



Extended Opportunity Program Boosts Hispanic Student Success



Recent findings by SBVC's Department of Research, Planning & Institutional Effectiveness indicate that the Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOP&S) program has contributed substantially towards the college's impressive student success metrics for Hispanic student success over the last two academic years.

During the 2015-16 academic year, the EOP&S program exceeded the college's overall success rate for Hispanic students by 10% and its retention rate by 6%, making it a significant contributor to the student success data which led to SBVC's Aspen Prize nomination last year. For the last five years, the number of Hispanic students in the EOP&S program has grown substantially, comprising 71% of the program's enrollment in 2015-16, or about 600 students. As their participation in the program has increased, so has their performance, yielding a 77% success rate and 94% retention rate at the end of 2015-16.

"This data speaks volumes about the dedication of our administrators, classified professionals and faculty," said President Diana Rodriguez. "This would not have been possible without their commitment to student success."

Wolverine Spotlight: Stephanie Rodarte



At just 18 years old, Stephanie Rodarte has already achieved a lot.

On May 26, she was one of 12 Middle College High School (MCHS) students to graduate from SBVC with a perfect 4.0 GPA, as well as one of 29 students to graduate with an associate's degree along with her high school diploma.

This fall, she will be starting her bachelor's degree at UCLA, majoring in molecular biology. Stephanie is a first-generation college graduate with a sister who also attended MCHS.

When asked about what inspired her to pursue a career in science, Stephanie credits the academic environment at SBVC more than anything else. "My experiences here have been instrumental in shaping my career outlook," she says.

After graduating from UCLA, Stephanie aspires to continue her education by either attending grad school or medical school.

"My dream career is to be a medical researcher."

Congratulations, Stephanie!

Psych Tech Program Number One on State Exams

San Bernardino Valley College's Psychiatric Technology program once again had the best results for the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians' exam in January, February, and March 2017, ahead of 14 other colleges.

Program Director Dennis Jackson said that SBVC has been either number one or two for board results statewide over the last five years. "Test dates are self-selected by the student and evaluated quarterly," he said. "For January, February, and March, six students took the test, and all passed, 100 percent."

Psychiatric Technology is a one-year vocational program that provides quality education and training to students who wish to work with emotionally, mentally, and developmentally disabled clients. A psych tech must know first aid, CPR, the nursing process, and medication administration, and supervises and assists clients with eating, sleeping, personal hygiene, and developing social relationships and job skills. There are 38 students currently enrolled in the program, and clinical experiences take place at off-campus sites across the Inland Empire. "It's the best bang for the students' buck," Jackson said. "Cost is about \$3,500 and the jobs start at about \$60,000. It is a great job and is very fulfilling."



Faculty Spotlight: Maura Townsend



Stage presence came early and naturally for Maura Townsend, faculty member at San Bernardino Valley College.

She remembers always being in love with dancing. Even so, after spending most of her childhood on her toes, she wondered just how she could use that talent to earn a living, and start a career.

"As a kid, my parents gave me ballet and tap lessons. In elementary school, I was part of the dance club. In high school, I would perform at various concerts. When it was time to graduate, I was like, 'what am I going to do now?'" she said.

She often hears that same question today from her students, who are looking to take their passion to the next level. She opens them up to the possibilities. Dance fields are diverse. At SBVC, students are pointed toward the best options for pursuing dance majors at the university level. Digital props, a growing use of technology as dance enhancers, along with dance mini-documentaries are gaining popularity in certain choreographic circles. Dancers can go on to teach at elementary, high school or college levels, or get their degrees in dance therapy, a form of physical therapy or dance medicine.

She even knows of a dance doctor who specializes in injuries of dancers. "Those dancers work on other dancers," she said. "They work in major companies that [staff] physical therapists to help prevent injuries, and work on injuries."

Townsend says it's important for students to hold tight to their dreams because dance, as a field, is always evolving. Some of the greatest dancers in the world attended SBVC. Among them, Emmy and Tony award-winning dancer Twyla Tharp. "I tell them, do your thing. Who knows, it could be the next Martha Graham, Twyla Tharp or Lester Horton in our class," she said.

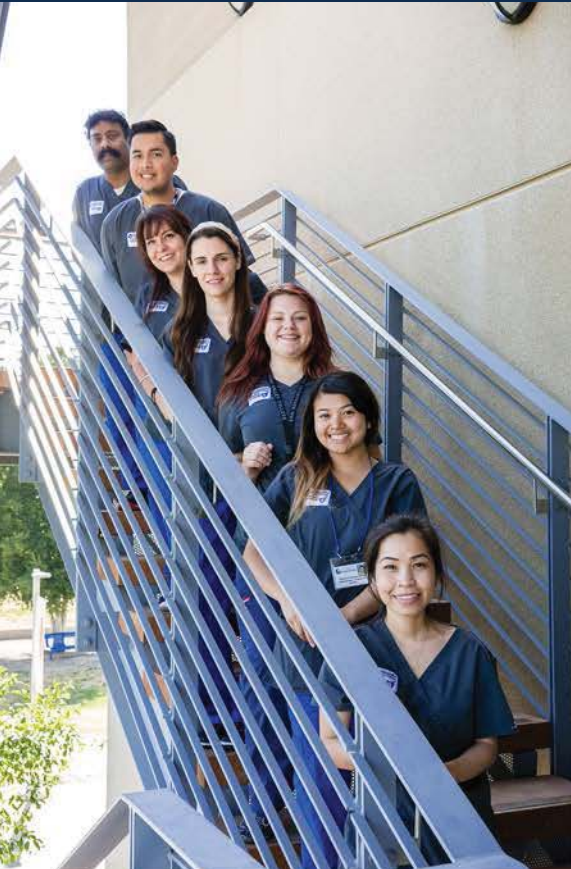
SBVC Students Launch First Season of **Arrowhead News**

During the Spring 2017 semester, students and faculty in the departments of English, RTVF, Music, and Theater Arts worked with the marketing department to relaunch the college's historic student newspaper as an online news show, with the first-ever video episodes premiering on the college's YouTube and Facebook pages in March, April and May.

A total of three episodes were produced for the show's first season, integrating campus news, registration reminders, and comedy into a unique blend of infotainment that showcased students' videography, writing and editing skills. Congratulations, Wolverines!



Pharmacy Tech Program Receives Nat'l Accreditation



On June 26, SBVC's Science Division received an exciting letter from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE): SBVC's pharmacy technology program has received national accreditation for the first time in its 15-year history.

Although not required, national accreditation is a prestigious honor that is highly sought-after by community college programs because it significantly increases employment prospects for graduates, as well as making the program more attractive to potential students long-term.

By receiving accreditation, SBVC has become the first community college in the Inland Empire with an accredited pharmacy technology program.

Spearheaded by Dean Susan Bangasser, Program Director Robyn Seraj and Faculty Chair Lorrie Burnham, the accreditation effort now provides SBVC students with access to the highest-quality program available in the Inland Empire for a fraction of the cost of similar programs at private institutions.

Congratulations, SBVC!

Upcoming Events

July 19
Summer Movie Night
free / 6:00pm / Library Viewing Room

July 20
Ice Cream Thursday
free / 11:00am / ADSS Building

July 20
Wolverine Spirit Day
free / 1:00pm / Auditorium Lawn

July 26
Summer Movie Night
free / 6:00pm / Library Viewing Room

July 27
Summer Food Truck Lunch
11:30am / Auditorium Lawn

August 9
New Student Welcome Day
free / 8:00am / Greek Theatre

