



Board Report

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College Holds Vigil To Honor Attack Victims



On December 9, San Bernardino Valley College held a campus-wide vigil to honor the lives of the victims of the December 2 terrorist attack at the Inland Regional Center. All students and staff were asked to observe a moment of silence at exactly 11:00am. After the moment of silence, campus offices were closed to allow time for everyone to gather at the Greek Theatre for the vigil at 11:30am. Many public agencies across the country also observed a moment of silence at 11:00am, which is the approximate time the shooting had occurred exactly one week earlier.

Hundreds of staff and students attended the vigil to commemorate the tragedy that had struck many members of the campus community close to home. Everyone seemed to know someone who had been affected personally. After an opening statement by Chancellor Baron, President Gloria Fisher honored the names of the victims by reading each one aloud. "Our community is home to some of the kindest and most courageous people on the planet," she said, "and we will never forget those innocent lives that have been taken from us too soon." Dr. Craig Luke offered an opening and closing prayer, and Professor Matie Scully directed two powerful musical performances by SBVC's Voci Soli ensemble. Other speakers included ASG President Linda Subero, Classified Senate President Aaron Beavor, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Representative John Futch, MCHS Principal James Espinoza, and SBCCD Student Trustee Thomas Robles.

SHS Fights Stress on Campus



College life can sometimes be stressful for both students and staff. To fight the debilitating effects of stress on student, faculty and staff health, Student Health Services has organized a very successful, monthly “Stress Solutions Oasis.” This workshop is designed to allow students and staff to have a relaxing, stress-free environment to listen to soothing music, take a short nap, practice yoga, have a bite to eat, or just quietly socialize with friends, reminding them of the importance of keeping physical and mental health a priority during their time at SBVC. Excessive stress can have a negative effect on quality of life and cause health problems such as hypertension. Although a few students have trickled in, the Oasis is still one of the college’s best-kept secrets. “I was very surprised by the quality of the environment,” says Gloria Posada, a sophomore who studies Graphic Design. “I did not expect it to be so relaxing to just hang out in here.”

SBVC Goes “Completely Hollywood!”



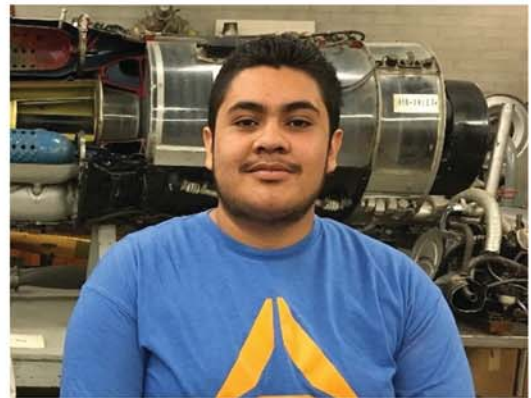
On December 4, SBVC Theater Arts launched its long-awaited fall production, “Completely Hollywood!” Under the capable direction of Professor Melinda Fogle-Oliver, students had a chance to reprise the roles of the countless famous stars who have given Hollywood its association with the glamorous film industry. Held in SBVC’s historic Auditorium, this dash through history of film was both educational and immensely hilarious.

Student Success Spotlights



Eliana Solorzano is a hardworking and goal-oriented aeronautics major at SBVC. In September 2015, Eliana was offered a job opportunity at UPS in their air ramps division. In her new position, she is responsible for marshalling transport planes using signals, loading and unloading cargo and ensuring safety practices are properly maintained. "The aeronautics program really helped me," she says. "It taught me how to properly marshal a plane using all the indicators and specifically proper safety procedures." UPS is aware of the excellent aeronautics program at SBVC and hires aeronautics students into entry-level positions. Way to go, Eliana!

Miguel Rayas is a 19-year-old aeronautics student who strives for success. After he graduated high school, he made sure to apply to college right away. His dream is to become an Aviation Maintenance Technician. Miguel has great news: he has passed his examination for the FAA Power Plant written test of the Aeronautics program and is on his way to the Power Plant certification. Now, he is one step closer to earning more certificates for both concentrations and achieving his dream. Congrats, Miguel! Keep up the great work.



Steven Bent is a determined electronics major with a huge passion for anything that uses electricity. His interest in electronics and automation drove him to enroll in the electronics program at San Bernardino Valley College. During his studies at SBVC, Steven has created numerous electronics projects, which have been featured at campus events. Recently, he was offered a position as support staff for the Electronic program at San Bernardino Valley College. "I always loved electronics since I was a kid," Steven says. "It has always been in my blood, and my favorite part of all of it is building the projects."

Jake Loukeh is a water supply technology major at San Bernardino Valley College who is fascinated by the water industry. His curiosity has led him to SBVC, which has one of the best programs of its kind in the state. Having already completed his bachelor's degree in Ground Water Geology and Surface Water Geology at Cal Poly Pomona, Jake has chosen to augment his education with hands-on experience and certificates from SBVC's water supply program. Jake will be taking his D2 certification test in March 2016, but has already been hired by the City of Chino Hills, as a Public Works Intern. Jake absolutely loves the career field he has chosen.



Junior Environmentalists Visit SBVC



In October, fourth grade students from Urbita Elementary School visited the SBVC campus to tour the science buildings. On the walk through the neighborhood, the students promoted environmental responsibility by holding banners advocating for protection of the environment.

Dr. Todd Heibel met the students on campus and provided a hands-on workshop on rocks and minerals. He then took the students on a tour of the numerous displays in the science buildings, the biology gardens, and the Art Gallery.

FYE Students Experience Healthcare Careers

Students from the First Year Experience program at SBVC recently had a unique opportunity to experience hands-on nursing skills in the nursing program's patient simulation labs. Faculty and fourth-semester nursing students provided information on health careers and pathways. They also taught the students to check a patient's vital signs on the high-fidelity simulators, including the baby simulator. Students listened to heart and lung sounds on an auscultation training simulator and used a Doppler to hear the audible sound of the heartbeat from the pulse on the forearm.



Student Services Launches Success Newsletter



In December, Student Services launched a monthly e-newsletter to improve communication with students about key student success initiatives that are underway on campus. The newsletter went out to over 24,000 school and personal email addresses. In addition to the newsletter, Student Services is also working on informational monitors in key locations on campus, increased signage for student success centers and increased video promotions for new programs.

Save the Date!

1/22 Planetarium Show (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)
Learn the Winter Sky. Open to the public.

1/26 Art Reception (5:00pm, Art Gallery, free)
Inland Empire Museum of Art Collection. Open to the public.

1/29 Faculty Concert (7:00pm, NH-164, free)
Open to the public.

2/5 Planetarium Show (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)
The Amateur Astronomer's Universe. Open to the public.

2/19 Planetarium Show (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)
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