



President's Board Report

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STEMapalooza Brings Hundreds of Future Scientists to Campus



The 3rd annual STEMapalooza, a special day of workshops for local K-12 students, took place on September 23, bringing hundreds of students, their teachers, and local school administrators to campus.

Featuring a laser maze, marshmallow flame test, and electrifying demonstrations, STEMapalooza, the largest STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) event of its type to be hosted at SBVC, was a huge success.



Students had a chance for hands-on experience in STEM activities, interactive exhibits, networking with STEM professionals, and breakout sessions on chemistry, math, robotic engineering, and dentistry. Keynote speeches were delivered by Vella Dennis on dietary needs and the importance of eating healthy and Suveem Mathaudhu on the history of superheroes and scientific discoveries at the time of their creation.



Student Success Spotlights



Donna Trewhella

With her program “Inland Unsolved,” Donna Trewhella has one goal: To put a spotlight on cold cases across the Inland Empire, in hopes that they will be solved and bring closure to the friends and loved ones of crime victims. Trewhella, an SBVC and California State University, San Bernardino, alumna, is a reporter and producer with the Inland Empire Media Academy. She came up with the idea to highlight unsolved crimes plaguing local law enforcement about spending three months in 2014 filming a documentary about a program for at-risk youth run by the Rialto Police Department. "For the Inland Empire, there's no show like that, no representation," she said. "A lot of businesses care about crime and want to do something about it, and this is a way for the community to get involved."



Inland Unsolved runs on KVCR, and can also be watched on Trewhella's YouTube page. Earlier this year, the program won a prestigious Clarion Award for Television Investigation Feature or Series — Local or Regional. "To be chosen, honestly, I was gobsmacked," Trewhella said. "The Inland Empire gets no coverage, and I feel like we're passed over so much of the time. To win an award, for the college, for the Inland Empire Media Academy, for the community to get that recognition, it was just overwhelming."

Wendy Dominguez

Wendy Dominguez's dream is to own a café and travel the world, and she's one step closer thanks to the education she received at SBVC. Inspired to study culinary arts in high school, she chose to attend SBVC, and learned new skills and techniques while taking classes and interning at the Sunroom on campus. After three years at SBVC, she earned her associate's degree, and has gone on to work as a chef at Yellowstone National Park. "My favorite part of the program was learning how to cook in a fast-paced environment and bake at the same time," she said. "Overall, the program was very effective and I am glad I chose it."



Sam Padilla

Sam Padilla has always been passionate about airplanes, and after he saw how many there are in the SBVC Aero lab, he instantly enrolled. An aeronautics major, Padilla's goal as a child was to learn how to repair an aircraft, and he is now Federal Aviation Administration-certified in Airframe. He also volunteered at the Apple Valley Airport, helping restore a 1982 Gulfstream G3 plane that will be on display at a museum, and was offered an interview at SkyWest Airlines. Padilla has just one semester left of classes before graduating. "I am glad I decided to join this program," he said. "I have been very successful."

Campus Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

Throughout the months of September and October, San Bernardino Valley College celebrated Hispanic heritage with an exciting series of seminars, workshops, concerts, guest speakers, and social mixers.

On October 17, the Clara and Allen Gresham Art Gallery launched its annual Día de Los Muertos Art and Altar Installation exhibition, which is scheduled to run from October 17th to November 3rd, with a reception on November 1st from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. All members of the community are invited to celebrate Día de Los Muertos at the Gresham Art Gallery, where professional and student 2D and 3D artwork and installations will be on display. Día de Los Muertos, or “Day of the Dead,” is a time to remember loved ones who have passed away. According to Mexican tradition, November 1st is the date when the spirits of deceased relatives return to homes, and on October 31st, altars are decorated with marigolds, candles, toys, decorations, sugar skulls, pan de muerto, and other food items the dearly departed enjoyed while still alive. The gallery is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed from noon to 1 p.m.), and Friday by appointment. Call the gallery at 909-384-4432 for more details.



Dr. Ricky Shabazz Selected for Lakin Institute Fellowship



Dr. Ricky Shabazz, Vice President of Student Services at SBVC, has been chosen as one of 15 fellows with The Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership. The Lakin Institute is presented annually by the Presidents' Round Table, a national association dedicated to supporting African American leaders and students in community colleges, and will be held later this month in St. Paul, Minnesota. "The 2016 Lakin Cohort is an outstanding group of leaders who will deeply benefit from this experience," Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, Dean of The Thomas Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership, said. "With the complex leadership challenges we are experiencing now, and in the future, this group will be able to demonstrate that community colleges are in good hands." Since its inception in 1994, more than 200 people have attended the institute.

Shabazz, who holds a doctorate in educational leadership and a master's in educational administration from California State University, San Bernardino, is responsible for overseeing student success and student equity initiatives at SBVC.

Cross Country Runners Recognized

SBVC is in its first season of competition in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC), and already, two Wolverines are being recognized for their accomplishments. Cross country athletes and sophomores Luis Ortega and Alyssa Hebb were named PCAC's Male and Female Athletes of the Week for the week of Sept. 19.

At the Southern California Preview Meet/Brubaker Invitational at Irvine Regional Park, Ortega won the men's race, running the 4-mile course in 20:31.58, defeating 316 other runners. His speed helped SBVC secure a fourth place team finish, out of 32 colleges. Hebb was the PCAC's top women's finisher at the Southern California Preview Meet/Brubaker Invitational, running the 5,000-meter course in 19:22.00, placing ninth in the 244-runner field.



Luis Ortega and Alyssa Hebb

Save the Date!

October 22

Scholarship Pancake Breakfast

8:00am - 10:00am / Applebee's
4070 E. Highland Avenue, Highland, CA 92346

October 27

Halloween Carnival

12:00pm - 8:00pm / Campus Center

October 28

Planetarium Show: Horrors of the Universe
7:00pm - 8:30pm / Planetarium

November 1

Día de Los Muertos Celebration

5:00pm - 8:00pm / Art Gallery

November 12

90th Anniversary Homecoming Game

6:00pm - 9:00pm / Football Field

November 18

Planetarium Show: Star Tales

7:00pm - 8:30pm / Planetarium

December 2

Planetarium Show: The Christmas Star

7:00pm - 8:30pm / Planetarium

