



President's Board Report

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SBVC's First 'Day of Service' Brings Resources to Families



On Saturday, December 17, San Bernardino Valley College held its first-ever Day of Service event: a massive outreach effort to target local residents in San Bernardino, Rialto, Colton and Highland. Between 10.00 a.m. and noon, over 100 volunteers—including students, faculty, staff, and administrators from the college—canvased local neighborhoods to distribute schedules and information about spring enrollment.

The mood inside the Campus Center was energetic as volunteers assembled for a brief meeting prior to departure. Many had never done anything like this before. Participants were reminded to dress warmly, to be respectful, and to smile as they walked around the community.

"I am blown away by the student and employee turnout for this event," said President Diana Z. Rodriguez. "It's truly touching to see so many of our students and employees with this spirit of service, this feeling that they need to spread the good word about San Bernardino Valley College."

After handing out their entire supply of materials, all participants returned to campus for a barbecue and opportunity drawing. Students were tired but exhilarated. "This was so awesome," said student Edgar Ramirez. "I hope to be able to participate in this again in the future. Congrats to the college."

Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC Ranks Highly in National Salary Report



San Bernardino Valley College is ranked #2 in Southern California for the mid-career median earnings of its alumni, according to a report by PayScale.com. PayScale.com is the world's largest online salary database, and in its annual College Salary Report for 2016-2017, SBVC came in 15th place nationally, tied with College of the Canyons. PayScale found that when it comes to early career pay (the median salary for alumni with less than five years of work experience), SBVC graduates make \$41,100. For mid-career pay (the median salary for alumni with more than 10 years experience), that amount increases to \$64,600. Out of all community college degrees, computer engineering took the top spot with a median mid-career pay of \$77,300.

Police Academy Has 2nd-Largest Graduation Ever



On December 15, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Public Safety Regional Training Center—in partnership with San Bernardino Valley College—hosted its 203rd graduation ceremony. In attendance were hundreds of friends and family members who came to celebrate the 74 graduates onstage: the college's second-largest graduating class ever. After completing an intensive, 23-week program, these graduates will be joining local law enforcement agencies, including the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and municipal police departments in Anaheim, Corona, Hemet, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, and San Bernardino. "These men and women have chosen to pursue a profession in their commitment to bringing peace, righteousness and justice in making communities safer," said Amelia Gonzales, an administrative employee of the program at San Bernardino Valley College. "We are very proud of every single graduate." Congratulations, Wolverines!

Voci Soli Partners with Local High Schoolers

For regular fans of Voci Soli —San Bernardino Valley College’s advanced choral ensemble—there may not be too much surprise at the great range of vocal talent that performs the most beautiful and difficult vocal pieces in area concert halls every winter.

One thing they may have found surprising this time around, however, was the addition of students from area high schools into the mix.

To bring George Frideric Handel’s “Messiah” to life, the San Bernardino

Valley College music department teamed up its advanced ensemble and concert choir with high school students from San Bernardino High School and Granite Hills High School.

Directed by SBVC professor and chair of performing arts Matie Scully, each singer received individualized lessons prior to the performance. “This ensures that each singer can not only sing in a choir but on their own,” Scully said. The concert was attended by over 100 community members, brought to SBVC’s historic campus from all over the Inland region. Many audience members were alumni.



SBVC Graduates 162nd Nursing Class

On December 14, A festive atmosphere permeated the campus as San Bernardino Valley College graduated its 162nd nursing class.

Founded in 1935, San Bernardino Valley College’s nursing program is one of its most established and renowned programs, having produced generations of medical professionals for Southern California and the medical profession nationwide.

“Our nursing alumni are some of the most hard-working and compassionate people I know,” said Susan Bangasser, the dean of science at the college. “They follow in the steps of generations of SBVC nurses who have gone before them.”

Tamara Maurizi, the nursing program’s assistant director, encouraged students to pursue their master’s degrees so they could come back to SBVC as instructors. “We love to see Valley College alumni come back to teach here,” Maurizi said. Congratulations, Wolverines!

WinterFest 2016 Brings Community to Campus



When Santa came to San Bernardino Valley College on December 6, he couldn't find a place to park his sleigh. Most of the college's parking lots were full of cars from either evening students—studying for finals—or visitors attending the college's inaugural winter festival, dubbed "Valley WinterFest 2016." "We didn't know what to expect," said Alejandra Aguilera, one of the event's organizers. "A forecast last week had us thinking it would be too cold for some of the outdoor activities. We thought people might just choose to stay home." But when the event began at 3:00pm, visitors began to flood the campus's walkways in droves. Some went hunting for Santa. Others visited the glass-blowing studio, watched a Planetarium show, or checked out the many food vendors on campus. By the end of the night, two vendors had run out of supplies. The event was organized to promote spring application and registration, which began in late November. Organizers estimate the event to have drawn up to 2,000 visitors throughout the day.

✓ Upcoming Events

January 20
Planetarium Show
Learn the Winter Sky
\$3 / 7:00pm / Planetarium

February 3
Planetarium Show
Meet the Moon
\$3 / 7:00pm / Planetarium

February 24
Planetarium Show
Amateur Astronomer's Universe
\$3 / 7:00pm / Planetarium