

# President's Board Report

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community

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## **SBVC Adopts Urbita Elementary School**



On December 6, San Bernardino Valley College officially adopted Urbita Elementary School during a special ceremony on campus. It was the first time a San Bernardino City Unified School District school adoption was held away from the school's campus, with all 400 of Urbita's students riding the bus to SBVC, where they were treated to a ballet and short theater production. Long before the adoption was formalized, SBVC has welcomed Urbita Elementary students to its campus, where they have participated in various activities aimed at inspiring them to do well in school and go to college, said San Bernardino Valley College President Diana Rodriguez. "We are publicly acknowledging and celebrating the close partnership that has developed between Urbita and SBVC faculty and administrators," Rodriguez said. "SBVC has been an extension of Urbita's academic environment for many years, and many Urbita alumni have gone on to SBVC to complete their college education. We are thankful for our partnership with Urbita and the SBCUSD and hope that it continues to grow stronger." Congratulations, SBVC!

#### WinterFest 2017 Brings Delicious Food & Holiday Cheer to Campus



On December 5, hundreds of SBVC students, staff and community members braved the unusually cold weather to gather at SBVC for the college's second annual WinterFest: a campus-wide holiday celebration that showcased many of SBVC's degree programs to the public in a fun and family-friendly atmosphere. Visitors were treated to a variety of free musical and dance performances, delicious treats prepared by the Culinary Arts program, food trucks, pictures with Santa Claus, holiday film screenings, planetarium shows, and free resources provided by SBVC's academic and student services departments. Congratulations, SBVC!

#### Staff Spotlight: Jeffrey Klug

SBVC Police Academy Director Jeff Klug has retired from the program after 29 years on campus. Klug started his law enforcement career in 1975 as a paid intern at California Youth Authority Parole in Santa Ana. In 1977, he was hired by the California Department of Corrections as a correctional officer. He soon graduated the CHP Academy five years later and worked in Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Ana, South Los Angeles and Barstow areas.

His special assignments included CHP and San Bernardino Sheriff's Academy instructor, protective services detail member for three presidents, honor guard sergeant, canine sergeant, motorcycle sergeant and mobile field force sergeant and lieutenant. In 1988, San Bernardino Valley College hired Klug as a community services instructor to teach Traffic School, Mature Driving and Civilian Pepper Spray classes. When the SBVC Extended Academy opened in December 1991, he served as academy instructor, tactical officer, academy coordinator and then academy director over the course of the next 26 years. The Class #36 Extended Law Enforcement Academy Graduation, held in October 2017, was Klug's final time awarding certificates to graduating students. He was presented with a congratulatory plaque by SBVC President Diana Z. Rodriguez and Dean of Social Sciences, Dr. Wallace Johnson. One Class #36 graduate said, "Director Klug is very inspirational and great leader. He wants what is best for every trainee and is around to help anyone that needs it." Another graduate said, "The Director is excellent about all aspects of the Academy. He kept the Academy organized. He makes this Academy great." Congratulations on your retirement, Director Klug, and thank you for your tireless service!



#### SBVC Reaches Out to Neighboring Cities in 2nd Annual Day of Service

On December 2, around 100 SBVC students, staff and administrators participated in the college's second annual "Day of Service," an extensive volunteer effort led by President Diana Z. Rodriguez to distribute information about SBVC programs into the local community. Organized into four teams that targeted residential communities in Muscoy, Colton, Rialto and Highland, the three-hour volunteer effort distributed close to 4,000 packets of information to neighboring residents, with each packet containing a spring schedule and flyers about the college's online course offerings, early college program, weekend college, and in-depth information about the many degrees and certificates available at SBVC. After the event, volunteers returned to campus for a barbecue, with several lucky volunteers winning prizes in an opportunity drawing. Congratulations, SBVC!



#### SBVC Graduates Psychiatric Tech Class of Fall 2017



On December 14, fourteen brand-new graduates of SBVC's psychiatric technology program walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and celebrate completion of one of the most renowned psych tech programs in the state.

Continuously ranking #1 on state certification exams, the SBVC program is acclaimed for its academic rigor and support for new students entering the rewarding career field of psychiatric technology.

#### SBVC Soccer Teams Win Top State and National Honors



In November 2017, SBVC's women's soccer team was ranked 12th in the nation. In December, three San Bernardino Valley College soccer players earned All-State honors as voted on by members of the California Community College Soccer Coaches Association.

Fred Zaragoza was named to the men's team, and Natalie Carreon and Jordan Steele were named to the women's team. Both SBVC soccer teams were able to send players to the All-Region teams. Congratulations, Wolverines!

#### **SBVC Welding Department Wins Equipment Valued at \$6,900**

In November 2017, SBVC's Welding Program received news that it was selected as a finalist in ESAB's national "Weld It Forward" student essay contest, which chose SBVC from among 230 essays submitted by schools across the country.

Welding Club advisors Bryce Cacho and Joshua Milligan worked with students to assist them with the submission of the essay. As a competition finalist, the program has received approximately \$6,900 worth of equipment and supplies and is now eligible to compete for the grand prize: an additional \$20,000 worth of equipment and supplies from ESAB.

Congratulations to our welding program!



### Upcoming Events

February 16-19 Campus Closed

April 24 FoodIEFest 2018 11:00am / Auditorium

Mav 11 **Spotlighting Our Success 2018** 5:00pm / TBD

**May 25** Commencement 2018 9:00am / Stadium

