

PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

FEBRUARY 6, 2014



Arts and Humanities Updates

Art

Approximately 200 people attended the art exhibition *From Roots to Riches* by Andree Mendenhall Mahoney on Tuesday, January 21st, at the Gresham Art Gallery. Ms. Mahoney is a Chaffey College Professor of Art Emerita.

Her exhibition includes sculpture, painting, and poetry and is on display until February 7th.

Theatre



The theatre department is currently holding auditions for *The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later*. On November 6, 1998, gay University of Wyoming student, Mathew Shepard, left the Fireside Bar with Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson. The following day, he was discovered on a prairie at the edge of town, tied to a fence, brutally beaten, and close to death. Six days later, Mathew Shepard died. In 1998, 10 members of

Tectonic Theatre Project traveled to Laramie, Wyoming and conducted interviews with the people of the town. These texts became the basis for the play, *The Laramie Project*. Ten years later, in 2008, five members of Tectonic returned to Laramie to try to understand the long-term effect of the murder. *The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later* is a bold new work, which asks the question, "How does society write its own history?" The production will take place in the MAC (NH 164) on May 1-4, 2014. Tickets will be on sale through the Campus Bookstore soon.



(Artist Andree Mendenhall Mahoney)



RTVF

RTVF is planning a fundraiser to send one of our students to the planned *Advanced Actors Workshop* this summer as part of the Inland Empire Media Academy. An Evening with Lindsay Wagner will take place in Liberal Arts 100 at SBVC on Friday, April 25th at 7:00 PM. It will feature a special screening of the critically acclaimed film *A Message from Holly* and a Q&A with Ms. Wagner after the screening.

Tickets will be available for \$20.00 in advance, through the SBVC bookstore or \$30.00 at the door.



Student Services Updates

Associated Student Government

The Associated Student Government has funded five new Brita Water Fountains now being installed in the Campus Center, Liberal Arts, North Hall, Physical Science, and the Library.

The ASG Board has been very generous this year in providing assistance to departments to help meet the needs of students with limited resources. Currently they are developing a Student Resource Center in their suite of offices to loan books to students. The plan is to expand such a program to provide a clothes closet and meals to hungry students.

ASB Board Members and the Justices participated in a leadership training and conference held January 24-26, 2014 at the Civic Center in Riverside and the Kellogg West Conference Center on the Cal Poly Pomona Campus in Pomona.

Foster & Kinship Care Education (FKCE)

The Foster & Kinship Care Education (FKCE) program will begin new classes starting January 13, 2014 and will be offering a few classes for working with medically fragile children. This is in response to requests from caregivers for more resources to manage this very special population.

FKCE gave a presentation at a community partnership meeting, to encourage more youth referrals to SBVC programs and advocate for vocational and college educations.

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

The YESS/ILP Life Skill classes will begin on Wednesday, January 16, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. These 14-week classes include *Daily Living Skills*. The Education module includes a campus tour of SBVC, a session on educational choices and opportunities, and how to apply for grants and scholarships. The Employment module covers how to investigate employment opportunities. Mock interviews are held to assist the youth in preparing for future jobs. The last module, *Financial Literacy*, teaches how to develop a budget, calculate housing and car costs, file taxes, pay bills, open a bank account, and maintain a checkbook.

Veterans Resource Center

The Director of Student Life will be giving a presentation Sunday, January 19th, at the American Legion Post #14 in San Bernardino, describing the resources the center provides for veterans and their families.

Student Health Services

Brian Wetzel provided a program called *What's so funny about mental health?* at SBVC on January 28th in the Business Building Conference Center. This program helps decrease stigma about mental health issues as well as informing us about ways to support those who are struggling in an entertaining, stand-up comedy style.



Best Practices in Campus Threat Assessment training on January 9th was well attended. This training helped start the dialogue about ways our campus can identify individuals of concern early and be helpful to those individuals, while assuring the campus community's safety.

Stress Solutions Oasis re-started back on January 30th in the Event Center, BUS100. This program helps faculty and staff reduce their stress in a soothing environment and learn how to be more consciously mindful of the present.

DSPS

DSPS has an estimated 734 students enrolled in courses. The High Tech Center had 268 students utilize the lab in the first four days of the semester, and our sign language interpreters are interpreting an estimated 303 hours per week. Student Development 900, 905, and 906 are full. Students are requesting their accommodations and setting up services to be successful in the new semester.

Library

SBVC students and staff will have an opportunity during the week before Valentine's Day, Monday, February 10th, through Thursday, February 13th, to "Tell Us Why You Love the Library." Large poster-sized hearts will be on display at the front of the Library, on which people can place comments. We will share the comments in future updates.

Admissions & Records

The majority of early Spring term traffic consists of payments, residency issues, enrollment verification, holds, and pre-requisites clearances. We have been able to maintain a steady flow of traffic to minimize lines. Since our last update on 12/16/13, A&R has processed 2,196 applications for the spring 2014 term. Beginning February 1st A&R will open summer 2014 applications. We are currently seeking to fill one substitute position for a staff member on maternity leave.

Assessment

In December Arleen Delgado met with the San Bernardino High schools to schedule offsite testing. She also scheduled Colton and Rialto High schools for offsite testing. The assessment center scheduled two evening testing sessions to accommodate working students in January.

Counseling

The Counseling Department's SARS statistics from November 1, 2013 through January 14, 2014 show that 4,740 students have been counseled in preparation for the spring semester. Students from special populations, such as international students, athletes, veterans, and PUENTE Project, among others, have been afforded counseling and other services in

order to meet the requirements of their programs. Instructional faculty-requested workshops place special emphases on the following: basic skills completion, mandates of the Students Success Act, success strategies, initial and comprehensive education plans, and counseling services available to students. Beyond the academic advising for spring registration, the Counseling Department continues to provide quality and responsive developmental and comprehensive counseling services necessary for students to complete their academic goals successfully.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid office has received 29,214 FAFSA applications for the 2013-2014 academic year as of January 10th. Comparatively, we received 30,790 FAFSA applications in 2012-2013 and 27,838 FAFSA applications in 2011-2012. The Financial Aid office has disbursed \$12,155,196 in Pell grant funds this academic year. All SBVC students are reminded to complete either the 2013-2014 FAFSA application (citizen and eligible non-citizen students) or the 2013-2014 California Dream Act application (AB540 students) to automatically be considered for 2013-2014 BOG fee waivers. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has awarded 2,340 Cal Grant awards to SBVC students (as of January 10), 57 of which are for eligible AB540 students (equal to \$79,058). CSAC will continue awarding students throughout the year. As of December 13th, we disbursed 1,036 Cal Grant checks for a grand total of \$624,593. Comparatively, we disbursed 1,134 Cal Grant checks (\$1,180,584) for 2012-2013.

The Financial Aid office will continue disbursing Pell Grant and Cal Grant checks bi-weekly. The U.S. Department of Education has released the 2014-2015 FAFSA. Applicants are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.

Occupational Advancement Department (CalWORKs & WorkAbility III)

The SBVC CalWORKs Program was awarded \$100,000 in college work-study funds from the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department. The funds will be used to cover 100% of the CalWORKs work-study program wages for CalWORKs students that are placed on and off campus.

Occupational Advancement offers employment workshops to CalWORKs, WorkAbility III and SBVC students every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Bldg., Room 208; and every Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Business Bldg., Room 118. Students get help developing résumés and cover letters, finding employment leads, using online job search, and receive advice on current trends for entering the workforce.

Outreach and Recruitment

The Outreach and Recruitment Department had a meeting on the Educational Summit along with community males and County personnel Linda Hart, James Ramos, and John Futch. The department has started scheduling campus tours and workshops for our local middle and high school students.

STAR Program

The STAR Program is currently accepting and processing the final set of applications for spring 2014 admission.

This week the program will announce the March Cultural Fieldtrip to see *The Addams Family*, Broadway Musical Comedy. The performance is at the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert.

Transfer and Career Services

Currently we are working with the four-year university representatives to set a visitation schedule for spring semester. Transfer Services staff are also working on setting up and coordinating spring field trips and workshops. Transfer has partnered with ASG for the spring field trips and as a result ASG will be giving Transfer \$12,000 to fund the visits.

Transfer Counselors over the next several weeks will begin TAP (Transfer Alliance Program) certification for all SBVC Honors students that have applied to UCLA for fall 2014.

The Transfer and Career Services Coordinator starting January will begin working half-time with articulation on an interim basis.

TUMAINI Program

The Tumaini Program plans to have a Mentor/Mentee Luncheon on February 19th from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in B100. This will be a time for the students to socialize with the mentors that were assigned to them last semester. Students who take advantage of the expertise and support of their SBVC mentors have a significantly better experience as they matriculate toward graduation.



Save the Date

Saturday, February 1, 2014 – Noon

Baseball vs. L.A. Mission College – SBVC baseball field

Sunday, February 2, 2014 – Noon

Softball Doubleheader vs. Sacramento City College – SBVC baseball field

Wednesday, February 5, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

Mohsin Hamid's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* – Library Conference Room (L148)

A Library lecture facilitated by Sheela Free.

Friday, February 7, 2014 – Noon

Softball vs. Imperial Valley – SBVC baseball field

Friday, February 7, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

Meet the Moon – George F. Beattie Planetarium

An exhibition of lunar photography and scientific discoveries. Planetarium doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. with no late seating available. For more information, contact Chris Clarke at 909.384.8539.

Saturday, February 8, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

Basketball Doubleheader vs. College of the Desert – Snyder Gym (SG2)

Tuesday, February 11 and 13, 2014 – 2:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. El Camino – SBVC baseball field

Tuesday, February 12 and 14, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

Softball vs. Santa Monica City College – SBVC baseball field

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 2:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Citrus College – SBVC baseball field

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

Basketball Doubleheader vs. Chaffey College – Snyser Gym (SG2)

Friday, February 21, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

Softball Doubleheader vs. L.A. Pierce College – SBVC baseball field

Friday, February 21, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

Images of the Infinite: The Hubble Space Telescope – George F. Beattie Planetarium

An exhibition of the most remarkable photos taken by the Hubble Deep Space Telescope, which has been peering back to the very origins of our universe. Planetarium doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. with no late seating available. For more information, contact Chris Clarke at 909.384.8539.

Saturday, February 22, 2014 – Noon

Baseball vs. Cerro Coso College – SBVC Baseball field

Friday, February 27, 2014 – 10:30 a.m.

Stress Solutions Oasis – Business Building Conference Center (B100)

Various stress-reduction solutions will be presented, including meditation, relaxation, aroma therapy, herbal shoulder and neck packs, and networking. Refreshments are included.

Friday, February 28, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.

Softball vs. Rio Hondo College – SBVC baseball field