



Board Report

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SBVC Increases FTIC Student Retention by 9.6%



San Bernardino Valley College prides itself on its ability to attract and provide support services for First Time in College (FTIC) students. This is why it is especially proud about recent data that shows its retention rate for these students has increased dramatically over the past three years.

Between the 2013-14 and 2015-16 academic years, the percentage of first-time students that have continued to be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units in three consecutive semesters (excluding the summer semesters) has increased by a dramatic 9.6%. This increase is considered to be a momentum point for these students, with those who have passed this point in their academic career more likely to be successful in the completion of their program of study.

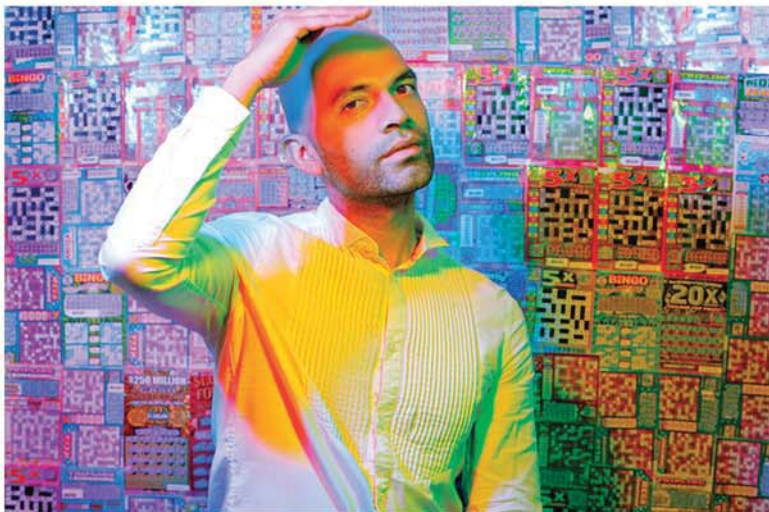
Way to go, Wolverines!

Nina Revoyr Debuts Novel at SBVC



On April 13, best-selling Los Angeles novelist Nina Revoyr read excerpts from her newest novel, *Lost Canyon*, at a special book reading in SBVC's Business building. The event was well-attended by both students and faculty, with many participating in a Q&A session about the author's career and the creative journey that led her to the completion of her fifth book. After the reading, students and local fans lined up for autographs and signed book copies. "It was great to see such an acclaimed author in person," says Wageha Rabie, a nursing major. "She encourages me to continue to develop my own writing skills."

Art Showcase: Photographer Salvador Ochoa



On March 29, the Clara & Allen Gresham Art Gallery showcased the remarkable work of Salvador Ochoa, a Los Angeles-based editorial and travel photographer. The exhibition, called *Sueños Migrantes: The Journey Home*, was an intimate glimpse into the lives of migrant workers traveling home to Mexico. Ochoa gave a lecture on his work prior to the reception.

The next exhibit in the Clara & Allen Gresham Art Gallery will be the Annual Student Art Exhibition, scheduled to take place in May.

Alumni Spotlight: Angela Davis

It didn't take long after enrolling at San Bernardino Valley College for Angela's life to start changing.

Davis, 42, started at SBVC in 2011, majoring in accounting. The married mother of two participated in the CalWORKs program, which assists students with completing their educational goals, finding meaningful employment, and successfully transitioning into the workforce. As part of the work-study program, Davis was placed at the San Bernardino Community College District office in 2012.



"The CalWORKs program helped me tremendously," Davis says. "While working as a student worker, I received my certificate in Accounting. The CalWORKs program considers the student's educational workload first and is very flexible with work schedules. I honestly do not know where I would be if it weren't for the CalWORKs program. I am sure I would not be working at the San Bernardino Community College District."

Davis was hired as a purchasing technician, and she supports faculty at both SBVC and Craf-ton Hills College. She processes purchase requisitions, purchase orders and change orders, and distributes the purchase orders to vendors so the campuses receive their supplies in a timely manner.

"My educational journey led me to a place that I never thought I would be 10 years ago," Davis said. "The fact that I came from a student worker to a purchasing technician within four years is phenomenal. I encourage anyone who is attending Valley College to get the best out of what the school is offering. Take advantage of the fact that they are there to help and provide whatever they can to get you through your educational journey."

Her experience at SBVC has motivated Davis to keep going in her education career. "Attending Valley College gave me the ambition to strive for a better life for my family," she says. "I am excited to see what the future holds."



SBVC Students Form Welding Club



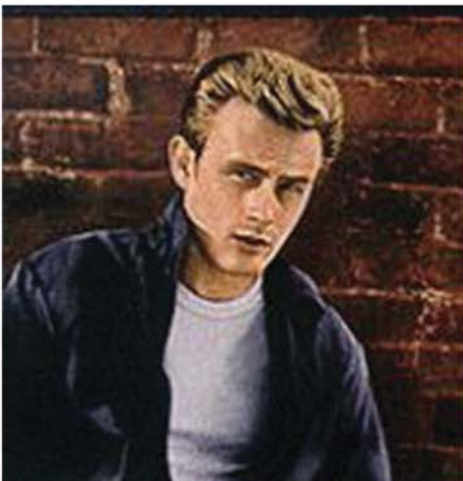
There's a new club on campus: the Welding Wolverines! This club was formed by students who all share a common interest in welding technology. Through networking, educational projects and outreach activities, the main goal of the club is to promote and increase campus and student interest in SBVC's Welding Technology Program. Additionally, the Welding Club will create great opportunities for the members to compete in SkillsUSA and to help build projects for other campus departments. Obtaining knowledge and personal growth is of utmost importance to the members. The Welding Club is currently extending an open invitation to anyone who is interested in joining.

Psych Tech Students Lend a Hand

During spring break, fourteen students enrolled in Psych Tech 084 gave up a vacation day to volunteer at the Anderson School Special Olympics. These students did everything they could to assist: from setting up the location, to dressing the students in their t-shirts, to assisting them with participating in the athletic events. We are so proud to have such kind students! The following students helped at this great event: Roger Adofu, Wilfred Adu-Beng, Leila Avant, Audrey Catiesanu, Devashish Chakma, Sabrina Henry, Miguel Heredia, Elizabeth Hernandez, Zarah Ilon, Darryl Khoo, Robert Lingad, Shemicka Lucas, Christina Nampudakam and Valiant Omosor.



Coming Soon: A Rebellion in the Auditorium



Students in SBVC's Theatre Arts Department are in the final preparation stage for their much-anticipated spring production, **Rebel Without a Cause**. Tickets are on sale now at the SBVC Campus Store or at the box office the day of the performance.

Performances are scheduled for Thursday, May 12, Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14 at 7:00pm and Sunday, May 15 at 2:00pm.

Tickets are \$10.00 (general admission), \$8.00 (students, staff, seniors and military) and \$6.00 (groups of 15 or more). See you at the show!

Save the Date!

5/12 Rebel Without a Cause (7:00 PM, Auditorium, \$10)
The first show of the spring theater production.

5/17 21st Annual Spotlighting Our Success
(5:00 PM, Campus Center, \$12)
Annual faculty/staff awards & retiree celebration.

5/26 Commencement Rehearsal (11:00 AM, Athletics Field)
A stage rehearsal for SBVC's graduation ceremony.

5/27 Commencement (8:00 AM, Athletics Field)
San Bernardino Valley College's annual graduation ceremony.

