

## **PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT**

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE

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# STEMapalooza draws hundreds of local students

On October 23, San Bernardino Valley College hosted STEMapalooza, an event designed to encourage middle and high school students to consider careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). This year's event was the largest of its kind ever held at SBVC, attracting over 700 students from 15 schools, including some from Victorville, Ontario and Yucaipa. Students participated in various STEM workshops and visited over 30 STEM career exhibits for a full day of learning and fun.







## **Common Council Forum Comes to SBVC**

On October 21, San Bernardino Valley College's Associated Student Government hosted the San Bernardino Common Council Candidate Forum at the Greek Theater on campus. Candidates for several open positions on the San Bernardino Common Council were present to discuss issues of community concern at a forum that included performances by SBVC students and a variety of resource fair vendors.





## **Workforce Fair Links Students to Employers**

On October 21, the SBVC Department of CalWORKs & Workforce Development hosted a Workforce Fair to help students connect with local employers. Dozens of community agencies and employers participated to assist students with job leads, resume assistance, interview skills, and on-the-spot interviews.



## STEM PASS GO Brings Families to SBVC

On September 30, students in the SBVC STEM PASS GO program brought their families to campus for a delightful evening of food, games and activities designed to encourage them in their academic progress. Students were given the opportunity to explore the many applications of science to phenomena in their daily lives. Activities included an aircraft design competition, a mechanical car race, and plenty of networking with other SBVC families.









## **Student Success Spotlights**

Jayce Groves, Welding

Jayce started welding courses in the spring of 2013, after consulting with his uncle and cousins. They were adamant that he get his education at a community college rather than a private school, where his debt would be considerably higher. With support from faculty, especially instructor Dan Comiskey, Jayce is now interviewing for jobs from \$15-25 dollars per hour and has five job offers to choose from, both in the private industry and Unions. Currently, he is working as a lab assistant at SBVC while finishing his Certificate in Welding Technology and has already been certified in Shielded Metal Arc Welding and Flux Cord Welding.





Josh Alton, Machinist Technology

Josh's bachelor's degree in engineering did little to protect him from a layoff. After realizing he did not want to spend all of his time behind a desk or worrying about his job, Josh came to SBVC for the Machinist Technology program. While studying at SBVC, he developed his own company, specializing in the design of after-market products. Alton Design Innovations was created to meet consumer demand for custom product design and Josh has met that need, gaining the ability to support his family at the same time. His decision to return to school at SBVC was the best decision for his career.

Chad Benge, Machinist Technology

While he was working in a Lowe's warehouse, Chad's manager encouraged him to continue his studies. Chad had attended SBVC for music in 2004 but wasn't sure about his education pathway and eventually stopped attending. After working in the warehouse for years stacking boxes, Chad decided to return to school and enter the Machinist Technology program in the spring of 2015. He has already found a machinist job working for the Gund Company, manufacturing electrical insulation material. Chad tells his new manager every day that he loves his job and cannot wait to get his Certification in Machinist Technology next summer.



## **Faculty Success Spotlights**

**Jerry Chase, Electronics** 

Jerry Chase of Applied Technology, Transportation, and Culinary Arts competed in eight events at the 36th Annual "Oldympics" on September 26, 2015. Jerry won 7 medals in the 75-79 age group: Gold in the Long Jump, Silver in the Shot put, Gold in the Standing Long Jump, Gold in the Discus Throw, Gold in the High Jump, Silver in the Football Pass, and Bronze in the 50 Meter Dash.





#### **Dr. James Dulgeroff, Economics**

In September, Dr. Dulgeroff took his second trip to Chongqing, China. He was the keynote speaker at the International Low-Carbon Urbanization Conference at Chongqing University. Dr. Dulgeroff has an extensive background in working on environmental technology in a way that supports economic growth. He is working with professors in China on cross-country urban area comparisons and strategies to reduce carbon emissions while supporting economic growth. This is a huge issue in China as it continues to grow economically, while considering ways to reduce environmental damage.

#### Dr. Wallace Johnson, Dean of Social Sciences

Dr. Wallace Johnson, Dean of Social Sciences, Human Development, and Physical Education, is representing SBVC on the Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) Regional Leadership Academy. This year-long program will allow Dr. Johnson to interact with leaders from the private and public sector in the community. He will attend meetings, presentations, and field trips pertaining to economic development in the areas of transportation and logistics, health care, non-profit human services, and public utilities.

Dr. Jeffrey Demsky, History

Dr. Demsky has been invited to chair a panel and present a paper at the tenth meeting of the Film and History Conference. These sessions will convene in Madison, Wisconsin in early November. Dr. Demsky's paper will focus on the topic of Holocaust humor in American television shows, sharing research from a forthcoming chapter he has published in *Analyzing Humor In Online Discourse* (Hershey, PA: IGI Press).



## **Quick Updates**

#### **SBVC Upgrades Welding Labs**

SBVC's Welding Labs have received brand new, state of the art, self-contained welding booths in both classrooms T120 and T121. 26 booths have been outfitted with individual lighting, 110-volt outlets and fittings for oxygen and acetylene welding in T120. These side-by-side stations have attached fume extractors which filter and recycle the air before it is returned to the environment. T121 offers Arc welding stations for flux-cored, shielded metal and gas tungsten or metal welding. The welding labs are also climate-controlled and include stations for handicapped students.



#### **Diesel Students Win Scholarships**

Distribution Management Association (DMA), a premier trade association in southern California has awarded four diesel students with \$500 scholarships to assist them in completing their Diesel Certification programs. Pictured from left are Wesley Wick, Ruthty Chan, Garrett Wick and Frank Zamora receiving their certificates at the 14th Annual DMA Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser held on October 2, 2015. Berchman Melancon, SBVC diesel instructor, attended the event to honor these students in their efforts to succeed. In continuing

support of SBVC, DMA has also donated 20 diesel textbooks with a value of approximately \$6,000 which students will have available to enhance their competencies in the field of transportation.

#### **ASG Represents SBVC at ASGA National Summit**

In October, Associated Student Government attended the ASGA National Summit in Washington, D.C., where they received training and motivational speaking to help learn their purpose, role, and the function of an effective student government. ASG students learned how to collaboratively work with administrators and staff to participate fully in the college governance process.

#### **Library Offers 24-Hour Book Checkouts During Finals**

Beginning December 7th through final exams, a limited number of textbooks for select English, Reading and Math courses will be available for students to check out for 24 hours from the SBVC Library.

## **Quick Updates**

#### **College Board Rep Praises SBVC Assessment Center**

The assessment center received a visit from Keith Henry of the College Board in October. College Board is the vendor for the Accuplacer assessment test. Mr. Henry was very impressed by the SBVC Assessment Center, its 34 computers and 24 laptops in the adjoining room used as an overflow for testing potential students, and the assessment center's unique computers recessed into desks for privacy.

#### **SBVC Attends Manufacturing Day**

In October, SBVC partnered with Chaffey College for the Manufacturing Day event at Sigmanet to exhibit Career Technical Education options with elementary and high Schools in the surrounding community. Over 1,000 students from 27 school sites toured Sigmanet, drove robots and watched as a drone was flown in the parking area. SBVC was available to answer questions on future jobs and education offered at our campus.

### Save the Date!

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

#### 11/16 Film Screening: Generation Kill (6:30pm, LVR, free)

Join SBVC students and staff for a screening of this HBO miniseries about the 2003 Iraq War.

11/17 SHS Health Fair (9:00am, B-100, free)

#### 11/18 Film Screening: Generation Kill (6:30pm, LVR, free)

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#### 12/1 Art Reception (5:00pm, Art Gallery, free)

Theme: SBVC Faculty Art. 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.

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The Christmas Star. Open to the public.

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#### 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.