



President's Board Report

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Fall 2016 Semester Brings New Faces & Excitement to Campus



Students and faculty returning to San Bernardino Valley College this fall are finding that the campus has changed significantly since they last saw it in May. Not only are they meeting over 2,000 new students, but they are also seeing new SBVC staff and faculty, a new college president, and a new Kinesiology and Athletics Complex—and these are just a few of the changes that have transformed the college since the end of the spring semester.

On August 10, New Student Welcome Day brought close to 1,000 of the newest Wolverines to campus for a massive orientation session, answering many questions about college that the new students had.

When the first day of classes came on August 16, students across campus in general found themselves to be more excited and less bewildered on what is known to be the busiest day of the semester.

"The first day went really well for me this time around," Luis Macedo, a business administration major, said. "I was excited to get back into the swing of things and get closer to getting my associates for transfer."

Macedo is in his fourth year at SBVC, and said the first day was "not as hectic as it usually is." This year, he's looking forward to finishing his accounting classes, and knows that if he needs help, there are countless people on campus ready to offer assistance.

"Valley in general is really an amazing school," he said. "The school has a million different avenues for support."

SBVC Kinesiology & Athletics Complex Now Open



The newest and largest building on campus, the Kinesiology & Athletics Complex, is now open. The three story, 108,509 square foot complex boasts two large gyms, basketball courts, a fitness room, a weight room, locker rooms, classrooms, a lecture hall, and a computer lab, and is open to students enrolled in physical education classes or on an athletics team. It is surrounded by drought-tolerant landscaping, seating areas and a pond. The new building replaces the Snyder Gym and Women's Gym, which are both in the process of being demolished in order to bring new upgrades to campus. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held August 26.



New Coaches Join SBVC Athletics

Two new coaches have joined the San Bernardino Valley College community: Jason Vandiver and Christina Torres. Vandiver, the football team's new head coach, comes to SBVC from Los Angeles City College, where he served as an offensive coordinator and led one of the highest scoring offenses in the CCCAA. "There's a lot of tradition here and a good foundation of athletes, a lot of local guys," he told Sports Weekly. "We'll do our due diligence as far as recruiting in the IE, and hopefully continue that success. They did a great job last season."



Christina Torres, the new head coach of the women's basketball team, knew at age 12 that she wanted to grow up to be a coach. "My mom raised me to go after my dreams," she told the Press-Enterprise. "When I wake up in the morning now, I'm like, 'Wow.'" This is Torres' first head coaching job, and she arrived at Valley from Oxnard College, where she was an assistant coach.



Psych Tech Students Complete Year-Long Program

On August 4, 13 students successfully completed the yearlong Psychiatric Technology program. Two of the students, Emmanuel Lerama and Jorge Manzano, received scholarships from the Psychiatric Technology program. The completion ceremony's speaker was John Van Oesen III, a recent graduate from the nursing program who is working on earning his Master of Science in Nursing.

Campus Launches "SBVC Cares" Campaign

On August 15, SBVC kicked off the fall semester with a full day of workshops for faculty, administrators and classified professionals. Board of Trustees President Longville and Chancellor Baron both addressed the campus with welcoming statements, after which SBVC's new president, Diana Z. Rodriguez, congratulated everyone on campus for their many accomplishments during the prior academic year.

"I don't want to talk about data or numbers," said President Rodriguez. "You've heard enough about that already. I want to celebrate your accomplishments over this past academic year, without which we would not be where we are today."



In his keynote presentation, guest speaker Dr. Vincent Tinto highlighted the correlation between student performance and how much students feel they are cared about on campus. President Rodriguez reinforced this concept by announcing a new, campus-wide "SBVC CARES" campaign to remind the campus community of the impact each person can have on the lives of students and colleagues they interact with on a daily basis. SBVC's executive team then demonstrated "lollipop leadership" in the most literal sense by handing out candy. What a sweet deal!

Wolverine Spotlight: Lupita Alcalá & Richey Denend



Water Supply Technology Major Lupita Alcalá is a caring, determined and hardworking single mother who decided to take a chance in a male-dominated career: the water industry.

Lupita decided to join the Water Supply Technology program at SBVC. Her goals are to help the environment and to purify and conserve precious resources, such as water. After a year in the program and a semester away from graduating, Lupita has succeeded in her courses, earning her an internship opportunity with the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department.

During this time, she has already earned her Operator in Training Certificate. "As a single mother, I always strive for what's best for my children," Lupita says. "I am thankful to join a program that has opened doors to a great and rewarding career. I will continue to work hard to become a director of a wastewater plant and to also encourage more women to join this wonderful and rewarding career."

Richey Denend is a determined aeronautics major with an incredible passion for anything that involves airplanes or flight. Richey was greatly influenced by his grandfather, who used to fly his own jets, and also his stepfather, who was a mechanic at March Air Force Base. This inspiration led him to enroll in the aeronautics program at SBVC and, after two years of hard work and dedication, Richey graduated, earning his Airframe and Powerplant Certificate.

During his time in our aeronautics program, he was able to obtain substantial information that prepared him to become an Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic, including an opportunity to work in the Applied Technology Division Tool Room. Working in the Tool Room allowed him to become proficient with all the tools and equipment he would need to use in his exciting new career.

Pokémon Go Brings Community to Campus

On August 11, over 300 students and community members attended San Bernardino Valley College's first-ever Pokémon Go Tournament. This event was organized to promote fall registration and increase community awareness of the campus as a destination for community events.

The Pokémon Go smartphone app promotes walking and the exploration of new places, which brings many community members to campus in search of rare Pokémon. Some visitors have said that the game generates certain types of unique Pokémon at SBVC that cannot be found elsewhere in the community. Water-type Pokémon, for example, are said to auto-generate near actual geographic bodies of water, such as the new pond that was recently installed next to SBVC's Athletic Complex.



Save the Date!

September 12

Latino Heritage Week Opening Day
12:00pm - 1:00pm / North Hall

September 13

Nahuatl Language Workshop
1:00pm - 2:00pm / Library-147

September 14

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Duncan-Andrade
"Redefining Success for Our Students"
11:00am - 1:00pm / Auditorium

September 13

Guest Speaker: Iris De Anda
6:00pm - 8:00pm / Library Viewing Room

September 14

Movie Night: "Precious Knowledge"
6:00pm - 8:00pm / Library Viewing Room

September 15

Latino Community Mixer
3:00pm - 7:00pm / B-100

September 21

Movie Night: "Good Will Hunting"
6:00pm - 8:00pm / Library Viewing Room

September 22

Presidential Meet & Greet
3:00pm - 5:30pm / B-100

September 23

Planetarium Show: Galaxies
1:00pm - 2:00pm / Library-147

October 14

90th Anniversary Gala
5:00pm - 9:00pm / Athletics Complex