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SBVC Celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month

On September 14, SBVC kicked off a campus-wide celebration of Latino Heritage Week, the first week of National Hispanic Heritage Month across the nation. This week was jam-packed with wonderful activities that recognized Latino heritage and celebrated the great contributions Latinos have made to the fabric of American society. Notable among these events was a lecture on Chicano identity by noted author Alfredo Figueroa and two workshops on Nahuatl, the ancient language of the Mexica people. On September 23, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Sonia Nazario visited campus and gave a powerful presentation on child migrants and illegal immigration.



Alfredo Figueroa speaking about Chicano identity on September 17.



Students studying the ancient Nahuatl language in a workshop on September 18.



Sonia Nazario speaking about child migrants on September 23.

Faculty Concert Excites and Educates



On September 18, SBVC music faculty put on a performance to demonstrate their impressive range of musical talent. This concert included choral, guitar, brass, woodwind, and many other types of music and instruments from around the world. Audience participation was so great throughout the concert that performers had to answer questions about their instruments and techniques in between pieces. Several instruments, such as the oud and kamancheh, made their first-ever appearance at SBVC. These are two Middle Eastern instruments many audience members had never seen or heard before.

Planetarium Draws Community Interest

The first planetarium show of the semester drew a full house of interested viewers from around the community. Thirty minutes before the show, a visible line was forming in the Greek Theater. Attendees were chattering excitedly about various galactic phenomena, eagerly anticipating Planetarium Specialist Chris Clarke's show on solar eclipses. And it didn't disappoint! Viewers left the event brimming with enthusiasm at the sky's beauty, as well as the relief of finally being able to understand how eclipses actually happen. The night continued with a visit to the historic Observatory, where viewers were able to examine the rings of Saturn in detail. "It looks just like the pictures you see in books," said one viewer. "It's unbelievable."



SBVC Commemorates ASL Awareness

On September 24, ASL comedian Patrick Fischer visited campus to discuss the challenges many deaf people face interacting with non-ASL speakers on a daily basis. This show was very well attended by both ASL and non-ASL speakers from around the community.



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Library Workshops and PaperCut

Workshops are offered every Thursday at noon in the Library. Topics include: Learning Express, Advanced Database Searching, Evaluating Internet Resources, and many others. Visit library.valleycollege.edu for a current list. No appointment necessary, just drop in! To better manage printing across campus, SBVC is implementing PaperCut, which will eventually allow students to maintain account balances, reducing the need for cash/coin-operated printers and photocopiers. The program will ask for your Student ID when sending a print job to one of the library printers, so it is especially important (as always) to log off when you finish using a computer!

Admissions & Records Update

SBVC A&R has processed 1,221 applications for Fall 2015 and 223 applications for Spring 2016 since going live with Spring 2016 applications on September 1, 2015. On August 19th we began accepting and reviewing graduation applications for fall 2015 term. The deadline to submit graduation applications is October 1st. This term specifically we have worked closely with the Rialto Unified school district to help high school students from 3 Rialto high schools apply and register in a Span 101 course that will be taught on the respective high school campus as a part of the Rialto Unified School District Middle College cohort. There are approximately 20-25 students enrolled in each course. We have also worked with Henry Hua to matriculate new and returning Amazon employees in courses taught at Amazon. On campus we continue to work with and streamline registration processes for programs such as: MCHS, FYE, Puente, Tumaini, and STEM. Next week the Director of Admissions and Records and the Admissions and Records Coordinator will attend the New Director/Coordinator training hosted by the State Chancellors office. We look forward to continued growth and more opportunities for staff development.

Assessment Center Update

The Assessment staff added 4:00 testing sessions to accommodate more students who want to register for the Fall 2015 semester. The Assessment Center is using ADSS 102C as an overflow room to keep up with the demands of assessment testing on campus.

CalWORKs & Workforce Development Update

The department offers employment workshops to CalWORKs students, WorkAbility III students/clients, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Employment Development Department (EDD) students every Monday from 11:30am to 2:00pm in the Business Bldg. Room 125 through December 7, 2015. Students will have the opportunity to develop resumes and cover letters, receive employment leads; online job search, and receive current workforce trends to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Counseling Update

The Counseling department has focused on academic advising, career counseling, and abbreviated education planning for the fall registration of students as well as on follow-up services for probation and dismissal students and comprehensive education plan formulation. Recently concluded was a series of in-person orientations for the non-credit ESL class. Likewise, graduation checks for all nursing students completing their AS degree this fall have been completed and are on-going for those from the

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general population. Meanwhile, classroom presentations on student success will continue until October. Lastly, training for and conference attendance by the counseling faculty are occurring on the following areas -- the Early Alert Program, articulation processes familiarity, UC and CSU Community College Counselors Conferences, and the Institutional Effective Partnership Initiative Workshop.

Dreamers Resource Center Update

The DRC is continuing to focus on the current Valley College Dreamers to ensure consistent traffic in the DRC. The staff is gearing up for the fall semester with several programs and activities for the Dreamer population at SBVC. The DRC has collaborated with local universities that are Dreamer friendly and have a DRC on their campuses. The following partnerships are: UCLA AB 540 Project, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, and University of the Pacific. The meetings were designed for Valley College Dreamers to learn about the universities' academic programs and student services when considering transferring to a four-year university.

Financial Aid Update

The Financial Aid Office has disbursed nearly \$2.3 million to over 2,000 students for the 2015/2016 award year. Cal Grant disbursements are scheduled for October 2nd, 2015, dependent upon state funding.

Foster & Kinship Care Update

The Foster & Kinship Care Education Program has been well-attended since its beginning in mid-July, 2015. It appears that caregivers are being encouraged by their social workers to get to more classes to reduce the incidences of disruptions as well as have a place to turn to for answers, comfort, and a deep community connection with other resource parents. The classes provide information and discussions with others who've walked in the same shoes and can share advice for the most difficult situations one might encounter. Caregivers are also kept abreast of the many changes in the child welfare field that affect the children in their care and what's necessary to keep children safe.

Guardian Scholars Update

The Guardian Scholars Program has held two orientations (August 13 and August 24) to provide additional information, to advise foster youth of the program requirements, and to answer any questions about the program. The program was able to provide textbooks and supplies to 20 foster youth currently attending classes. The number of foster youth participating in the program continues to grow on a daily basis.

Transfer & Career Services Update

The Transfer Center conducted several UC TAG workshops during the month of September. The UC TAG program offers transfer students a written guarantee of admission to UC's one year in advance, in the major of their choice (if available). The agreement is prepared by a transfer student and outlines the classes and grades required to guarantee admission to UCs.

Veterans Resource Center Update

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) began the Fall 2015 semester with a wealth of good ideas, in-

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tentions, and new services. The center has made significant efforts to continue to provide a comprehensive array of resources for veterans, their family members, and their dependents. We began the fall with a veteran's new student orientation hosted in the VRC by their certifying official, Jason Alvarez, veteran student ambassador, Randy Williams, and the STEM veteran resource specialist, Pedro "Pete" Gonzalez. The orientation focused on educating those in attendance on the certification process, the different types of benefits one may utilize, navigating SBVC resources, and the facets of the STEM program and how it may benefit students with regard to their specific major. In the center, there are now additional math tutors on duty, with study sessions occurring on a daily basis. A brand new copier/printer machine is now in place and ready for student use. In addition, the certifying official has certified 220 students since July 6th 2015 (1st day of priority registration). The mental health counselors, Fred "Bo" Dunning and & Brittany Stewart have 7 active clients for the fall with at least one crisis intervention per week. The educational counselor, Mrs. Deana Silagy has seen and counseled over 42 students (in August) while only being on duty 1 day a week (at the VRC). A serious effort on part of the entire VRC team has been continuous, ever growing, and maintains a strong standard of excellence with regard to their customer service, knowledge base, and student advocacy.

Save the Date!

10/16 **Planetarium Show** (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)
Horrors of the Universe. Open to the public.

10/21 **Workforce Fair** (10:00am, B-100)

10/21 **San Bernardino Common Council Candidate Forum**
(4:00pm, Greek Theater)

10/29 **Art Reception** 5:00pm, Art Gallery)
Theme: Dia de Los Muertos. Open to the public.

10/30 **Planetarium Show** (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)
Horrors of the Universe. Open to the public.

11/13 **Planetarium Show** (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)
Star Tales. Open to the public.

12/3-6 **Completely Hollywood!** (TBD, Auditorium, TBD)

Join us for a trip through Tinseltown's finest - 186 films spanning 100 years of cinematic history - condensed down to a fast-paced, hilarious stage experience. Open to the public.

12/11 **30th Anniv. Celebration: Puente Project** (TBD, Auditorium)

The mission of the Puente Project is to increase the number of educationally-underrepresented students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities to obtain their bachelor's degrees and return to the community as leaders and mentors of future generations. Puente's Community College Program was established in 1981. Puente has been at SBVC since 1984.