



President's Board Report

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SBVC is the First to Offer an Accelerated Electronics Technology Program



San Bernardino Valley College becomes the first and the only community college in San Bernardino County to offer an Accelerated Electronics Technology Program. This new and exciting program offers an Electronics Technology certificate in 8 months, preparing students for careers in the field of electrical, computer, communications and electronic engineering technicians.

The Accelerated Electronics Technology Program is designed to give students a complete understanding of the basic and intermediate foundations of Electronics Engineering Technology. It was formulated with inputs from various electronics and electrical contractors, and is taught by instructors with real-world experience. State-of-the-art laboratory materials further allow students to learn with some of the "know why" of an engineer, as well as some of the "know-how" of a craftsman.

The accelerated program allows individuals to complete the required Electronics Certificate in 8 months with full time enrollment and by attending classes on the required schedules. Students will gain entry-level job training in the broad and expanding field. Interested students can email sbvc-cte@valleycollege.edu for more information.

SBVC Launches "Shout Your Dreams" Campaign



During Opening Day on August 11, President Diana Rodriguez unveiled the college's theme for the 2017-18 academic year: "Shout Your Dreams, SBVC!"

Named after a social experiment where participants became more empowered after vocalizing their goals publicly through a large megaphone, the theme is designed to encourage SBVC faculty, classified professionals and administrators to reach towards even greater successes in achieving the goals and objectives that have been set by the campus for 2017-18.

"We have an exciting year ahead of us," said President Rodriguez. "I am confident that we have what it takes to make our college the number one choice for all prospective students in our local communities."

SBVC Continues to Transform Tech Ed Programs

This year, SBVC will use close to \$2 million dollars in shared funding from the State Chancellor's Office to update most of its CTE programs, acquiring hybrid cars for its automotive program, installing new supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems in its electronics labs, expanding internship opportunities for students, and increasing the number of students obtaining industry-recognized certifications in information technology.

With these new labs and curriculum, SBVC will be able to boast having one of the most impressive career and technical education (CTE) programs in the state.

"We are always on the lookout for ways to update our programs and career tools," said Albert Maniaol, dean of Applied Technology, Transportation and Culinary Arts at SBVC. "This gives our students the opportunity to work directly with the most up-to-date equipment in test labs and training facilities before they enter the workforce."



Wolverine Spotlight: William Lacey

Good food and fine entertainment always seem to go well together, especially for San Bernardino Valley College student William Lacey, 26, of Highland.

This master of the arts is not quite sure which one will win out in the end—his standout vocals or culinary prowess. Eventually, he would like to combine them at his own restaurant where he can train chefs to prepare Cajun cuisine, and maybe indulge his operatic side every now and again. Lacey is a natural classical aficionado. He has had three years of classical vocal training at SBVC, and credits his instructors for keeping him on track with his career and education.

A private voice class helped Lacey hone his skill, and one day after choir, he sang the national anthem for SBVC Music Department Chair Matie Manning Scully.

“She looked at me and said ‘kiddo, you’ve got a great voice. I would love to work with you.’ It started from there.” Lacey also performs regularly with choreographer Maura Townsend and her Project21Dance Company. During Black History Month, he sang his richly-layered baritone rendition of Paul Robeson’s “Ol’ Man River” as part of Townsend’s “Hope Through the Struggle” event held at San Bernardino Valley College. He said that Ms. Townsend, an adjunct professor at the college, has also been instrumental in giving him a creative venue for his artistic side. “From that point, we kind of hit the ground running. She asked me to join her company, and I continue to do pieces with her dancers,” he said. Lacey grew up in the city of Highland, where his grandmother was his best critic at church and home. It’s also where he, his mother and grandmother would often sing gospel and cook large family meals together. When his grandmother passed away, it was the toughest time of his life. He barely spoke complete sentences throughout junior high school. In 2018, Lacey is on track to graduate with an A.S. in Restaurant Management and an A.S. in Business Administration. He credits SBVC with giving him the tools to move forward with confidence. Congratulations, William!



Aug. 3: Psych Tech Graduation

On August 3, SBVC celebrated its Fall 2017 psych tech graduating class and the 20 new grads entering their career fields as psychiatric technicians.

SBVC is known to have one of the highest-performing psych tech programs in the state, and its grads once again had the best results for the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians exam during the Spring 2017 semester, ahead of 14 other colleges.

Congratulations, Wolverines!

From Homelessness to a Doctoral Fellowship at Berkeley



Zachery Robinson, SBVC Class of '14, never dreamed he'd be where he is now. bound for Northern California, where he will earn his doctorate through a joint program from the University of California, Berkeley, and University of California, San Francisco.

Higher education wasn't on his radar growing up, when he moved from "one poor neighborhood to another, even being homeless for several years," he said. In high school, Robinson set his mind on learning a trade that would ensure he had a stable job and income. "I needed to earn money and could not 'waste' a single year chasing something as abstract as knowledge in the sciences," he said. "I began welding, spending hours after school each day to improve my skills, often kicked out by teachers as the school closed for the night."

Wanting to keep challenging himself, Robinson started taking AP classes, and followed his older sister to San Bernardino Valley College, where he focused on math and chemistry courses in order to pursue a degree in engineering. He took honors organic chemistry with Dr. Sheri Lillard, and she became a driving force in his success. He studied biodiesel as a renewable energy source, presented findings at a conference at the University of California, Irvine, and published abstracts.

Robinson's countless hours spent researching in labs put him on the path to his next goal: earning his Ph.D. In late February, he interviewed at UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco. "I thought that my interviews had gone really well and I felt like those schools had the best professors to help me develop my teaching and researching skills," he said. "I loved the diversity of the Ph.D cohort and the culture of both campuses. Usually it takes more than one month for schools to accept or deny admission so it was a great surprise when I had just arrived home on March 1 to find an email congratulating me for the chancellor fellowship. I thought that it was a mistake." As a fellow, Robinson is one of Berkeley's top doctoral students, and in about six years, he will graduate from the combined program at UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco as a Doctor of Bioengineering. His ultimate goal is to become a bioengineering professor.

Upcoming Events

September 15

Men's Soccer vs. Cuyamaca

free / 3:15pm / SBVC Soccer Field

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Women's Soccer vs. East LA

free / 4:00pm / SBVC Soccer Field

September 20

Women's Volleyball vs. Canyons

free / 5:00pm / SBVC Gym

September 23

Football vs. LA Southwest

\$10 / 6:00pm / SBVC Stadium

