



# President's Board Report

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## 90th Anniversary Gala Raises \$135,000 for Scholarships

On October 14, the San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Foundation's 90th Anniversary Gala brought hundreds of alumni, dignitaries and philanthropists to campus to celebrate SBVC's 90th anniversary and to raise funds for student scholarships. At the end of the night, donors had contributed over \$135,000 to help support programs ranging from athletics to music, as well as to provide low-income students with textbook vouchers.

"We disburse around \$200,000 in scholarships to our students each year," said Karen Childers, the foundation's director. "The amount we have raised tonight has significantly exceeded our goal, so we are very excited."

Augmenting the support raised by donors in attendance were two larger donations: \$25,000 from Kitchell / BRJ and Associates and \$300,000 from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. The latter contribution was earmarked for Valley-Bound Commitment, a unique SBVC program which grants thousands of local high-school graduates a free first year of college, and which the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has supported since the program's inception in 2008.

"I am proud to be affiliated with this community treasure," said Emmy Award-winning actress Lindsay Wagner, a former SBVC professor who was the guest emcee for the event.



# CalWORKs Program Changes Lives at SBVC



By promoting educational achievement and providing students with the tools they need to succeed, the San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) CalWORKs Program has helped countless students transition into rewarding careers.

CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) is a program that gives cash aid to eligible families in the State of California. SBVC's CalWORKs office assists students receiving CalWORKs with everything from educational counseling to book loans to parking permit vouchers. The department, managed by Shalita Tillman, has a permanent staff of five, though it provides services to more than 350 qualified CalWORKs students every fiscal year. And the number continues to grow.

"The objective of the CalWORKs program is to provide supportive services and resources to assist students with obtaining self-sufficiency," she said. "The team gives 150 percent of their sincere commitment to the CalWORKs program each and every day. We are always excited to see the program growing, because it means we can assist more students with achieving their educational and career goals."

Tillman enjoys being a member of the CalWORKs team because she gets to help students locate meaningful—and often life-changing—opportunities within the local community. "The most common feedback we receive from CalWORKs students is, 'I don't know what I would have done without the CalWORKs program; thank you!'" Tillman said.

Many CalWORKs students have transitioned from the program to gain outside employment, and several have ended up finding jobs at SBVC. Gabby Padilla, a financial aid specialist, found out all of the benefits available to CalWORKs students when she first enrolled, and while networking with other departments, "fell in love with the process of financial aid." Another CalWORKs alumna is Rocio Delgado, who works for the financial aid department as a financial aid specialist.

"When people think about CalWORKs, they almost want to hide it from people. They don't want others to know they were part of the county system," Padilla says. "I believe that it's important for them to see the program for what it is, and that it changes lives. Go into the program and give it your all. You are going to see a difference in your life. Take everything you learn and apply it, and it will be life changing."

# SBVC Breaks Record at National Conference

On October 8, San Bernardino Valley College sent the largest delegation of students in the history of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Conference to the association's annual gathering in San Antonio, Texas. This annual event is instrumental in bringing together community colleges and universities to share best practices and innovative programs that impact Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). Every year, SBVC has sent a small delegation (3-5 students) to attend. This year, SBVC broke the conference's record and was able to send 25 students, which is the largest delegation of community college



students that HACU has ever had. "Prior to this conference, many of our students had never traveled out of state or flown," said Dr. Ricky Shabazz, Vice President of Student Services. "I am thrilled that we were able to provide them with this opportunity." The conference was a chance for SBVC students and staff to share information about the college's Dreamers Resource Center, which is the first office of its kind created at any college in the United States.

## Faculty Promotes Breast Cancer Awareness



After her diagnosis with breast cancer in 2010, Mary Copeland has made efforts to raise awareness about cancer amongst her colleagues and community. One way to do this has been to promote involvement in the annual Believe Walk in Redlands, which is sponsored by Stater Bros. Charities and Inland Women Fighting Cancer. Thousands of people participated in the walk on October 2nd, including our very own faculty.

Pictured, from left to right, are Susan Bangasser, Susie Mattson, Mary Copeland, Delores Moreno, Diane Hunter, Amy Jennings, Ginny Evans-Perry, and Paula Ferri-Milligan.

The Believe Walk has raised over \$3 million since it first began in 2008. The funds raised benefit various cancer-fighting organizations in the Inland Empire that support cancer patients and their families.

# SBVC Hosts Deaf Comedy Show for Community



San Bernardino Valley College is renowned throughout the Inland Empire for its excellent Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS) and its American Sign Language (ASL) program, both of which help improve educational access for thousands of local families.

On September 30, hundreds of guests packed the Auditorium for a special show from John Maucere, a deaf comedian known around the globe for his unconventional comedic style.

“This was a completely new experience for me,” says Stacy Schor, a 2nd-year communications major. “I was very surprised at how funny sign language can be and how I can also connect with the ASL community, even though I am not fluent.”

## Save the Date!

### November 12

90th Anniversary Homecoming Game  
6:00pm - 9:00pm / Football Field

### November 18

Planetarium Show: Star Tales  
7:00pm - 8:30pm / Planetarium

### November 30

Piano & Guitar Recital  
7:00pm - 9:00pm / NH-161

### December 1

Applied Piano & Guitar Recital  
7:00pm - 9:00pm / NH-161

### December 2

Voice Recital  
7:00pm - 9:00pm / NH-161

### December 2

Planetarium Show: The Christmas Star  
7:00pm - 8:30pm / Planetarium

### December 3

Applied Voice Recital  
7:00pm - 9:00pm / NH-161

### December 4

Applied Voice Recital  
7:00pm - 9:00pm / NH-161

### December 7

ValleyFest 2016  
3:00pm - 7:00pm / All Campus

### December 9

Choir Concert  
7:00pm - 9:00pm / NH-161