



President's Board Report

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SBVC Partners with Flight School at San Bernardino Int'l Airport



Beginning in Fall 2017, San Bernardino Valley College will be working with World Wide Wings, a flight school at San Bernardino International Airport, to offer commercial pilot licenses to SBVC students, as well as allow for student pilots to earn associate's degrees.

SBVC students will have the opportunity to complete a commercial pilot license (CPL) or certified flight instructor license (CFI) while completing an associate's degree in Aviation Maintenance or Avionics Technology. Upon completion of a CFI, students will have the opportunity to work as flight instructors at World Wide Wings.

Also available are a one-year certificate program in Flight Operations or a two-year program for an Associate of Science degree in Flight Operations and Management, both of which prepare students for immediate employment in the aviation industry, as well as for transfer to a four-year university. Great job, SBVC!

Wolverine Spotlight: Jonathan Montano

Jonathan Montano has dedicated his life to serving others.

When the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks happened just months after he graduated from Taos High School in New Mexico, Montano joined the Air Force. "I felt a stronger urge to serve my country before I did any type of college education," he said.

Montano became an air commando for Special Operations, helping support search and rescue operations in war zones and after natural disasters, like Hurricane Katrina and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. He also participated in the largest human evacuation since Vietnam, in Lebanon in 2006, and the biggest supply drop since World War II, 2003's Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo.

After living in England for three years when he was in Special Operations and being stationed for three years in Charleston, South Carolina, Montano came out west and focused on his next goal: becoming a nurse. He earned his vocational nursing license, paying off his student loans while working in a psychiatric ward, and started taking classes at San Bernardino Valley College in the summer of 2012. During his time as a student, he was busy both on and off campus.

"I started working at SBVC in the beginning of 2013 as a tutor and supplemental instruction leader for Intro Chemistry and General Chemistry-I love chemistry classes," Montano said. "I've also been filming sermons at Loma Linda University Church and Crosswalk Church for six years."

Montano assisted both his peers and professors as a WileyPLUS Student Partner. He collaborated with faculty to teach classes on how to use WileyPLUS technology as a study tool, delivering 15 training presentations and leading weekly study sessions. Montano also spoke in front of 400 people at a sales presentation in Dana Point and 800 more at a Wiley summit in Scottsdale, and in August, will give another speech at a symposium in Hoboken. His outstanding work as a student partner resulted in Montano receiving the WileyPLUS Student Partner of the Year Award this spring.

"I was very happy to be chosen for the WileyPLUS Student Partner of the Year Award because it helped me help lots of students along the way," he said.

Montano is graduating from SBVC this summer with a 3.989 GPA and a degree in social and behavioral sciences and a second degree in biological and physical sciences. He is now off to Loma Linda University, with a full ride, to receive his bachelor of science in nursing degree.

"My goal is to eventually, after working in the ER, ICU, and surgery departments, continue school to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist," Montano said. "My other goal is to someday get my doctorate in nursing so that I can teach other nurses, especially in seminars." Congratulations, Jonathan!



Staff Spotlight: Ernesto Nery

Ernesto Nery is stepping into his new role as Financial Aid Director at San Bernardino Valley College excited about all of the ways he can make life easier for students.

"My plans are to increase financial aid awareness and various financial aid programs while promoting educational opportunities with our local communities," Nery said. "In addition, I would like to increase the number of financial aid applications and reduce department wait and processing times, ensuring all eligible financial aid students receive payment within a timely manner."

Nery said that many students are not aware of the requirements they have to meet in order to keep their financial aid eligibility, and "my goal is to spread the word throughout the campus community of satisfactory academic progress requirements that students need to maintain to continue receiving their financial aid and ensuring that we have a greater success amongst our students."

Before coming to Valley, Nery was in Oakland, serving as the financial aid supervisor at Merritt College. He has a wide breadth of knowledge about the workings of a financial aid office, having been in nearly every position at various community college districts - from front counter support to financial aid specialist, student finance adviser to financial aid analyst.



"My first full time position after my college graduation was at a private college, in the financial aid office," he said. "I did not have any experience working with financial aid at that time. At first, I was hesitant about accepting the position. It was a challenge, understanding the various types of aid and grasping the process of applying for financial aid."

As Nery became more familiar with his position, he took advantage of every opportunity he had to learn and grow in the field.

"Working in financial aid has been rewarding, and it is a pleasure to work with students and staff on a day to day basis," he said.

Valley has a "beautiful campus," Nery said, and he is happy to live closer to his family in the area and start working with the large, diverse student population.

"Growing up, I never thought that I would be working in the financial aid office," he said. "However, I am happy to say that I am Financial Aid Director at Valley College. I look forward to being part of the Valley College campus community."

Police Academy Class 206 Graduates

On June 15, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Public Safety Regional Training Center and SBVC hosted the 206th police graduation ceremony, with 69 graduates. The graduates successfully completed an intensive 23-week program, and will now join several local law enforcement agencies in San Bernardino, Ontario, Riverside, Rialto, Montclair, Hemet, Baldwin Park, and Barstow. Congratulations, Wolverines!



SBVC Evaluates Top Programs for Student Success



Recent data provided by SBVC's Office of Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness revealed that the programs with the highest student success rate during the last academic year were spread across the college's academic divisions, with Psychiatric Technology, Nursing, Diesel, Theater Arts, and Pharmacy Technology taking the top spots for the 2016-17 academic year.

During 2016-17, students in psychiatric technology, nursing, and diesel had a success rate between 95-98%, with diesel showing an impressive 8% increase over the prior year. The programs with the highest average success rate over the past five years were Nursing, Psychiatric Technology, HVAC, Pharmacy Technology, and Inspection Technology. Congratulations, SBVC!

Upcoming Events



August 25

Men's Soccer vs. Santiago Canyon

free / 4:00pm / SBVC Soccer Field

September 1

Women's Volleyball vs. LA Mission

free / 6:00pm / SBVC Gym

September 2

Football vs. Mt. San Antonio

\$10 / 6:00pm / SBVC Stadium

September 7

Women's Volleyball vs. West LA

free / 5:00pm / SBVC Gym