



APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORTATION & CULINARY ARTS

CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (CVWD) PARTNERS WITH SBVC WATER SUPPLY TECH (WST)

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WST Program Student Dennis Bolt observing the monitoring station at CCVWD.

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Peggy Weber with Indian Spring High School Juniors interaction in the College Center

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Berchman "Ken" Melancon received the Excellence in Teaching Award presented by the IE/DRC on May 5,

2014 at the San Bernardino Hilton. Ken was recognized by his peers for his dedication to teaching and the Diesel Program. Alan Braggins, Logistic Technology Manager with San Bernardino Community College District, presented the award to Melancon, noting Ken has gone above and beyond to provide a quality educational experience for our students.



Berchman "Ken" Melancon receiving Teacher of the Year Award from the Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium.

PROP. 39 CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE GRANT

In collaboration with our Desert Regional Consortium and the College of the Desert, our region was awarded program improvement funds to be used to strengthen existing energy efficiency/clean energy programs under the Prop. 39 California Community Colleges Clean Energy Workforce Program Grant. The Electronics and Electric Technology, Environmental Control Technology (HVAC), Welding Technology and Water Supply Technology programs from the Applied Technology, Transportation and Culinary Arts Division qualified to receive funding from this grant sometime in October 2014. The amount of funding will be based on the number of student completions for fiscal year 2013 – 2014.

ARTS & HUMANITIES

The end of the year brings great excitement for the faculty and students in the Arts and Humanities Division. The students receive scholarships from a variety of sources, including several awarded by the faculty within the departments. We congratulate all the Arts and Humanities Scholarship winners this year.

The Art Department held their reception and awards for students showing in the student art show on May 5. This year,



\$2,750 in monetary awards and gifts were presented to outstanding students in Art; 106 students were represented in the 2014 show, with 230 pieces of art accepted.



This year, an Arts and Musical performance by Jason Wolverton and Garrett Wolfe Simon (sponsored by Arts and Lectures) provided a pleasant ambience!

The Music and Theatre Department had numerous year-end performances, including the productions of

The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later and *Don Giovanni*. Additionally, the ensemble groups had final concerts and our piano, guitar and voice students performed their final recitals. We encourage all to enjoy our music presentations free of charge throughout the fall and spring semesters in 2014-2015. Next fall, the Theatre Department will present *Romeo and Juliet* in November. We look forward to seeing you there, as well.

Humanities Day 2014 was held in the Art complex on May 8. The event began with a discussion with SBVC alum (former Puente student) and highly successful author, Alex Espinoza, and continued throughout the afternoon with presentations, demonstrations and performances by our talented students. The day culminated with the release of the 2014 *Phineas*, a collection of essays, poetry, short stories and art by SBVC students.



Finally, the Third Annual SBVC Film Festival takes place on May 30 and 31, featuring a keynote presentation by Garner Holt, well known in the field of animatronics technology.



At the film festival, student projects from area high schools, community colleges and four-year universities will be screened, with prizes awarded in a variety of categories.

STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES

EOPS/CARE

EOPS/CARE will be taking a field trip to University of California, San Diego on May 28, 2014 and CSU Long Beach on May 30th. Our final field trip is scheduled for June 5, 2014 to University of Southern California.

EOPS/CARE hosted the EOPS Grad luncheon on May 2, 2014 in Business Building Room 100. There were more than 70 students in attendance with their family members. This year we had 97 graduates; the majority of them will transfer to universities such as CSUSB, Cal Poly Pomona, CSULB, UCI, UCLA & UCB.

Students are pledging for the NO F (no failing grade) Campaign.



Xiomara Del Pilar was the student speaker at Nuestra Graduacion. She did an exceptional job.

VALLEY-BOUND COMMITMENT

Former Valley-Bound Students who are graduating this year were presented with a sash at the Valley-Bound Graduation Recognition. There are 68 graduates.



Students are completing their requirements in a timely manner.

Students have completed community service hours at various events. They will be completing their hours at Commencement on Friday, May 23, 2014.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Many thanks for the ongoing generosity and giving spirit of this campus. Twenty-nine pints of blood were donated at the May 7th blood drive. Blood drives for Life Stream in August, 47 pints; October, 16 pints; January, 36 pints; and April 29, 4 pints (due to our power outage). Generous donations were also made at two Red Cross blood drives this year.

Stress Solutions Oasis was well attended on May 15. Our next oasis is June 26th from 11:30 to 1:30 in the

Sun Room. Please note the location change. We are hoping more clerical staff can attend during the summer, with 10-hour days and fewer students. This event helps faculty and staff reduce their stress in a soothing environment as they learn how to be more consciously mindful of the present. These are important skill to practice for balanced mental health.

The strengths-based success training will be offered this summer to individuals in small groups in the Student Health Services Building. (*Days and times include Mondays at 10 am or 11 am beginning June 9th; Tuesdays at 12 pm or 2 pm beginning June 10th; Wednesdays at 10 am or 11:30 am beginning June 11th; and Thursdays 12:30 pm beginning June 12th.*) Classroom presentations of this approach can also be arranged on request.



The SBVC Blue Carpet celebration was on May 15. Students had a good time celebrating their successes with us at this event. The blue carpet will

also be available at the graduation breakfast and graduation day for photo opportunities.

The Student Health Service Mental Health Educator will be available to provide the strength group approach to personal development, teamwork, and leadership for faculty and staff groups during the summer for any group interested. Call 909-384-8924 to reserve your time.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

On May 8, 2014 the Associated Student Government hosted a 31st District Congressional Candidates forum. Seven candidates participated and approximately 1,050 students and members of the community attended.



The Associated Student Government recently hosted the California Community College Region IX regional meeting on the SBVC Campus. Representatives from 13 colleges were present. Discussions included

developing strategies for presenting opinions and arguments to legislators regarding laws that affect educational costs and requirements.

FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION (FKCE) AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS/INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (YESS/ILP)

The Foster & Kinship Care Education program, in conjunction with the Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success/Independent Living Program, sponsored a workshop entitled, *Making College Work for You* on May 12, 2014 which involved foster caregivers, current foster youth and former foster youth. The event encouraged current foster youth in college to stay connected to campus supports and help students keep their focus when life intervenes, by guiding them to plan their time to deal with the unexpected and still stay on track. Two of our foster youth spoke to the group about their college life experience and how important support was to their success. Two incoming students were mentored on the spot by our SBVC students sharing contact information. Students saw the connection between the careers they dream about and the education they need to get there.



FKCE has completed 688 training hours to date and has served over 455 unduplicated participants. Program Coordinator Karen Dixon received a special recognition for outstanding contributions to at-risk foster students of San Bernardino County from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

ADMISSIONS & RECORDS

We have finalized priority groups for Fall 2014. On May 12th we turned the fall priority dates on **webadvisor**. Since our last update on April 17th, we have processed **2,358 application for Summer 2014 and 1,673 for Fall**. We continue to work with DCS to finalize implementation of **openCCCapply**. Friday, May 16th, DSC presented the new web UI (Datatel). We handed out surveys to students over the last couple of weeks requesting feedback on the services we provide. Also, two of our permanent staff members have returned to work after leaves of absence.

ASSESSMENT

The assessment team of Carol and Arleen finished their offsite testing for the year. They visited 11

offsite locations, testing two to six sessions per site. The team tested 757 prospective students—a 24% increase over last year. They are now gearing up for summer and fall testing.

COUNSELING

The Counseling Department continues to provide counseling services for summer and fall registration, including other counseling services and informational workshops to the general population. Highlights of this month include: athletes graduating this year; on-site counseling in feeder high schools; end-of-year event for Puente students; faculty conference attendance for professional development and training; and presentations to peer advisors from local high schools as part of the department's partnership efforts.

The 23 athletes who have signed letters of intent for transfer and athletic scholarships with California and out-of-state universities have been counseled and closely followed up on their NCAA compliance and completion of their educational goals.

The 586 students in 10 feeder high schools have received educational counseling and abbreviated education plans on-site by the Counseling Department's designated counselor. Puente's year-end celebration was attended by 100 participants and guests, once again affirming a strong collaboration among Puente students, community mentors, families and faculty, as well as administration. Some faculty attended conferences on transfer process, Region 9 collaboration and instructional materials for SDEV courses.

A presentation to peer advisors was conducted on *Destination College: Community College Training*. Lastly, formulation of assessment measures including their content review are ongoing for the Department's SLO and SAO assessment, evaluation and improvement process.



them deposited into their bank account. This expedites the student financial aid process.

FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office has implemented the Wolverine Debit Card. Students can receive their disbursements either onto their card or have

OCCUPATIONAL ADVANCEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Transitional Assistance Department (TAD), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) completed returns for SBVC students/employees for the 2014 tax season. As a result, \$15,364 in income tax refunds and credits were generated.



The department offers employment workshops to CalWORKs, WorkAbility III and SBVC students every Tuesday from 11 am to 12:30 pm in Liberal Arts room 208, and every Thursday from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the Business room 118. Students can develop resumes and cover letters, receive employment leads, do online job searches and learn current workforce trends.

The department employees are doing an excellent job serving students/clients; thank you.

OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT

The Outreach team hosted over 30 activities this month on and off campus, including tours and workshops. They also distributed college information.

PUENTE PROGRAM

Friday, April 11, 2014 - SBVC's Puente Team (Alma Lopez and Laura Gomez) presented program information and Puente Project brochures to the 2014 High School Counselors & Career Technicians Conference, held on campus in Business 100.

Friday, April 25, 2014 - Puente students **attended UCLA'S 15TH STOMP** (Student Transfer Opportunity and Mentor Program) **TRANSFER CONFERENCE**. Students from SoCal community colleges heard a motivational keynote speaker, spoke with UC campus representatives, attended workshops and took campus tours. This was a definite highlight for many students who could, as a result of this visit, envision themselves transferring to a UC.

Wednesday,, April 30, 2014 – A special *Mentor Thank You Dinner* took place at El Torito Restaurant in San Bernardino. This dinner acknowledged Puente mentors for their contributions to student success through their participation in being matched with Puente students. Framed certificates of appreciation were awarded to those mentors present.

Monday, May 12, 2014 - The University of California, Riverside co-hosted Puente's End-of-the-Year Celebration in their Alumni Visitor Center on campus. An elegant dinner and student-centered program awaited the near-100 Puente students, family members, mentors, and university and college representatives. UCR's Alex Ruiz, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions welcomed everyone. Vice President of Student Services Dr. Ricky Shabazz and Dean of Matriculation Marco Cota both addressed the attendees. Students successfully completing the year-long program were awarded their Puente embroidered stoles.

May 12th and 14th, 2014 – English 101 Puente students participated in their first **ACADEMIC CONFERENCE** in the President's Conference Room during their class sessions on Monday and Wednesday. Students presented their original research findings.

Thursday, May 29, 2014 – The first **New-Student Puente Orientation** took place from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room. Those in attendance who are eligible for English 015, learned more about Puente and the year-long commitment required.

TUMAINI PROGRAM and OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Tumaini Club sponsored *Women of Color Luncheon* on March 26th. Students viewed a movie about Winnie Mandela.

The Tumaini Program participated in the Umoja Regional Symposium on April 4th. Our program conducted the closing workshop entitled *Speak Your Soul*.

On May 14th Tumaini students celebrated their *Evening of Achievement*. The students and their families had a great time!

SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

The SBVC Foundation and Scholarship Office awarded over 100 scholarships totaling more than \$150,000 to 245 deserving SBVC students on **Wednesday, May 7, 2014 in the Snyder Gym**.

About 500 people attended the Scholarship Award Ceremony, including scholarship recipients, their families, donors, SBVC Foundation administrators, SBVC administrators, faculty and staff. Detailed infor-



mation about this year's recipients, our donors and their affiliation with San Bernardino Valley College can be found on the scholarship website at www.valleycollege.edu/scholarships

STAR PROGRAM

STAR Program students returned from two excellent field trips to the University of Nevada Las Vegas and California State University, Channel Islands.

Students had the opportunity to learn about campuses that are close to home, yet provide a change of environment and different learning settings.

One student has decided that CSUCI is definitely the transfer institution for him!

2014 SBVC Graduates and Academic High Achievers were recognized at the STAR Program End of the Year Celebration last week.

TRANSFER AND CAREER SERVICES

On April 9, The Transfer and Career Services hosted the Spring Transfer Fair 2014 with participation of 30 UC, CSU, and Private and Out of State Universities. On April 10th and 11th a total of 35 SBVC transfer students participated in a field trip to Stanford and Chico State Universities. The Transfer Celebration and Reception was held on May 9 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, with a total of 101 transfer students and their family members celebrating their transfer achievement. Six (6) university representatives were in the quad area for transfer recruitment and two more representatives were in the Transfer and Career Services Department on the month of May. Eight transfer students received transfer advice via e-mail by Kathy Kafela and Willene Nelson.



VETERAN RESOURCE CENTER

Priority registration began April 15, 2014 for the summer 2014 term. We have had significant traffic in the



resource center due to all our services being combined under one facility. The VA Certifying Official has certified over 72 veteran students for their VA educational benefits, and

has serviced approximately 165 students since registration began. The VA Educational Counselor has seen 97 students since the start of summer registration and has assisted them with various requirements in regard to their education plans. The health and wellness counselor has seen 57 students since the start of priority registration. The Veterans Affairs Administrator has seen a total of 107 students since April 15, 2014. Overall the resource center has had 706 students pass through its doors since the beginning of registration. Student workers and staff conducted weekly training, in an effort to provide outstanding customer service.

DSPS

DSPS is ending the academic year of 2013-2014 with our students earning 43 AA Degrees, five AS Degrees, and 46 Certificates. Summer is starting off with 285 students enrolled. The staff is preparing for the end of the year while gearing up for the next. Ana Bojorquez, Assistive Technology Specialist, is attending one of our community partners' Rolling Start board meetings as a representative from SBVC/DSPS. Rolling Start offers services that enhance the life and educational goals of our students. Marty Milligan attended training at the High Tech Center Training Unit in Cupertino, CA to learn information and legalities surrounding the creation of alternate formats. Information gained from all meetings and trainings is utilized to enhance the services offered to our students.

SBVC FOUNDATION

4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT A BIG SUCCESS!

On Friday May 2nd, San Bernardino Valley College held its 4th Annual Golf Tournament at the Yucaipa Valley Golf Club. Many of those participating repeated that everything about the day was amazing and it was a great field of play. While the day reached rather high

temperatures, everyone had a great time and echoed that they are looking forward to returning next year.

Perhaps the best take-away from the day is that from the beginning of the planning



SBVC cheerleaders guard the "Hole-in-One" hole!



Golfers get ready for the shotgun start.

process the team set a goal to double what had been raised at past events and ... they did just that! Over \$20,000 was raised for program needs and scholarships for our campus and students.

The day was embraced by many, including members of the Board of Trustees, Foundation board members, students, faculty, staff, administrators, the Mayor of Yucaipa, Denise Hoyt, and our very own mascot.

SBVC FOUNDATION BOOMING WITH EVENTS

Over the past few weeks, the SBVC Foundation has been busy with many events to close out the 2013/2014 school year. The Donor Reception took place on Wednesday, May 7th. This was an amazing event where students were able to meet some of our very generous donors, Board of Trustee members and faculty who all give of themselves for the benefit and success of our students.

This year's keynote for the donor reception as well as the scholarship event was the ever-so-inspiring Mr. Paul Becker. His story really is that of rags-to-riches. He went from being a single dad raising 4 children and full-time SBVC student, living off of his scholarships just to make ends meet, to present-day hero and proud faculty member at SBVC. He shared that if it were not for his scholarships during those very tough days he would not be where he is today—part of the SBVC family.

Year-end also brought commencement. Our trustee members are proud to participate in the commencement ceremony and in being able to honor our hard-

working students who will be moving on. On this morning, they showed up to mingle, eat and prepare for their dramatic entrance to the 2014 ceremonial “field of dreams” with our graduates.

19th ANNUAL SPOTLIGHTING OUR SUCCESS

Approximately 130 people attended the 19th annual *Spotlighting Our Success* event on April 16th. Retired faculty member Ed Szumski reprised his role as master of ceremonies.



Chef Meyer and her culinary arts team once again served up a sumptuous feast that received high marks all around.

The awards presentations went smoothly, with the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce coming back as a program participant to make awards to our Outstanding Professors, Melinda MoneyMaker and Achala Chatterjee.

Awards were made in all six of the open categories.

87th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

The class of 2014 was treated to a relatively cool day for their commencement ceremony. About one-third more students actually walked this year, compared to 2013.

The SBVC Marketing Department had three student interns taking photos, and 100 of the best photos can be viewed on the college Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/SBValleyCollege

A selection of photos from commencement has been included here, along with a couple of shots from the Commencement Breakfast.



BREAKFAST



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21—8th Annual Foster Kinship Sports Faire. SBVC Athletic Field, 8:15 am to 3 pm. Check-in at 7: 30 am. Ages 11-18. Call Clyde Williams at 384-8984 for more info.

June 26—CDC Promotional/Graduation. Pre-school children in action; theme: *Inch by Inch*. Greek Theater, 9 am

