



President's Board Report

June 13, 2013

Highlights from SBVC's 86th Annual Commencement



Thousands of guests' watched 550 SBVC students transform into college graduates at SBVC's 86th annual Commencement on Friday, May 24, 2013. In addition, many more watched the live webcast online and in high definition on KVCR. The class of 2013 represented the second-largest class of graduates (1,238 in total) in the last 20 years.

Classified Staff Appreciation Week



After a week full of activities focused on SBVC's classified staff, the finale of Classified Staff Week at SBVC featured the traditional softball game and barbecue held on Friday, May 17. On the diamond, the blue team coached by Mary Valdemar came away victorious by the score of 10-2. Managers from across the campus and the District served lunch to all classified staff immediately after the game.

Scholarship Awards Night Presents Nearly \$100,000 to 158 Students

The SBVC Foundation and Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$100,000 to 158 students at the annual Scholarship Awards Night on Wednesday, May 15th in the SBVC Auditorium. Nine campus organizations awarded scholarships—including MEChA, ASG, BFSA, and LFSAA. Honors and Alpha Gamma Sigma students were also recognized. Jesse Venegas, a former Valley-Bound Commitment student and scholarship recipient, now studying at CSUSB, shared his success story at the event.



Fall Schedule Released

Juxtaposing the traditional visual imagery of the SBVC auditorium clock tower with the newest architectural addition to the campus (a giant 6-foot tall v-ball), SBVC student Alfred Goer captured the cover shot for the fall 2013 class schedule cover. Uploaded to the website in mid-May, the printed version arrived in late May at SBVC.



SBVC Film Festival Showcases Young Filmmakers of Inland Empire

The 2nd Annual San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Student Film Showcase was held on May 3-4 and featured a variety of Hollywood-based guest speakers and the awarding of the best student film projects from throughout the Inland Empire.

A total of 38 submissions vied for more than \$6000 in awards and prizes—including high-end editing software and scholarship funds. Submissions in the form of short films, soft news stories, public service announcements, and other forms of creative expression on film were received from students at: SBVC, University of La Verne, CSU Fullerton, CSU San Bernardino, Redlands High School, Jurupa Hills High School, and Sky Mountain Charter School.



Beyond the screenings and hands-on workshops throughout the two-day conference, guest speakers included Rusty Mahmood (first assistant director for NBC's *The Office*), Joe D'Agosta (veteran casting agent), Phil Arcara (actors' agent) and Lindsay Wagner (star of 1970s television series, *The Bionic Woman*, and dozens of feature and made-for-TV-films).

The top award winners include San Bernardino Valley College's Jerit Smith who took home awards for Best Community College Producer, Best Audio, and Best Special Effects. Another SBVC student, Ja'nea McIntosh, took home a \$2,000 scholarship to the CSU San Bernardino Digital Cinema Workshop for her cinematography work on the comedy short film, *The Race*. (See the full list of winners below)

The event was produced by the Inland Empire Media Academy and the Radio/TV/Film Department at San Bernardino Valley College. Sponsors included: Movie Magic, CSU San Bernardino, BOLD Educational Software, Reginald Watson, and the SBVC President's Office.

2013 SBVC Film Festival Award Recipients:

- Best Audio - Jerit Smith, San Bernardino Valley College
- Best Lighting - Mistre Murillo, San Bernardino Valley College
- Best Original Screenplay - Stephen Cardenas, Redlands HS
- Best Special Effects - Jerit Smith, San Bernardino Valley College
- Originality/Creativity - Blake Derksen, Redlands HS
- Best Editing, Film - Romulo Mena, CSU San Bernardino
- Best Editing, News or PSA - Tanya Velazquez, University of La Verne
- Best Producer/High School - Blake Derksen, Redlands HS
- Best Producer/Comm College - Jerit Smith, San Bernardino Valley College
- Best Producer/University - Carlos Flores, CSU Fullerton
- Festival Producer's Choice - Alan Sanchez, San Bernardino Valley College
- Best Cinematography/High School - Jesse Haendiges, Redlands HS
- Best Cinematography/Comm College - Ja'nea McIntosh, San Bernardino Valley College
- Best Cinematography/University - Romulo Mena, CSU San Bernardino

Shanice Stewart Repeats as State Champion

At the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Track and Field State Championships held in San Mateo in mid-May, SBVC's Shanice Stewart repeated as the champion in the women's long jump with a winning leap of 5.86 meters. Due to an injury suffered in practice earlier in the week, she was unable to fully compete in the high jump or the heptathlon. For the SBVC men, Joseph Aguilar placed 12th in the 1500-meter run.



Associated Student Government Makes \$72,500 Commitment to SBVC Athletics



On May 20, 2013, SBVC's Associated Student Government was presented with a plaque in sincere appreciation for their \$72,500 commitment to SBVC students who participate in intercollegiate athletics.

On hand to present the award from the SBVC Athletics Department was Director of Athletics David Rubio, head Football coach Kevin Emerson, head Women's Soccer coach Kristin Hauge, and Adaptive Physical Education instructor John Banola. The money will go directly into replacing old uniforms, replenishing much-needed supplies, and updating equipment.

"The SBVC Athletics Department is very pleased that ASG has recognized the value of Athletics. Recent budget cuts have trimmed our expenses and this contribution will go a long way to addressing some critical needs in the upcoming fiscal year." Rubio continued, "This contribution will stimulate community and campus pride in their Athletics program and we look forward to strengthening a relationship with ASG."

As a result of this sizable contribution, any SBVC student that purchases an ASG card for the 2013-2014 school year will be allowed into any regular season, on campus sporting event for free.

Welding Students Pass L.A. City Welding Program

In mid-May, 12 SBVC students took the certifying test for the D1.1 Welding Certificate administered by inspectors from the City of Los Angeles Building Department. Ten of the students passed the test (commonly called the L.A. City Welding exam) and are now qualified to work as structural steel welders in most parts of southern California.

SBVC Celebrates Humanities Day on May 14th

Humanities Day traditionally marks the release of the *Phineas*, the college literary magazine. This year's 1st place winner in Poetry, James Riser, read his winning poem, *Hold Your Breath*. The day included a performance by the Performing Arts Club Improv Troupe and included musical performances and authentic Aztec and Folklorico dance performances. In the week leading up to Humanities Day, several year-end concerts and recitals featuring voice, piano, guitar, opera and ensemble performances were held. Other activities included: Viewing the award-winning films from the SBVC Film Festival, chalk drawing, and interaction with all the departments within the Arts and Humanities Division. *The Arrowhead News* provided pizza to the first 100 people who "Liked" them on Facebook and SBVC's own strolling minstrel, Caleab Losee, (Reading) entertained as well!



Science Students Participate in Conference & Summer Research Projects

Five students doing honors research projects in science participated in the Honors Transfer Council Conference (HTCC) at the University of California, Irvine. One student, Nuria Astrid Perez Varela, actually did two honors projects this year (biology and chemistry). She won second place for her poster on the biology honors project, *Where Do You Prefer to Live: A Comparison of Two Arthropod Micro Communities of the San Bernardino National Forest*.

Here is list of additional science students and their presentations:

- Nuria Astrid Perez Varela: *Exposing the Principles of Chemical Equilibrium: Shifting a Potassium Tris(oxalato)ferrate(III) Solution*
- Zachery Robinson: *A Renewable Future: The Synthesis and Thermodynamics of Biodiesel*
- Nam Thi: *Isolation of Cholesterol from Butter*
- Shunhua Lin: *Determination the pKa of Red Cabbage Juice*



(Nuria Astrid Perez Varela presents her chemistry poster at the college's honors presentation.)

Ms. Nuria Perez Varela has also been selected to participate in a summer research opportunity at San Francisco State University, through the BREED Program (Biological Research in Ecology and Evolutionary Development), where she will study the mitochondrial DNA of Latin Women to identify genes related to cancer and to investigate the gene's relationship to the immune system. Three other students, Alberto Corona, Mandy Neiderhiser, and Nestor Alegria, were selected for a paid research experience this summer at UC Riverside supported by one of the SBVC STEM grants, the MSEIP grant.

Communication Studies Hosts Inaugural Debate Tournament

The first-ever SBVC Debate Tournament was held on May 2nd. Communication Studies Professor Susan Mattson organized this campus tournament with participants from the Communication Studies 125 course. The finalists (Jorge De LaCerde, Bethany Faz, Sergio Muro and Bibiana Maldonado) debated on the topic, "Should hate speech be protected by the first amendment?" The winners were Jorge De LaCerde and Bethany Faz.



Science Division Hosts Eighth Graders for Science and Technology Day



On May 3, 200 eighth grade students from Richardson Prep Hi Middle School came to the campus for a day of presentations and hands-on workshops. Following a panel of Valley-Bound Commitment students motivating the visitors, Mr. Garner Holt, founder and CEO of Garner Holt Industries provided an engaging presentation on his career from SBVC to animatronics. The students then participated in an hour-long workshop and two 30-minute seminars. Some of the workshops included *The Chemistry of Lip Balm*, *Stop the Hacker: How do I Create a Secure Password*, *The Science of Glass Blowing*, *Middle School Outbreak* (tracking the spread of a "virus"), and *Fuel Cell Technology in Minibots*. On the evaluation surveys, 172 students agreed that this event increased their interest in Science, Math, or Technology.

Updates from Student Services

EOP&S/CARE

We celebrated our EOP&S/CARE graduates on May 3, 2013 in which we honored 52 students with a sash, glass paperweight and a medallion.

VALLEY- BOUND COMMITMENT

The Valley-Bound Commitment held a small celebration on May 15, 2013, in which students were recognized for completing their first year—including 4700 hours of community service. We honored 34 graduates transferring to campuses such as UC Irvine, UCLA, Berkeley, Cal Poly Pomona, CSUSB, Chico State and Fullerton.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Elaine attended and presented at the statewide Campus Based Mental Health Grantee meeting in Sacramento on April 24 and 25, 2013. The presentation on "Building Strengths and Culture of Caring" was well received and we are now getting requests to include the video clips used in the presentation on a statewide level.

Andee Alsip and Kindra Edmonson provided a "Spotlight on Success Blue Carpet" event to students outside the Physical Sciences Building on May 15. We were able to celebrate successes with 15 to 20 students and generate some positive energy on campus (*pictured at right*).

SBVC Student Health Services hosted an all-day regional strategizing forum called "Building Strengths and A Culture of Caring" at California State University on May 16, 2013. The event was attended by 38 people from the community including educators and counselors from seven colleges in the area, students from CSUSB and SBVC, Mental Health community partners from six organizations, and representatives from San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health. The feedback received was that, this was a valuable opportunity for collaboration and there were a number of excellent ideas generated for caring for our student populations more effectively. This event was sponsored and required by the Campus Based Grant that was awarded to Student Health Services earlier this year. Kathleen Rowley, Kindra Edmonson (presenter of strengths based approach), Elaine Akers, and Jay Hoffman, keynote speaker collaborated in the planning of this event. We look forward to being able to host a similar event on campus next year when we have our own event center.

OUTREACH & RECRUITMENT

The Outreach & Recruitment Department held three major functions in May. On Friday, May 3rd, the Outreach Department hosted a High School Senior Visitation Day with students participating from San Bernardino, Colton and Rialto Unified School District's for a total of 750 students and staff to learn about programs and services at SBVC. An Educational Summit was held on Saturday, May 18th with a total number of 450 students, staff and community members participating.



PUENTE PROGRAM

April 26, 2013 – At 6 a.m., the Puente Class took a bus to UCLA'S STOMP Conference (Student Transfer Opportunity Mentorship Program). This was an eye-opening experience for many of our students who were visiting UCLA for the first time. The day consisted of meeting and speaking with representatives from all of the UC campuses; listening to Dr. Karina Oliva (an East LA College Alumnus) who teaches Central American & Chicano/Latino literature, attending workshops, campus tours, etc.

May 8, 2013 - The End-of-the-Year Celebration for PUENTE'S Class of 2012-13 was held at the University of California, Riverside. The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Jim Sandoval, welcomed SBVC's Puente students, their families, and Puente Mentors who were assigned to each student. Representing the SBVC administration was Dean of Counseling & Matriculation, Marco Cota who also welcomed those in attendance in both English and Spanish. The program consisted of student musical talent, and selected student-written essays were read.

TRANSFER & CAREER SERVICES

On April 19 and 20, Transfer Services provided a two day campus visit for transfer students to UC Santa Cruz and UC Berkeley. At UC Berkeley, the students participated in Cal Days which was the open house to the campus. They were able to visit the departments/clubs, tour dorms, and sample all aspects of campus life.

On May 10, the Transfer Celebration was held students were awarded a certificate and an academic medallion. In the fall, SBVC students will be transferring to the following universities:

CSU San Bernardino

CSU Chico

CSU Fullerton

CSU Los Angeles

CSU Pomona

UC Riverside

UC Berkeley

UC Irvine

UC San Diego

UCLA

Howard University

Prairie View A & M

La Sierra University

Creighton University

Minot State University

Cal Baptist University

University of Idaho

Idaho State University

East Central University

Loma Linda University

UNLV

Kansas Wesleyan University

TUMAINI PROGRAM

Tumaini students had an opportunity to attend a Broadway play called "FELA". For many students it was their first time attending such an event.

Students celebrated the end of their first year in the Tumaini Program on May 7. Board of Trustee members John Longville and Joseph Williams spoke to the students and they both gave the students a motivational message.

FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION

The Foster & Kinship Care Education Program held its annual team conference on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at the Hilton San Bernardino. The conference was attended by 130 foster parents, relative caregivers, San Bernardino County social workers, group home staff, former foster youth, and community partners. This year's conference, "Working Together for Children", hosted workshops on Attachment Parenting, Addressing Mental Health Issues for Transitioning Youth, Promoting Success in Education/Special Education, Developing Life Skills for Non-Minor Dependents, and Updates on Extended Foster Care (AB12). The keynote speaker was Margaret Evanow, an Investigating Social Worker with the Children's Advocacy Group, Inc. for San Bernardino County.

New Alumni Profile – Daniel & Darrell Peeden

Since graduating from Rialto High School in 2000, the first 13 years of the 21st century for twin brothers Daniel and Darrell Peeden do not bear any resemblance to the 1,238 students that graduated from San Bernardino Valley College on May 24, 2013.

Constantly conflicted between pursuing the dual dreams of athletic prominence and entrepreneurial efforts, Darrell's and Daniel's "all-in" mentality to a variety of personal and professional enterprises is only surpassed by their commitment to sticking together through it all.

Born and raised in the Inland Empire, Darrell and Daniel graduated from Rialto High School in 2000 with hopes of becoming professional athletes, but ended up taking a circuitous route that has led them to becoming the first in their family to graduate from college.

Since high school, they have spent time pursuing interests in San Diego, Florida, and here in the Inland Empire. Throughout all those ventures, their education was always part of the equation—and they faced it all together—including the associate degrees in business administration they have earned as part of the SBVC Class of 2013.



"Part of their success is that they have formed a partnership and have teamed up to work together," said SBVC economics professor Dr. Walt Chatfield. "They are excellent students and they look so much alike that I joked with them that they could probably look at each other and shave in the morning."

Entrepreneurial Roots Take Hold Early

"We have always been involved in some kind of business. We would start a project, then get back into football, then jump into another business and back and forth," Darrell said. "Even though we went all over the country and changed our minds a lot, we always go 100% into something together until something changes."

When they were young, the entrepreneurial roots took hold early as they recalled earning extra money by mowing lawns, selling candy door to door, and even setting up a lemonade stand on the corner of Merrill and Acacia Avenues in Rialto.

"Our grandfather always worked for himself and so did my dad, so we always knew we were going to be entrepreneurs," Daniel said.

Together, they started a chips and salsa company that contracted with more than 100 customers throughout southern California, started on defense for SBVC's conference championship winning 2010 football team, helped run political campaigns in the City of Rialto, ran sprints and relays for SBVC's track and field team in 2011, and earned 3.7+ grade point averages as student-athletes along the way.

As they approached their 30s, the brothers recognized that time was starting to catch up with their dream of becoming professional athletes and they redoubled their efforts to focus exclusively on college.

"It was then we decided and realized that our education was the most important thing that we were doing and it needed to be 100%," Darrell said.

Idea for New App Fetches Award At Startup Competition

As soon-to-be-serial-entrepreneurs, Daniel and Darrell look at the problems in their world and are constantly seeking solutions. One of their most recent entrepreneurial endeavors earned them a first place finish in the inaugural Riverside Startup Weekend in May 2013—a three-day high-tech startup event that attracted 60 participants and the attention of venture capitalist firm Inland Empire Tech Coast Angels.

Their idea is wrapped around a smartphone app called Fetchit that sprang out of an unlikely problem Darrell faced while working in an office place—how to make a Starbucks run without creating jealous co-workers upon your return. The app (which is under development) can send notices to co-workers to alert them when you are at a place like Starbucks. Within 45-60 seconds, co-workers have a chance to respond with their custom latte order. To make sure the coffee courier doesn't get stiffed for the coffee cost upon return to the office, electronic payment is made immediately upon placement of the order—along with an option to gratefully leave a tip for the person delivering drinks.

"I used to hurry up and finish my Starbucks before returning to the office so that I wouldn't walk in with it and hear people complain about how they would have wanted something if they only knew I had been there," Darrell shared. "When I was picking up coffee for somebody else, I got tired of not always getting paid back for picking up something for them, so we decided to add the payment and tip option."

Based on the convergence of numerous trends (the mobile wave, the so-called "sharing economy", apps featuring location-based technology), Daniel and Darrell believe that their idea will become a hot commodity for end users and even large-scale technology companies looking to advance their own feature sets.

"We had tried to pitch our ideas to some of these people before and never got a call back," Daniel said. "But, now, they are very excited about us and we are scheduling meetings with investors, startup accelerators, patent attorneys, developers, and are planning to pitch it formally during the summer of 2013."

Extending the Legacy of Education

In the fall of 2013, Daniel and Darrell will juggle the demands of Fetchit with their excitement about transferring to UC Riverside. While continuing their studies in economics, they are both interested in pursuing a doctorate degree and potentially becoming professors where they can pass along all they have learned about the critical importance of education.

"I couldn't fathom living the rest of my life in poverty. I was tired of being in poverty and we both know that education is proven as a certain path out of poverty." Darrell shared. "I know I've become smarter while I've been here at SBVC and my mind is growing and becoming more intelligent. It wasn't until we got serious about our education that we realized how little we knew before."

While at SBVC, Daniel and Darrell were shaped by the passion exhibited by economics professors Dr. James Dulgeroff and Dr. Walt Chatfield.

"Most professors at SBVC teach you in a way to open your mind---to start creating that student aspect of teaching and learning," Daniel shared. "You're going to take pieces of everything and find out for yourself—to learn more and form your own opinions."

No matter the next stop on their entrepreneurial journey, Daniel and Darrell will always reserve a special appreciation for the impact that Community College had on their lives.

"SBVC gives the opportunity to anybody to get ahead and do what they want to do if they want to work hard. Without a community college like SBVC, a lot of people wouldn't have opportunities and they couldn't continue moving on with their future," Darrell said. "I want to help people never forget about that."