas was released in early May. The student-produced publication is loaded with dozens of short stories, artistic expressions, poetry and more. Phineas Advisor Joel Lamore was aided in judging the entries by fellow faculty members E.J. Jones, Alma Lopez, and David Rosales. *(Pictured on front cover, Untitled by Ingrid Melchor)*



## Faculty and Staff Updates

- Mr. Mark Ikeda, a faculty member in the Biology Department, presented a research paper along with his collaborator, J. Des Lauriers, from Chaffey College at the Zyzzx Desert Symposium on April 22. The paper was entitled “The Ant Fauna of the Mojave National Preserve.” The following is an excerpt from the abstract: *“Between 2000 and 2008 we intensively surveyed the ant fauna of the Mojave National Preserve employing a variety of sampling methods. We detected 74 native ant species including one previously unknown species. No non-native species were detected.”*
- At the annual California Community College Public Relations Organization annual conference held in Universal City in April, SBVC received a first place “Pro” award in the category of College Promotional Video for the 2010 Valley-Bound Commitment Video. The event was a joint collaboration between Chris Perez Consulting, the SBVC Foundation, and the Office of Marketing & Public Relations (with partnership from Valley-Bound Commitment staff and faculty). The 2011 Pro award represents the college’s 5th Pro Award in the last 4 years.
- Psychology instructor, Dr. Susan Shodahl, conducted a workshop entitled “Coping With Stress in the Workplace” as part of a staff development day for Admissions and Records staff from Regions 9 and 10 of CACCRAO (California Association of Community College Registrars and Admissions Officers). The event, coordinated by Dan Angelo as CACCRAO Executive Board Regional Representative, was held at Crafton Hills College on April 15.
- Six champions of public education in San Bernardino County were recognized with the 20th annual San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn in Victorville. Two of the six winners represented the San Bernardino Community College District-Damon Bell and James Ramos. Each year, the ceremony recognizes individuals and groups who give outstanding service and support to public education with the San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor. SBVC Vice President of Student Services Damon Bell was selected as the award recipient in the category of “Excellence in Education/Education Professional”. Damon was recognized for his involvement in the startup of a variety of programs to address the needs of SBVC students (Valley-Bound Commitment, Man like Me Mentorship Program, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration). SBCCD Trustee James Ramos was recognized in the “Excellence in Education/Student Alumni” category for the ongoing support of educational programs, services, and facilities by the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians while simultaneously preserving the culture of his people by developing the “People of the Pines” third-grade curriculum.



Black Faculty & Staff Association and the Transfer Center invited students to attend the “Opening the Door to the Future” Career Readiness event on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Free resume & career search information tools, mock interviews and access to professional clothes donated by the campus encouraged students to get ready for the job world.



Twenty Human Services students attended the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Educators (CAADE) conference that featured the latest research by Dr. Kevin McCauley; developments in medical assisted treatments; a problem gambling lecture presented by SBVC Adjunct Instructor, Marc Lefkowitz; a review of the future of addiction, legitimate licensure, and resolving conflicts with clients and co-workers. The students also had the opportunity to review a host of bachelor’s and master’s level programs presented by other attending colleges.



The New Visions Student Club coordinated the Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game on Friday night, April 22nd. SBVC students challenged the Rolling Bears from Loma Linda—winners of four conference championships in the very difficult sport of wheelchair basketball. Even able-bodied students were able to experience the athleticism required of the sport during several of the games.



More than 600 job-seeking youth, 60 vendors, and a host of VIP’s attended the 3rd Annual “Today’s Youth, Tomorrow’s Future Job & Resource Fair” hosted at the SBVC Campus Center by the Employment Development Department on Saturday, April 30th. Pictured from L to R, Carissa Cambre, (Representing Josie Gonzales), Ramiro Hernandez, (Representing Congressman Joe Baca), SBCCD Board of Trustees member Donna Ferracone, Assemblymember Wilmer Amina Carter, SBVC President Debra Daniels, Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod, City of San Bernardino Councilman Tobin Brinker, and SBCCD Board of Trustees member James Ramos.



*City of San Bernardino Mayor Patrick J. Morris came to the SBVC campus to be interviewed by students in Kam Kalanui's Radio TV Film Production class at San Bernardino Valley College. He was a guest on the Ana B. Corral Show—an all-student production.*



*SBVC Mathematics faculty members presented grade content appropriate mathematical concepts to second through sixth grade students at Excel Prep Charter and Vermont Elementary schools in April 2011. The presentations centered on mathematician/philosopher Rene Descartes and his development of the Rectangular Coordinate system. Students participated in small group activities related to the presentation and received SBVC memorabilia at the end of the event.*



*University and college representatives from 27 schools came to the SBVC campus to expose students to the variety of transfer options available to them after they complete their studies at SBVC. In all, 1,585 students stopped by to ask questions of the 4-year school representatives.*



*SBVC Faculty members Michael Slusser and Julie Tilton (pictured above) participated in the 2011 Humanities Day Celebration on May 3rd in partnership with the Arts and Lectures Committee. Keynote speaker Dr. Zaman Stanizai spoke on Sufi poetry and culture, and read selections of his own original poems. Humanities Day provided an opportunity for students to learn more about fields of study within the humanities.*



## Financial Aid – Did You Know?

State Budget Reductions Result in Changes to Cal Grant Program Eligibility and Cuts to Cal Grant Awards:

- On March 24, 2011, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 70 (the education trailer bill) into law. Senate Bill 70 achieves reductions in state spending by changing Cal Grant eligibility requirements for both students and institutions. These changes will affect new and renewal Cal Grant recipients beginning with the 2011-12 academic year. The Commission estimates that 12,920 students will be deemed ineligible to renew their Cal Grant awards as a result of these changes.
- \$3,818,307 in financial aid was distributed to our SBVC students in the 2010-2011 academic year.
- We have already received **12,294** new 2011-2012 FAFSA applications.



## Save the Date

**Monday, May 23, 2011-6:00 p.m.:** Senior Crossing - Auditorium

Middle College High School will hold their Senior Crossing event in the SBVC Auditorium. The graduating class of 44 seniors will receive various awards and scholarships during this annual celebration.

**Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.:** 84<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday, June 3, 2011:** Classified Staff Week

The time has come when all Classified employees at SBVC come together to learn for professional growth. Several workshops, along with guest speakers, will be scheduled throughout the week and end with the annual softball game and BBQ. Be on the lookout for upcoming information on activities from the Professional Development Department.