



President's Board Report

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

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Alumni Share Success Stories at Opening Day



On January 12, President Diana Z. Rodriguez hosted a very special spring Opening Day ceremony with a memorable message for all staff, encouraging her colleagues to "shout" their dreams into reality during the 2017-18 academic year.

During the introduction of this theme last fall, President Rodriguez played a video that showed people shouting their dreams into a huge megaphone located in an open, public space. The message conveyed by the video was that, if a person had the courage to shout their dreams in public, it will make the attainment of those dreams feel more likely than if they are quietly kept inside.

In a public declaration of her own dreams for the campus during the Spring 2018 semester, President Rodriguez stressed the importance of mentorship in crafting student, staff, and faculty experiences at SBVC, recounting her experiences growing up in Southern California and how the existence of mentors throughout her life helped her to attain academic and professional success. All attendees were then given a branded SBVC megaphone to serve as a reminder of the year's theme.

Guest speakers at the event included three alumni--Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers, Thomas Robles, and Cassandra Thomas--and Shaniya Trotter, a current student. All speakers shared inspiring stories of their experiences at SBVC and how instrumental mentors were to shaping their success.



Valley-Bound Program Alumna Returns to Work at SBVC



After graduating from Colton High School, **Christina Raney** started taking classes at SBVC in 2009. A first-generation college student, her education was made possible by the Valley-Bound program, which prepares students as they transition into college. Her father worked as a manual laborer, and she said he would tell her, 'I want you to go to college so you can carry a briefcase instead of a lunch pail.' "This has resonated with me throughout my entire life," Raney says.

During her time at SBVC, she loved the campus and getting to know other students, and, after transferring to Cal State San Bernardino and earning her bachelor's degree in Mass Communication in 2016, Raney reached back out to SBVC to see if there were any jobs available. Now, she is a substitute clerical assistant in the financial aid office, and says she "takes pride" in knowing that she'll "always be connected to this college, even long after attending."

Congratulations, Christina!

Diesel Department Receives \$25,000 Award For Environmentally-Conscious Instruction

Just recently, the Heavy/Medium Duty Diesel Truck Technology Department at SBVC received its second round of a gracious bounty: the Environmental Champions Award of \$25,000 by Sempra Energy. More specifically a Career Technical Education program, the alternative fuel program for CNG/Electric/Hybrid vehicles is getting attention fueled among community colleges throughout the state.

The department, whose new funds will help accelerate learning for students studying for an associate degree or certification, also provides a fundamental learning service: the funds will be used to purchase a clean, heavy duty, natural gas engine that students may inspect and study. This year's award is an echo of last year's, when \$20,000 was awarded to the program for environmentally-conscious instruction. Last year's funds were used to purchase vital accessories, such as rubber-coated diagnostic tools designed for hybrid gas-electric engines.

The CNG-focused truck technology program at SBVC is ripe for growth and subsequent employment, and allows students interested in clean energy and hybrid automotive technology to gain and hone their technical skills. "The program, and by extension the clean energy field, is in demand for students," said Karen Childers, Director of Development & Community Relations at SBVC.

Prospective students can apply to the program easily via the college's online application, and then swiftly move on to advanced training on CNG heavy duty vehicles.

The department's faculty and students are grateful to Sempra Energy for supplying the program with these vital resources, without which the program could not be as robust as it is. The success of students acquiring employment after graduating the program is just a ripple of what SBVC faculty envision the Medium/Heavy Duty Diesel Truck Technology program to become in the near future.

Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC's "High Tech Center" One of the Best in Southern California

Ana Bojorquez knows all of the ins and outs, and nooks and crannies of every corner of the San Bernardino Valley College "High Tech Center." It's something that she learned the hard way. Every piece of software and programming platform that she guides her disabled students through started from her own first-hand experience. She became the go-to person at the lab quite by accident.

Immobilized and in pain many years ago after an accident, she didn't want to sit around stagnant and nonproductive. She began volunteering at Valley College to stay busy as a way to deal with her own disability.

Today, she helps students with all of the programming they need to move up to the next level of their learning experience, jobs and careers. At the lab, students connect with her to access various assisted technologies tailored for many types of disabilities, including visual and hearing impairments.

With 36 computers on site, the computer lab offers support for distance education on campus and through the network service students can access the system 24/7. Anywhere there is a wi-fi connection, students can load all of their books or access the network systems on their phone.

San Bernardino Valley College now boasts that its High Tech Center is one of the most effective in Southern California. The Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) department is committed to providing students with disabilities an accessible educational environment that allows each student the opportunity to reach his/her academic goals and participate in a full range of campus programs and activities. Such support services are essential components in helping disabled students realize their educational potential in mainstream academic programs.



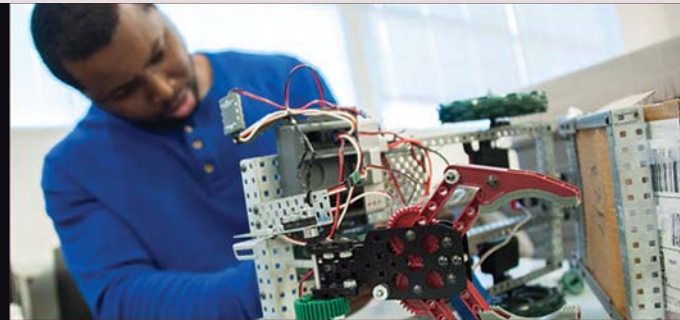
Electronics Instructor Runs Like the Wind



Gerald Chase, instructor of Electricity/Electronics at San Bernardino Valley College, sure can run fast. At 81 years of age, Chase participated and medaled in the 2017 National Seniors Games in Track and Field held in Birmingham, Alabama. Chase placed third in the triple jump and second in the 4x100 men's relay, with the participants ranging in age from 75-79. He also ribboned in the javelin, discus, long jump and high jump. Even younger squads were impressed with the agile instructor, and invited him to train with them for other track and field events.

Upon returning home, he was congratulated by SBVC Applied Technology, Transportation and Culinary Arts Division Dean, Albert Maniaol. Chase has been an Electronics/Electricity adjunct instructor at SBVC for 18 years and believes these competitions keep him healthy and agile.

Congratulations, Gerald!



SBVC Now Offers Fast-Track Job Training in Electrical Tech

A new accelerated program in electronic technology will get full-time SBVC students ready to get to work after just eight months.

Electronic technology is a lucrative and growing field. On average, two years after graduating, electrical tech workers earn \$47,000 annually, and five years after graduating, they earn \$55,000. The U.S. Department of Labor also projects that by 2024, there will be 24,400 jobs for electrical technicians in California.

SBVC Custodian Coaches After-School Track Club For Local Youth

When you tether academic excellence to physical activity, you create the T.J Striders Youth Track & Field Club, housed at San Bernardino Valley College since 1996 under the Southern California Association/USATF.

Jerry Mason, currently a custodian at SBVC, and his brother-in-law, Thomas Ray Palmore, created an after-school track & field club when the need was dire. Reflecting on his history in athletics, Jerry was an incredible athlete at Cajon High School-but he never got the support he needed. Turning his past into tinder for flame, Jerry brandished a simple attitude. "Let's go out here and start helping these kids," and T.J. Striders has spread through the Inland Empire community like wildfire.

There are kids everywhere with untapped potential, and Jerry wanted to do something about it, to "get the kids off the streets" and into a unified cohort where they would be both academically and physically active. The success of the after-school program garners acclaim from more than just students and their parents: coaches, rivalling or intramural, community members, and even scouts attend the club after school to see the kids play their hearts out and funnel their energy into something life-changing.

Jerry hosts the track & field club after work from 6:00-7:45, and he is quick to remind the 50-90 students who participate annually that academics and family are first: track is not everything. This moral has echoed deep within the souls of the students, with several returning to Coach Jerry after completing high school, college, or even military deployments to personally thank him for the light he kindled in them.

For more information about the program, visit the club's website at www.tjstridersyouthtrackclub.com.

Congratulations, Jerry!



THANK YOU!!!

Love you Coach Jerry! Thank you for an amazing track season ~~to end~~ to end my senior year! CIF, here we come!
- Angela Silis c/o 2016 ♡

Thank you Coach Mason, for all the hard work you have put in to our teams & for all your dedication. This season was more than worth it!
Love you Coach Mason. - Lissette Flores.

Coach Mason thank you for every thing I learned so much from you I am glad you were my coach for four years I wish you the best and take care Thank you for every thing - Lizbeth Gammas
coach jerry I couldnt thank you enough I love you middleetta
Hey coach Manson

Thank you For Every-thing you have Taught Me through out these 4 years I have known you look Forward to seeing you with you Track

Thank you, Coach Jerry

We all appreciate everything that you have done for us this season.



Upcoming Events

February 16-19
Campus Closed

April 24
FoodIEFest 2018
11:00am / Auditorium

May 11
Spotlighting Our Success 2018
5:00pm / TBD

