



President's Board Report

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SBVC Achieves Record Transfer Rate During Spring '17 Semester

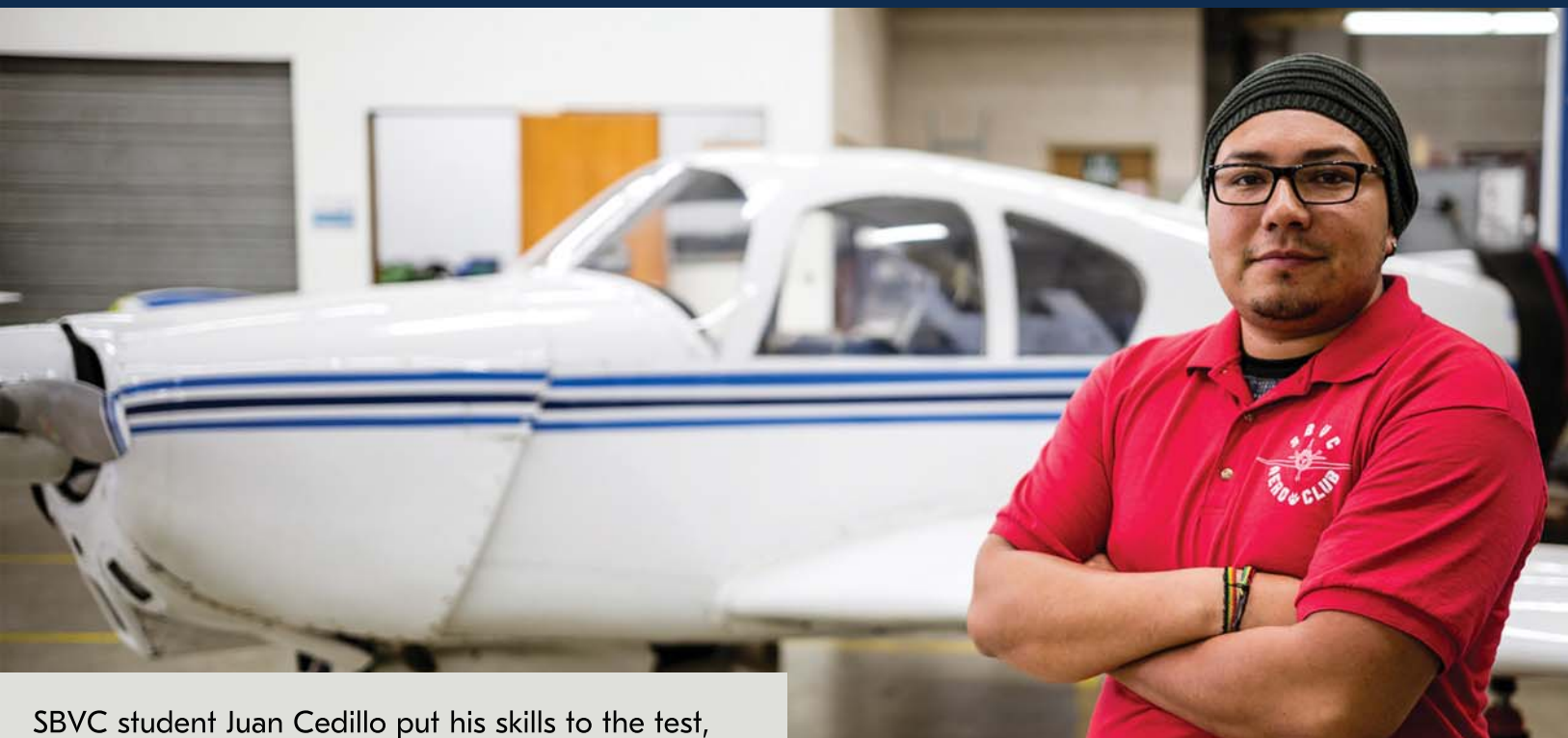


On the week of April 17, SBVC's Transfer Center planned and executed one of the biggest transfer weeks in the college's history, featuring an extensive assortment of workshops, resource fairs, and even a mini-conference. A record number of SBVC students had the opportunity to visit with counselors from all over Southern California and the surrounding region, representing private and public institutions. But as the week came to a close, transfer counselors came to an exciting realization: SBVC's Class of 2017 had just achieved one of the highest transfer rates ever.

Out of the thousands of acceptance letters pouring in to Wolverines' mailboxes over the past few months, about 700 were acceptance letters from either Cal State San Bernardino or Cal Poly Pomona. Students received letters from colleges as far north as Washington and as far east as Virginia.

"A big factor in this semester's increase was the hard work of our Transfer Center staff," said President Diana Z. Rodriguez. "We had more students assisted with the transfer process this semester than had ever been possible before. This would not have been even remotely attainable without the amazing efforts of our faculty, administrators and classified professionals." Congratulations, Wolverines!

SBVC Aeronautics Student Wins Regional Award



SBVC student Juan Cedillo put his skills to the test, and ended up being named a **Top Gun!**

Cedillo is studying to become an aviation maintenance technician, and on March 11, participated in the *Aero Skills Tournament's (AST) Top Gun* competition for aircraft technicians, held at Victor Valley College. One of his instructors, Dave Casillas, advised him to take part in the tournament, and Cedillo decided to give it a shot.

"I knew it would be a great opportunity to connect with other people in my field," he said.

Cedillo competed in the Junior Top Gun competition and the Clean Cut, Rivet Shoot, and Out the Window exhibition events, and won first place overall in Junior Top Gun, Clean Cut, and Out the Window. At times he felt like the "underdog," he said, as he was going up against other students in his level who attended some of the area's top aviation schools.

"The competition was fun, scary, nerve-racking, and really tested my skills," he added. "But I didn't feel nervous or scared until I left the competition and realized what happened. The competition for me wasn't about winning, it was the pressure and the race against the clock that got to me."

Congratulations, Juan!

Senior Day 2017 Brings Hundreds of Local High Schoolers to Campus

On April 14, the historic Auditorium rumbled with cheers and music as college faculty, staff and students welcomed over 600 local high schoolers to campus for Senior Day 2017. Students viewed demonstrations from a variety of academic programs, heard testimonials from current students, and attended a variety of enriching workshops to prepare them for their upcoming fall semester at SBVC.



Math Professor Recognized for Student Success



On March 2, celebrated SBVC math professor Michael Mayne was presented with a special award from the African American Male Education Networks & Development (A2MEND) at the organization's statewide summit. This special award recognized Professor Mayne for success in improving his students' math performance. Chancellor Bruce Baron, Vice President Ricky Shabazz, Vice President James Smith, and Dean Stephanie Briggs paid a surprise visit to Professor Mayne's class to deliver the award in front of his students.

"Professor Mayne is literally one of the coolest educators ever," said a student review on popular review site ratemyprofessors.com. "He is very attentive and makes you feel like you are more than just a number."

SBVC Celebrates 205th Police Graduation

San Bernardino Valley College has produced thousands of police officers for Southern California and the nation, and on April 6 marked its 205th graduation ceremony. Twenty one proud graduates listened to a keynote address from President Diana Rodriguez, who shared some of her experiences growing up in a law enforcement family.

"I thank you in advance for the countless lives you will save, improve, and impact," said President Rodriguez. "You are the future leaders in your communities, and I am confident that you are more than up to the task."



SBVC Dazzles Community at 2nd Annual Art Night



San Bernardino Valley College took a leading role in the City of San Bernardino's second annual Art Night, with the number of activities put on by the college's faculty and students exceeding those of any other participating organization.

SBVC's Music Department performed choral and instrumental pieces, the Theatre Department staged an interactive improv show, and the Dance Department wowed community members with their acrobatic displays. Students and faculty from the Art, Architecture and Welding departments displayed some of their beautiful creations while promoting SBVC to passersby. Great job, SBVC!

Upcoming Events

May 12
ASG Swearing-In Ceremony
5:00pm / TBD

May 12
22nd Annual Spotighting Our Success
\$16 / 5:30pm / Campus Center

May 17
Tumaini Celebration
9:30am / ART-144

May 18
BFSA Annual Recognition of Black Graduates Celebration
6:00pm / B-100

May 21
LFSAA Nuestra Graduación
3:30pm / Auditorium

May 22
Urbita Adoption Ceremony
10:15am / Auditorium

May 26
Commencement
9:00am / Stadium

