



President's Board Report

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SBVC Evaluates Community Perceptions

Community Awareness Survey

San Bernardino Valley College recently received some very positive survey results! Every five years, the SBVC ORPIE conducts a survey of community residents to determine their levels of awareness and perceptions of the campus. Last summer, the ORPIE conducted a community awareness survey that consisted of 12,000 randomly selected residents. The interviewers were bilingual and surveyed both Spanish and English speakers. The majority of respondents expressed a positive view of the campus. Nearly sixty percent (60%) of respondents had a positive image of the campus, thirty-seven percent (37%) expressed a neutral feeling, and three percent (3%) had a negative view of the campus. Negative views were linked to one of two themes: (1) feelings about neighborhood safety—largely among people who had never visited the campus; (2) people who believed that they had received poor customer service while attempting to enroll or apply. Findings of the telephone survey support this year's campus climate survey results. Most residents learn of the campus from friends, relatives, driving by campus, or visiting the campus for a sports or cultural event.

When community members know about the campus and have a positive image of the campus, they tend to recommend it to their friends and relatives. The community awareness survey indicates that eighteen percent (18%) learned about the campus from family and twenty percent (20%) learned about the campus from friends. Great job, SBVC!

Campus Climate Survey

Each year, the Office of Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (ORPIE) administers multiple surveys to assess the attitudes of current students, prospective students, and student perceptions of faculty and staff members.

This year, 321 students responded to the campus climate survey, a survey offered online via their college emails. Students were asked a wide range of questions about why they chose to attend San Bernardino Valley College and how they feel about the services that they received since enrolling.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of respondents indicated that they chose to attend because of the college's convenient location. Seventy-nine percent (79%) said that a major reason was that SBVC offered the classes they wanted. Additionally, seventy-one percent (71%) of students said that SBVC's courses fit their schedule. The largest percentage of students, at eighty-three percent (83%), identified low cost and affordability as the major reasons for enrolling at SBVC. Thus far, the SBVC formula for enrollment consists of convenient location, available course options, schedule fit, and affordability.



SBVC Launches Fall Registration Push

Registration Mondays

As part of a districtwide effort to increase enrollment this academic year, San Bernardino Valley College is trying out new strategies to keep potential students and community members engaged. One new strategy is the placement of registration tables around campus throughout the month of July to assist students who may not yet have registered for fall. Every student who passes by is reminded to register for fall if they haven't already done so.

In addition, all staff and faculty are encouraged to wear special 90th-anniversary t-shirts on Mondays to remind all students that registration is ongoing.

Movie Night Wednesdays

Between July and September, every Wednesday is an "SBVC Movie Night," where a film is shown free of charge and is open to all students, staff, and members of the local community.

Each film is followed up by a reminder about fall registration and an educational panel discussion, as well as handouts of fall registration materials.

Films chosen for this project tend to focus on educational topics such as Math, Science, Poetry, Dreamers, and Student Equity.

Ice Cream Thursdays

One way for a student to cool down over these hot summer months is to register for fall classes! Starting in July, all students who have already registered for fall classes automatically receive a free ice cream, drink or soda when they are on campus on Thursdays.

Student involvement in spreading the word about registration is highly encouraged! Student ambassadors from multiple programs help man the resource tables, and some—like Shirley Estrada—dress up in dinosaur costumes to spread the word that registration is fast approaching. The fall semester will be here before we know it!



SBVC Hosts First-Ever CyberCamp

Over the course of a week, 27 middle and high school students from across the Inland Empire learned about internet safety and cyber security during a special camp hosted by San Bernardino Valley College.

The AFA CyberCamp ran from July 11 to 15 on the SBVC campus, and was designed to get students excited about STEM career opportunities and cyber security. The campers were taught how to secure Windows and Linux computers from cyberattacks. Linux is an alternative to Windows, used for internet servers by many companies, and most of the campers had never worked on Linux computers before.

"The camp is excellent preparation for any student who is interested in studying computer technology," Roger Powell, professor of computer science and computer information, said. "They expand their Windows skills and learn about new technologies such as Linux. This is a fun way to learn as most of the instruction is hands-on with computers."

Learning about cyber security is "immediately helpful," Powell said, and is a career field experiencing high demand. On the last day of camp, the students participated in a timed competition to work on securing Windows and Linux computers. They earned points for making the system secure and lost points if they did something that made the computers less secure.

"It was a great way to see how much they learned," Powell said.



New Valley-Bound Students Explore Careers in Applied Tech

During the week of June 27th, the Valley Bound Commitment Summer Bridge event took place on campus. The goal of the event was to provide these new students college information, resources and career opportunities. More than 200 students were given tours by the Applied Technology, Transportation and Culinary Arts

Division staff, who provided information and resources regarding the programs in our division. Showcasing our programs was of great interest to the new students, inspiring them to potentially join some of the programs such as Water Supply Technology, Diesel Technology and Automotive Technology.

SHS Presents New Workshop: "Developing a Successful You"

In July, Elaine Akers, Andrew Loera, and Natalie Chavez presented a brand-new workshop called "Developing a Successful You."



The new workshop was presented to Valley-Bound students during the summer bridge program. Four presentations took place, during which approximately 40-50 students attended. The students were given useful tips on how they can identify their strengths and use them in a healthy and productive manner. Participants expressed great interest in the workshops, as indicated by surveys that were distributed at the end of the presentations.

Faculty Spotlight



Joshua Milligan

Instructor, Welding Technology

Joshua Milligan, a San Bernardino Valley College alumnus and former adjunct instructor for the welding technology program, has grown tremendously in his professional career. After years of hard work and dedication, Joshua Milligan has been granted a permanent position as a full-time instructor for the Welding Technology Program.

"I never thought I would be an instructor," says Joshua, "let alone performing this career full time. But I am thankful and I enjoy it. I am willing to do whatever it takes to help these students achieve."

Welcome aboard, Joshua!

Save the Date!

August 12

Campus & Community Meeting
9:00am - 11:30am / B-100

August 15

Opening Day

August 16

Fall Classes Begin

August 20

Inland Empire Fatherhood Conference
8:00am - 3:00pm / Auditorium

August 23-25

Week of Welcome

August 26

Faculty Concert
7:00pm - 9:00pm / Auditorium
General admission: \$2
Students & military: free



September 8

Guest Speaker: Tyrone Howard
"Why Race & Culture Matters in Schools"
Time & location to be announced

September 8

Sheriff's Academy 202nd Graduation
6:30pm - 7:30pm / Abundant Living Family Church
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

September 14

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Duncan-Andrade
"Redefining Success for Our Students"
Time & location to be announced