

President's Board Report

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SBVC and California Steel Industries Inc. Partner to Develop Mechanical Internship Program

Starting this summer, SBVC welding students will put their skills to the test as paid internships with a pathway to full-time employment as journey level maintenance mechanics with California Steel Industries, Inc. (CSI) of Fontana.

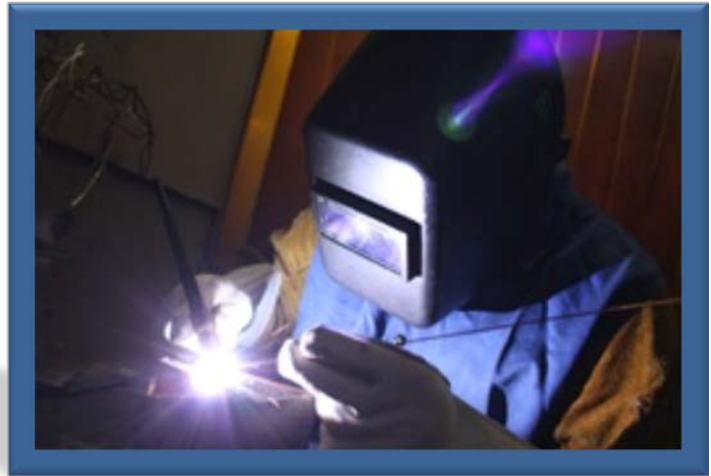
California Steel Industries, Inc. is the leading producer of flat rolled steel and API grade pipe steel products in Western North America with \$1.5 billion in revenue. As a premier Inland Empire employer with 930 employees, CSI is set to grow nearly 50% in the next 5 to 7 years.

Due to growth and retirements, CSI is expanding its internal development of Mechanical Maintenance craft employees who install, maintain, troubleshoot and repair technologically advanced manufacturing equipment.

"It is getting more difficult every year to find the highly skilled craft employees we need to keep our technologically-advanced mills running. For this reason, we developed an internal training program and partnered with SBVC through the Manufacturers' Council of the Inland Empire to produce mechanics with the expertise required to meet our need," said Rick Pettit, Human Resources Specialist in Technical Training & Recruiting at CSI. "While this program has been very successful, it has not been able to meet the demand due to growth and the increasing number of retirements. For that reason, California Steel decided to reach out to SBVC students in the hopes of finding interns with the aptitude and drive to forge a career as an Industrial Maintenance Mechanic."

On February 7th and 21st, CSI representatives conducted information meetings for dozens of interested students. Applicants were screened, tested and interviewed. Between 10 and 15 SBVC students will be selected for the internship program.

"Any student who has completed WELD 045, WELD 046, a consolidating welding course, or recently earned a D1.1 Structural Welding Certificate, will be a good candidate for the program," said SBVC Dean of Applied Technology, Transportation, and Culinary Arts, Achala Chatterjee. "This type of public-private partnership is exactly why community colleges continue to play such an important role in training the industry professionals of tomorrow."



During the summer of 2013, the selected interns will participate in additional coursework at SBVC in the area of mechanical craft from Monday through Wednesday for eight hours each day. On Thursdays and Fridays, the students will put their skills to work at CSI. Interns will be paid \$21.45/hour for the entire 40 hours per week—even the time spent in the classroom/lab. CSI employee benefits such as medical, dental, life insurance, 401(K), holiday pay and uniforms will also be available to all participants.

In first two weeks of August, CSI will administer a test and the interns who meet the pre-determined proficiency level in mechanical craft will continue to phase two of the internship in fall 2013 and beyond. In the fall, phase two-eligible interns will spend longer hours working at CSI and less time training each week at SBVC. Additional pay increases with successful job performance and development will be paid at the beginning of December 2013, June 2014, and, if necessary, December 2014. Upon successful completion of the Mechanical Internship program, employees will be promoted to regular full-time positions as Mechanical Technician 5 at a current starting rate of \$26.31/hour with a top rate of \$30.90/hour.

"I've heard several students talk about how they don't want to miss out on this opportunity, and that it could be life-changing," said SBVC adjunct welding instructor Eddie Sanker.

SBVC Alumnus Starring in *Licks*, Independent Film Debuting at Prestigious Festival in March

Emerging from an environment in his hometown of Richmond, California, that seemingly set him up for failure, Devon Libran not only excelled in the classroom and on the football field, he is now starring in *Licks*, one of only eight films selected to make a world premiere from the more than 1,191 submitted to the Narrative Feature competition at the exclusive South by Southwest (SXSW) Film Conference and Festival in Austin, Texas, beginning on March 9, 2013.



In the film, Libran plays the role of Ty, an outstanding baseball player who must choose between helping his best friend--a desperate man fresh out of jail--or pursuing a baseball career to escape the mean streets of inner city Oakland. The plot line follows a group of friends facing a crossroads: To do what is best and right for their lives, or to get the money they need by stealing it ("licks" is a regional slang term referring to robbery).

Libran's life bears some similarities to that of his character, Ty. He shared how he could have become a statistic—another male that did not succeed because his father wasn't around most of his life. However, Devon Libran chose a path that would lead him to study at San Bernardino Valley College and shine on the silver screen.

Devon lost his father to gun violence at age nine and instantly became a role model for his three younger siblings. His mother Dionne not only preached education to her children at an early age, she led by example when she earned her bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley. After a stint at Humboldt State University, Devon relocated to the Inland Empire to care for his ill grandmother and soon enrolled at SBVC.

Once on campus, former SBVC football head coach (and current assistant coach) Pat Meech asked Devon to try out for the Wolverine football team. Always loving a challenge and the ability to showcase his talents, Devon soon became the starting running back for SBVC and rushed for more than 1,000 yards in his brief career. He excelled in the classroom as well—earning his associate's degree and subsequently transferring to the University of La Verne where he earned a bachelor's degree in public administration.

Recognizing that he would need a career beyond the gridiron, Devon began thinking about acting as a career—something he had experienced as a child and studied at SBVC in the Theatre Arts department.

Devon accepted a new challenge to audition for the role in Licks in April of 2012, but credited former SBVC Theatre Arts Professor Ron Berglas for getting him into acting as well as helping him succeed on campus. Berglas got Devon help with auditions as well as a spot in a prestigious acting school.



"The teachings and advice from instructor Ron is what helped me land my first ever movie role," said the 24-year-old Libran. "The one semester of taking Radio, Television, and Film classes at SBVC with Professor James Rippetoe taught me at least one idea, piece of advice, or bit of knowledge that I use daily in my new acting world."

Devon also credits the discipline and similarities of the football field to the arena of acting.

"You got to be able to accept criticism as well as anger to go out and do what you do best," Libran said. "When the cameras roll, it is just like the kickoff to a football game—that means it is go time."

He also suggests everyone should own a Plan B. His current Plan B is to earn his master's degree in leadership and management. He is also a writer and is in the process of creating a comedy show entitled #take6. He hopes to land at least five more spots on a movie, television show, short film, or commercial before 2013 is complete.

Devon's advice to students and athletes here on campus is to do whatever makes them happy.

"I inspire to be somebody. I hope that whoever reads my story is inspired that no matter where we come from, if we truly do what we are good at and makes us happy, we can achieve it."

SBCCD Police Conduct Lockdown/Active Shooter Training for Students, Staff and Faculty

Organized by SBCCD Environmental Health & Safety and led by SBCCD Police Officer Krysten Newbury, thirty SBVC students, staff and faculty received invaluable survival tips on Wednesday, February 6, about how to react in the event of an active shooter incident on campus.

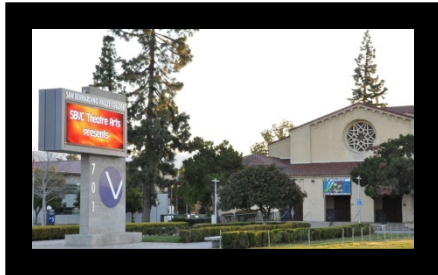
Nursing students, secretaries, professors, and deans in attendance heard about lessons learned by law enforcement from previous events and how to recognize potential warning signs.



Office Newbury described situations such as a barricaded suspect, an active shooter, and a hostage situation. After showing the Run, Hide, Fight video and training scenarios from other colleges that reinforced a survival mindset, Officer Newbury shared additional resources that are freely available via the SBCCD Police website.

All attendees were encouraged to update their personal contact information in WebAdvisor to ensure they receive emergency alert messages in case of an actual campus crisis. Additional training sessions are available by request by contacting SBCCD Police at 909.384.4491.

Comprehensive Campus Signage Project Guides Visitors to Campus Destinations



First launched in 2008 with architectural firm LPA, the ADA/Site Signage project has begun showing tangible outcomes in the shape of 42 new signs that will help campus visitors find their destination at SBVC for many years to come.



Although the project is highlighted by the dynamic electronic marquee on Mt. Vernon Avenue and the less-visible walk-up digital display between Student Health Services and the Campus Center, the project actually includes 42 illuminated signs ranging from corner monuments, vehicular directional signs, pedestrian way-finding guides, and multiple bulletin board/campus map kiosks.



"For too many years, staff and faculty have shared the challenge of visitors driving right by the campus on Mt. Vernon Avenue and not even know they passed our campus," said Craig Petinak, Director of Marketing & Public Relations. "No longer will we have to tell people to turn by the Pizza Hut to access SBVC."



The logical concept behind the signage was built on providing information at various stages of approaching the campus. To begin with, the marquees and corner monument signs (5 in total) alert drivers to the existence of the campus along public streets. Secondly, vehicular directional signs (6 in total) at every driveway inform visitors which buildings are accessible from that entrance. Once a driver selects their way in to the campus, they are guided by parking lot signs (19 in all) advising them where to park. After a visitor parks their car, they can make their way to their final destination via pedestrian way-finding signs (x 3) and the bulletin board/campus directory kiosks that are still being fitted with the latest maps (7).

The new signage portion represents \$1.17 million of the ongoing \$4.33 million Signage/ADA Project Budget funded for by Measure M funds approved by San Bernardino County voters in 2008.

Community Gathers to 'Remember the Dream' at Black History Month Breakfast



As the culmination of SBVC's Black History Month activities, the Black Faculty and Staff Association hosted a breakfast ceremony on Friday, February 22, to honor professors, staff, and community members who continue the fight to keep Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream alive.



More than 100 attended the festivities—including Dr. Gary Thomas (San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools), Dr. Albert Karnig (CSUSB President Emeritus), and members from the SBCCD Board of Trustees. Each table included a flowery centerpiece along with individually-framed photos of various influential African-American individuals from the past and present.

The honorees included: SBVC Cultural Studies Professor Ed Gomez, entrepreneur Ratibu Jacocks and BLU Educational Foundation President/CEO Ms. Dina Walker, Brian Mullgrav, John Futch, and SBVC Dean of Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. James Smith.

Several poetic performances highlighted the morning's entertainment—including SBVC student Vicki Lee's interpretation of Maya Angelou's *Still I Rise*. Her enthusiasm earned a boisterous, well-deserved applause. Later in the morning, SBVC's BSU President Derek Rogers also stirred the same emotion in the crowd by reciting his own spoken-word poem, *Truth*.

Keynote speaker and Senior Pastor at Temple Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Dr. Raymond Turner, warned the attendees not to rest—asserting that Dr. King's dream is far from realized. With the room's full attention he proclaimed, "We have progressed, but there is still much to be done."



New Mental Health Resources Now Available

The increased focus on student success in California's community colleges has led to many recent statewide initiatives that focus on additional tutoring, advising, and open access to academic support resources. For many community college students, their individual academic success is inextricably connected to their overall mental health. From post-traumatic stress syndrome and depression to any number of self-efficacy-related issues, the challenges printed on a professor's syllabus may represent the least daunting roadblocks every semester.

SBVC recently received \$250,000 in grant funding from the California Mental Health Services Authority and is offering a fresh series of free mental health resources to help students succeed in the classroom and beyond.

"Before we can build strengths, emphasize individual capabilities, or talk about student success, we have to address the crises that may be affecting students on a very personal level," said SBVC Mental Health Educator, Kindra Edmonson, M.S., M.F.T. "My primary goal is to respond to students' immediate mental health concerns so that they will have the opportunity to benefit from the full range of programs and services on campus—and therefore propel themselves to reaching their goals in education and in life."

Edmonson, also a professor of psychology at California State University, San Bernardino, has been involved in mental health activities with SBVC's Student Health Services program for nearly three years and has observed the need for attention in this area.

"Every one of these opportunities has been created to meet an unmet need of the campus," Edmonson shared.

Starting in early February, the following workshops, drop-in sessions, and one-on-one appointments became available free of charge to all SBVC students:

- Suicide Support Group – For individuals coping with the loss of a friend or loved one from suicide, this group is a safe place to explore how to deal with the emotional impact. This group meets during the spring semester on Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Mental Health First Aid – This one-hour open forum is a place to discuss and learn how to respond to friends, family members, and colleagues who may be on the verge or in the midst of crisis; information on 'when to ask for help' and 'when to suggest referral resources' will be available. This group meets during the spring semester, every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Veterans Consultations – Veterans seeking an informal opportunity to ask questions of a mental health professional without the stigma of making an appointment can talk with Kindra Edmonson during her drop-in hours each Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Veterans Resource Center (located in the Campus Center).
- Strengths-Based Leadership Workshop – This training workshop is aimed at developing student leaders by helping them identify and exert their individual leadership strengths. Workshops will be held on Wednesday, February 20 and Friday, February 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to these new resources, SBVC also continues offering online, interactive training simulations to help identify at-risk students and behavior via the SBVC website.

Quick Updates from Instruction and Student Services

Valley-Bound Commitment

Recruitment has begun with local high school counselors and principals for the 2013-2014 class of the Valley-Bound Commitment. Applicants interested in a free first year of college at SBVC can learn more at www.valleycollege.edu/vbc.

Financial Aid

On Tuesday February 19, 2013 we held a workshop on the California Dream Act for AB540. Beginning in Fall 2013 the paper BOG application will no longer be available in the schedule or in the office.

Occupational Advancement (CalWORKs & WorkAbility III)

San Bernardino County TAD Department provided free tax preparation services to students and SBVC employees on 2/6/13 and 2/20/13

Transfer and Career Services

The UCLA Representative confirmed attendance for transfer recruitment in the Transfer and Career Services on March 7. The Annual Spring Transfer /College Fair will take place on April 10. The Transfer Center Coordinator certified Honors Students that applied for UCLA and UCI. The Transfer and Career Services will be sponsoring and co-sponsoring a field trip to UC San Diego and another 2-day field trip to UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz.

Art Gallery

The current exhibition in the Gresham Art Gallery is Rock Paper Scissors featuring the work of Karin Skiba. The exhibition runs through March 15 and features mixed media pieces.

Ms. Skiba has exhibited her work professionally in California, Oregon, Michigan, Illinois and in Canada.



Theatre Arts



The Theatre Arts Department is in final rehearsals for the spring production, "Noises Off." The show runs March 7th -10th with evening performances at 7:00 PM on Thursday – Saturday and a Sunday Matinee at 2:00. All performances will be in the historic auditorium on the SBVC campus. Tickets are available at the SBVC bookstore and at the box office approximately 20 minutes before show time. Please note: This show is not intended for children.

Science - STEM Conference

Faculty from a variety of science disciplines are attending a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) conference, sponsored by the State Academic Senate, February 22nd and 23rd. Participants will discuss what community colleges must do to increase success in STEM courses; how course work, including labs, can be taught effectively online; and how to engage student interest in STEM programs. We will also discuss the STEM Transfer Model curricula (TMC), grants, STEM retention, bridge programs, Supplemental Instruction, and classroom pedagogy. The faculty attending this conference will report to the science and math faculty on key ideas during the afternoon of the April 9th Flex day.

Nursing Accreditation

The Nursing Program is making the final preparations for the visit from the site team of the NLNAC (National League of Nursing Accreditation) who will be on the SBVC campus from March 5th-7th.

Child Development

The SBVC Child Development (CD) Department has completed alignment with the California Community College Early Childhood Education/Child Development (ECE/CD) Curriculum Alignment Project (CAP) as of January 16th, 2013. Several years ago, CSU and community college faculty started the CAP project in order to align eight core child development/ECE courses. These courses prepare students to teach in early childhood settings and transfer to 4-year universities. Course titles, descriptions, objectives, SLOs and content align with courses across the State. Almost all community college CD/ECE departments in the State of California have agreed to align through this project. Our CD Department chose to wait for C-ID to be completed before aligning so we could align with CAP and C-ID at one time as they have slightly different requirements. These eight courses are also the courses in our ECE AS-T TMC Degree which was also approved by the Curriculum Committee last fall. This alignment work has taken the CD Department over 3 years of hard work and collaboration with CD faculty, CD Advisory Committee, and the Curriculum Committee as well as many hours of writing curriculum and submitting documents to CAP. This CAP alignment makes it easier for our students to articulate and transfer CD courses to other community colleges and 4-year universities across the state.

Former PGA Pro to Appear at SBVC's Golf Tournament



SBVC will host the 3rd annual Athletics Golf Tournament on Friday, April 19th, 2013. This year's event will be held at the Arrowhead Country Club in North San Bernardino. There are many opportunities to donate whether you are a golfer or not. Contact the SBVC Foundation at 909-384-4471 for registration information or to contribute to this event.

This year we welcome Dave Stockton to this wonderful event. Dave Stockton, PGA player and two-time major champion (1970 and 1976), will conduct a one-hour clinic for all registered golfers. Stockton has played on the Champions Tour since 1991, winning 14 times, including

three majors--The Players Championship in 1992 and 1994 and the U.S. Senior Open in 1996. In 2009, Stockton joined his two sons working in professional golf instruction, focusing primarily on putting and short game. Notable clients past and present include Phil Mickelson, Adam Scott, Rory McIlroy, Justin Rose and Matt Kuchar.

Save the Date

Friday, March 15, 2013: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Women in Mathematics & Science - SBVC Auditorium

This annual event will focus on the achievements and contributions of women in Mathematics and Science. Students, faculty, and staff will be introduced to very successful individuals who have applied both disciplines to their chosen profession. Contact Natalie Minucci at 909.384.8655

Fridays, March 15th, March 29th, and April 12th, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

Planetarium Shows - 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 information are available on the master calendar on the front page of the SBVC website. For more information, contact Chris Clarke at 909.384.8539.

Friday, April 19, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

Annual SBVC Athletics Golf Tournament - Arrowhead Country Club, San Bernardino CA

This year's event will feature former PGA player and 2-time major champion Dave Stockton at the Arrowhead Country Club in San Bernardino. More information is available at www.sbvcfoundation.org or contact the SBVC Foundation office at 909.384.4471

Friday, April 26, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.

178h Annual Spotighting Our Success Faculty/Staff Awards and Retiree Celebration - Campus Center

Awards will be presented to the top faculty and staff members of the 2012-2013 SBVC family as voted on by their colleagues. 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-Saturday, May 3 - 4, 2013 - various times

2nd Annual SBVC Student Film Festival – Location TBA

SBVC's Radio/TV/Film program will host this festival to celebrate local filmmakers. More information is available at www.valleycollege.edu/filmfestival

Friday, May 24, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

SBVC's 86th Annual Commencement - SBVC Football Field

Beating the heat and the holiday traffic, this year's commencement is shaping up to be a big one as early word from the Admissions/Records Office is that a large number of students have already petitioned to graduate.

Saturday/Sunday, April 6 & 7, 2013 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Free Electronic Waste Recycling Event – SBVC Campus

Brought to you by Alpha Gamma Sigma, Delta Chapter, Cal Micro Recycling will donate proceeds to Alpha Gama Sigma Delta Chapter for every pound of Electronic waste that gets recycled.