

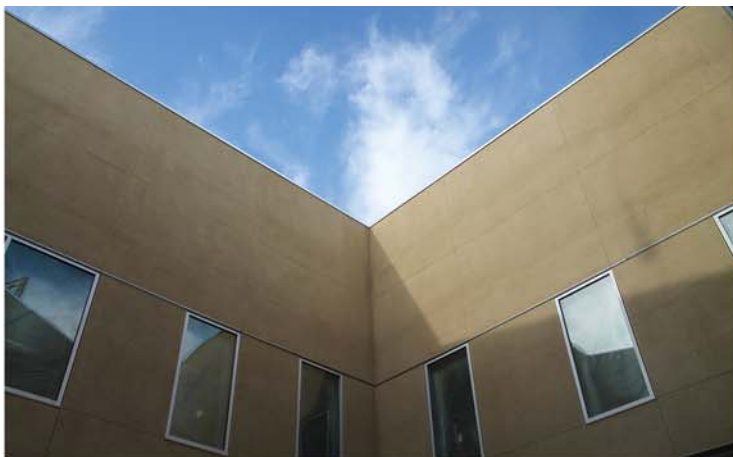


# Board Report

FEBRUARY 25, 2016



## Just Around the Corner: SBVC's New Athletic Complex



On January 29, staff from Administrative Services, Development & Community Relations, and Marketing & Public Relations were given an exciting preview of the interior of the massive Gymnasium Sports Complex, a \$69 million construction project that will become the centerpiece of campus in the year of San Bernardino Valley College's 90th anniversary.

When it is completed in June 2016, the complex will be the biggest and tallest building on campus and its environs, with extensive athletic, instructional and office facilities, as well as beautiful student study spaces to supplement the college's existing array of facilities.

On the west side of the complex (facing the Planetarium and Observatory), lies the most ambitious sustainable landscaping project ever undertaken at San Bernardino Valley College: a vast, open area that will contain natural pathways through oak woodlands and riparian watershed, biology gardens, a pond, and outdoor teaching areas.



# President Fisher Receives Community Award



On January 18, President Gloria Fisher was recognized at the 36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast by the Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches (IECAAC), a social organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Inland Empire communities. Lauded for her career as an educator and college administrator, Dr. Fisher received the “Beyond the Boundaries” Award, given to recipients identified as having “exemplified keenness, identified problems, designed a strategy for resolution, and created policies for improving lives.”

## SBVC Enrollment Grows for Spring 2016



By the second week of the spring semester, there were 500 more students on SBVC’s campus than at the same time last year. As enrollment continues to grow, the offices of Instruction, Student Services and Administrative Services work collaboratively to improve student support and access to services and facilities. More students equals more student engagement: since last spring, the number of students engaged in SBVC social media channels has increased by over 82%!



# SBVC Nominated for Aspen Prize



On January 28, SBVC was nominated as a contender for the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, ranking it one of the top **150 community colleges in the country**. The Aspen Prize is given every two years to the top community college in the United States. Nominees for this prize are selected based on student success in persistence, completion, and transfer; consistent improvement in outcomes over time; and equity in outcomes for students of all racial/ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. The winning college will receive \$1 million in prize funds, along with Siemens Technical Scholars Program student scholarships. “We are so proud of this honor,” says President Gloria Fisher. “We will continue to do everything we can to increase student success.”

# CalWORKs Receives Grant & Recognition

On December 16, 2015, Shalita Tillman, Manager of CalWORKs and Workforce Development, was honored as Career Technical Training Partner of the Year 2015 at the Inland Empire Job Corps Holiday Luncheon & Awards Ceremony held in San Bernardino.

SBVC’s CalWORKs Program has been awarded \$50,000 in CalWORKs Work-Study funds from the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department (TAD). These funds will be used to place eligible CalWORKs students off campus in the community with 100% reimbursement to the employer.



# SBVC Students Form Aeronautics Club



There’s a new club on campus! The brand new “Aero Club” has been established to promote campus interest in flight and aviation technologies. The club’s purpose is to increase member knowledge about all phases of aviation, safety and operations, as well as to encourage personal and professional growth through teamwork and leadership opportunities. With the addition of this new club, SBVC has gained an additional avenue for promotion of the Aeronautics program on campus as well as the local community by networking with the industries, attending events and area air shows.

## Nursing Program Boasts 100% Pass Rate



During the most recent quarterly report, the SBVC Nursing Program was pleased to learn that 100% of students who took the national exam (NCLEX) passed it on their first try. On February 1, nearly 40 students in the third semester of the Nursing Program celebrated the completion of half (two semesters) of the program. In this pinning ceremony, a fourth-semester student greeted the student being honored and pinned a stripe on his or her uniform. The third semester students will complete their program in December 2016.

## SBVC Launches Black History Month Celebration

On February 1, SBVC launched a month-long celebration of Black History Month, featuring dances, art shows, lectures, concerts, and guest speakers throughout the month of February. Sponsored by the Arts, Lectures & Diversity Committee, the Arts & Humanities Division, and the Black Faculty & Staff Association, the month-long observance has been a campus tradition for decades. On February 11, community members packed the historic Auditorium for a talk on the Black Lives Matter movement, presented by Dr. Marc Lamont Hill of Morehouse College.



## Spring Concert Showcases Faculty Talent



On January 29, SBVC Music faculty unveiled their remarkable talents in a mesmerizing performance of string, wind, brass and percussion pieces for campus and community enjoyment. The Voci Soli student ensemble also performed several choral pieces, directed by Professor Matie Scully. Faculty concerts have become a tradition for the SBVC campus and community, and the faculty's musical virtuosity continues to inspire generations of students to perfect their musical skill and embrace music as a profession.



# Student Success Spotlights



**Andres Dominguez** is an aspiring chef who has been fascinated with Culinary Arts from a young age. His passion for cooking inspired him to attend San Bernardino Valley College, taking classes in the Culinary Arts program. While in the program, he has had the opportunity to attend and participate in catering events that will prepare him for employment in the culinary arts industry. After two years in the program, Andres is on the path to graduating in Spring 2016. "I am the first to graduate in my family," says Andres, "so it's an amazing feeling." Congratulations, Andres!

**Kristin Hanna** believes it is important for people to manage their food and nutrition plans. With the passion she possesses for nutrition, she believes in expanding her knowledge by taking classes in San Bernardino Valley College's Food & Nutrition program. "SBVC has the best certificate programs available," says Kristin, "and the Food and Nutrition program happens to be exactly what I was looking for." Attending classes at SBVC has helped Kristin prepare for employment and provided her with information that will help her receive her license with the California Department of Public Health. Kristin is graduating with two certificates from the Food & Nutrition program. She is now considered a Dietary Health Aide and a Dietary Health Supervisor. Congratulations, Kristin!



**Brett Bond** is a Water Supply Technology major at San Bernardino Valley College. Taking classes in the Water Supply Technology program has helped Brett increase his knowledge of the expansive California water industry and introduced him to the many career opportunities available in the field of water technology. Brett has successfully taken several water industry state examinations while interning with the City of Loma Linda and the City of Rancho Cucamonga. His aspirations and passion for the water technology industry will help him pursue his dream of becoming a supervisor for a water district. Congratulations, Brett!

# Save the Date!

**2/26 MLK Jr. Breakfast** (7:30am, Campus Center, RSVP needed)  
Reflect on Black History Month and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during this special breakfast. Open to the public.

**2/26 Black History Month Concert** (7:00pm, NH-161, free)  
Commemorate the work of civil rights pioneers and the importance of Black History Month during this concert and celebration. Open to the public.

**3/11 Planetarium Show** (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)  
The Little Star That Could. Open to the public.

**3/24 Stress Solutions Oasis** (11:00am, B-100, free)  
Join us for a relaxing and restful atmosphere to decompress your week. Open to district staff and students.

**3/25 Planetarium Show** (7:00pm, Planetarium, \$3.00 admission)  
Images of the Infinite. Open to the public.

