

President's Board Report

November 15, 2012



Strategic Visioning Workshop Features Community Input & Participation

During the October 23rd Flex Day, staff and faculty were joined by community members and students as the campus has begun formulating the next iteration of its strategic plan. The session invited all stakeholders to contribute ideas as to what SBVC will look like in 2018. Drs. James Smith, Kathleen Rowley, and Nori Sogomonian, put together a workshop that allowed the attendees to further explore the questions the campus began discussing during last spring's Student Success Summit. Follow-up sessions will be planned throughout the remainder of 2012 and 2013 as the plan begins to take shape.



2011-2012 Annual Report Released to Community

SBVC's Annual Report—designed and printed by SBCCD Printing Services—was recently released online and mailed in early November to the local community, business leaders, elected officials, and the SBVC campus. The completely re-designed 36-page publication relies on a graphic-intensive layout that features everything from SBVC's 85th anniversary gala and numerous student success stories to campus partnerships and a tribute to Dorothy Inghram. Additional copies are available from the Office of Marketing & Public Relations.



Film Fiesta Fundraiser Raises Funds for SBVC Media Academy

Free drinks, appetizers, and a tour of the KVCR television/radio studios and SBVC's Radio-TV-Film classrooms were part of the SBVC Film Fiesta Fundraiser on Saturday, November 3rd. Tickets for the event were \$10 and all proceeds supported the Media Academy—part of the Radio-TV-Film Department. The evening included a viewing of top student films, movie trivia games, and great prizes that included: An autographed script from NBC's *The Office*, a Sony 32GB full HD camcorder with projector (valued at \$800), and handmade Christmas quilts (valued at \$300).

Dia de los Muertos Artists' Exhibit Comes Alive at Gresham Gallery

Celebrating the idea of unity between life and death was the theme of the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Exhibition inside the Clara & Allen Gresham Art Gallery during late October and early November. Large-scale altars and dozens of other pieces were highlighted by an artists' reception on Thursday November 1st from 5 – 7 p.m.



Vox Dance Theatre & MUSICÁNTICA Performance Transports Audience to Southern Italy

Artistic movement, music and poetry reflecting the region of Southern Italy was the focus when Los Angeles-based Vox Dance Theatre joined multi-instrumentalists MUSICÁNTICA (featuring SBVC professor Roberto Catalano) for an evening of free entertainment on Saturday, November 3rd. The SBVC Arts, Lectures, and Diversity Committee invited the groups to perform two live musical sets followed by a Q&A session. Dance performances included Brigantesse and Fimmine and included music, poetry, and rituals by MUSICÁNTICA representing the peasant's world of Southern Italy.



Art Department Student Receives Statewide Recognition

SBVC sophomore graphic design major and San Bernardino resident Alejandra Villa recently made a splash across the state with her creativity. Over the last month, Alejandra has created all the graphics for SBVC's "3 New Things for Spring 2013" campaign as an intern in the Office of Marketing & Public Relations.

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) requested permission to use the graphic that she created for the California Dream Act/AB 540 BOG (seen at right in front of Alejandra) and she happily gave permission. Alejandra's career goal is to become a professional graphic designer and is very interested in pursuing an MFA degree (Masters in Fine Arts) after she transfers to CSU San Bernardino. Congratulations, Alejandra!



Celebrating Native American Heritage Month in November

SBVC is paying tribute to Native Americans this November as part of Native American Heritage Month. The highlight of the month will be a Native American Storytelling event hosted by SBVC's Arts, Lectures, and Diversity Committee on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Library Viewing Room. Throughout October, MEChA's 7th Annual Indigenous People's Film Festival got the conversation started with documentaries showcasing the plight of indigenous peoples.

In addition, banners have been erected on light poles around the campus to celebrate the dignity of the Native American population. The banners feature an image of Plains Indian warrior White Beaver who participated in the Battle of Little Bighorn that felled General George Custer.



Computer Rotation Unboxes 333 New Computers Across Campus



Campus Technology Service's 2012-2013 computer rotation is in full swing. As part of the 5-year rotation program, 333 new computers were recently purchased and the lengthy process of deploying them in labs and offices across campus has already begun.

The new computers are 23" "all-in-one" Dell machines that are replacing previous 17" models in the library and around campus (see photo at right). A few of the top "specs" on the new computers include: Webcam, 3.1 GHz Intel Core i7-3770S processor, 4 GB RAM, 250 GB hard drive, Windows 7 software, 8x DVD+/-RW drive, and more.

Where are all the new computers going? They are headed for deployment to replace computers that are 4+ years old—including the following locations:

- 217 for labs (Assessment, Microbiology, Professional Development, Library, Physics, Automotive, Aeronautics)
- 116 for faculty and staff offices

Wolverine Men Win 7th Consecutive Southern California Title at SoCal Cross Country Championships, Advance to State Finals

On Saturday, November 3rd in Costa Mesa, SBVC Men's Cross Country won their 7th consecutive Southern California championship with 95 points, sneaking by their nearest opponent, Cerritos, by two points as SBVC runners finished 5th, 13th, 23rd, 26th, and 28th in the win.

SBVC Women's Cross Country also participated and finished 24th overall in the Southern California Championships. The women's squad was led by freshman runner Jazmin Romero who finished 11th overall.

On the men's side, SBVC's top finisher was sophomore runner Benjamin Barragan who finished 5th and was named First Team All-Southern California. Freshman Cesar Berumen finished 13th with a time of 20:31.40 was named Second Team All-Southern California. Freshman Ismael Griego finished 23rd with a time of 20:50.16, sophomore Bren Medina finished 26th with a time of 20:52.83, and sophomore Joseph Aguilar rounded out the top five finishers for SBVC with a time of 20:55.64.

SBVC's men's squad will once again head to Fresno City College for the CCCAA State Championships on November 17 and will attempt to capture their 6th state championship in the last seven years.



Quick Updates from Student Services

Office of Student Life

On Thursday, October 18th, ASG sponsored its first Homecoming Pep Rally that promoted a day of appreciation for SBVC athletes and students with games, food, and prizes for current SBVC students. The event fostered school spirit, camaraderie and fun on campus as students competed in sack tossing contest and basketball games. Prizes included ASG-imprinted T-shirts, school supplies and accessories purchased from local vendors in an effort to support the local economy. Food served at the event included pizza, juice and water; snacks such as granola bars, fruit snacks, chips and crackers were also distributed to students to help them get through their day.



Foster & Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Program

The Foster & Kinship Care Education Program held a Training 4 Trainers on Wednesday, October 3rd for its professional experts. New forms, curriculum and local resources were presented by Ms. Karen Dixon, the Interim FKCE Instructional Specialist. This new curriculum was presented to foster parents and relative caregivers to better meet the needs of children in their care.

Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success/Independent Living Program (YESS/ILP)

The program's 32 foster youth currently enrolled in the 14-week Life Skills classes have completed their Daily Living Skills and Education modules. The program held its SBVC Campus Tour on October 10 by visiting the Library, the Counseling offices, Admissions & Records, and the Foster Youth Services office. The Financial Aid Office provided the youth with a tote bag with giveaways and financial aid information.

Counseling Center

Individual student appointments and outreach to classrooms about transfer, teaching majors, graduation requirements, and new SBVC updates in anticipation of the spring 2013 registration changes were the focus of October's activities.

STAR Program

STAR will begin passing out applications for spring semester on November 5, 2012. Counselors are busy seeing students and averaging 10–13 students a day. Plans are in the works for students to attend the SSS TRIO Inland Empire / Desert Consortium sponsored Student Collaborative at CSUSB in February.

Transfer and Career Services

The Transfer Center computer lab will be available on a drop in basis for students who need assistance with the application process for UC and CSU applications. A Personal Statement Workshop was held on October 31st for students preparing their statement for UC applications. In addition, the fall Transfer Fair on October 17th featured 34 universities speaking with students on the campus quad walkway.



Financial Aid

The special AB 540 BOG Fee Waiver application is now available. In addition, 26,439 FAFSA applications have been received, \$3,944,772 in Pell grants have been provided to 3,676 students, \$500,283 Cal Grant to 802 students, \$273,333 in SEOG grants that have been awarded and began disbursement on 11/9/2012. A new automated voice menu that answers most basic financial aid questions is now available for students seeking information on the phone.

Admissions & Records

Communication of the “3 New Things for Spring” campaign has been an important aspect of preparing for the Spring 2013 registration that begins on November 26th. The three changes are the campus-wide implementation of the waitlist function, and a change in the amount of time students are given to pay their enrollment-related fees (from 3 days to same day), and implementation of the California Dream Act.



EOPS/CARE

The application period for spring 2013 closed on October 12 with 400+ new applications received. Prospective students will attend an orientation on November 14-15. Currently, there are 520 students actively participating and completing their program requirements this semester. A mini-conference for the 60 students in the CARE Program will be held on Friday, October 19th from 10 – 2 p.m. in the Campus Center for CARE students. The conference is designed to provide more access and encouragement to single-parent participants.

Library

As in the past two years, Librarians this fall semester are providing hands-on learning workshops to campus students. This style of collaborative learning offers the opportunity for students to spend a half-hour with a Librarian to gain specific knowledge and skills. All workshops are held in the Library (LIB 109) and offer a wide variety of learning experiences ranging from basic-skills topics—for example, locating a book to check-out—to advanced database research utilizing scholarly resources. The Library offers students access to over 80,000 books and multiple online databases that provide access to tens of thousands of magazine, newspaper and scholarly articles. Basic workshops help students to understand and use these powerful research tools. In the advanced workshops, students discover how to use resources like Google Scholar to search both the Internet and the SBVC databases while learning evaluating skills to determine the value of the results.

New for this semester are Topic Workshops which offer instruction on advanced database research and information on two new databases: Points of View Reference Center and English Language Learner Reference Center (ELL). Points of View is designed to assist researchers in understanding the full scope of controversial subjects by providing a guide to debate, developing arguments, writing position papers, and for development of critical thinking skills. Each essay includes a series of questions and additional material to generate further thought. Also included are thousands of supporting articles from the world's top political and societal publications. ELL is a multi-purpose information resource which is designed to help students succeed academically and in everyday life by providing assistance as they conduct research, build their background knowledge and develop study skills. ELL Reference Center provides users with an intuitive, easy-to-use interface, as well as reference materials with content that covers a wide range of subject areas including Science, Math, History, Civics, Life Skills and Literature. Students are very pleased with the workshops and have made comments when evaluating them such as, “Very helpful,” and “Wow, big help! This really made it easy to understand how to find information!”

Save the Date

Thursday, November 15, 2012 – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Veterans Day Celebration – Greek Theatre

This event is to honor veteran students who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and to promote how veterans can transition from military careers into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) careers. After the event, an informational session and lunch exclusively for SBVC and CSUSB students will be held in the Sunroom. Contact Natalie Minucci at 909.384.8655.

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Native American Storytelling Event – Library Viewing Room

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Friday, November 16, 2012 – Sunday, November 18 – Various Times

Men's Basketball Hosts the SBVC Alvin Hunter Classic

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Friday, November 16, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

The Little Star That Could – Planetarium

Planetarium doors open at 6:30 p.m. for SBVC's Chris Clarke to unlock the stories behind the stars. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. with no late seating available. Ticket prices and more info are available on the master calendar on the front page of the SBVC website. Contact Chris Clarke at 909.384.8539.

Friday, November 30, Friday, December 7, December 14, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Star – Planetarium

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Monday, December 10, 2012 – Saturday, December 15 - Various Times

Finals Week

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

Nurse Pinning Ceremony – Auditorium

Thursday, December 13, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

Psychiatric Technician Completion Ceremony – Auditorium