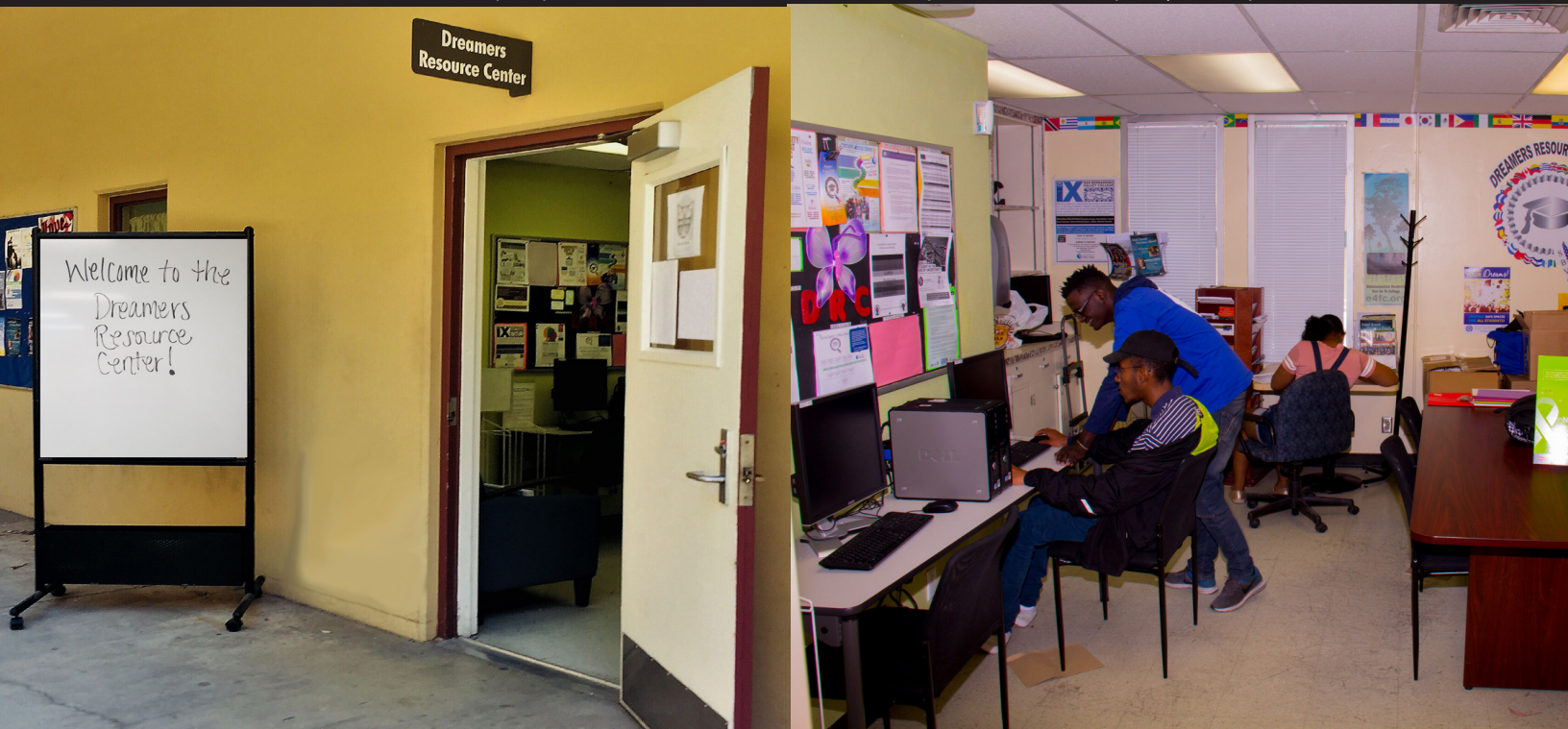




President's Board Report

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Dreamers Resource Center Recognized by *Excelencia in Education*

The Dreamers Resource Center (DRC) at San Bernardino Valley College has been acknowledged for its mighty contribution to the Latino community by Excelencia through Education, an organization that nationally recognizes evidence-based practices increasing Latino student success in higher education.

In a time where undocumented students across college campuses have been anticipating federal changes, this recognition highlights how California and SBVC are providing resources to continue the academic and career goals of these Dreamers.

Excelencia in Education received submissions from over 160 programs with evidence of improving Latino student success. The Dreamers Resource Center at SBVC was one of only 19 programs selected as "Examples of Excelencia."

The criteria for recognition of any program under consideration for focuses on a program's success supported by evidence that shows its effectiveness in increasing Latino student success in higher education. San Bernardino Valley College was highlighted as an innovative program to watch in 2018, whose DRC program was commended on its cultural competency by taking Latino students background and history into account.

This SBVC resource was also praised for focusing on the dense Latino demographic around campus, demonstrating correlation between the program's practice and the students' success, and leaving a mark while in its mere 3-year infancy. Established in Spring of 2015, the DRC at Valley College provides a suitable learning environment for all students, though it reach focuses on undocumented students, DACA applicants, and those with questions about their citizen status regarding college education.

"The accolade is not an end-all, but a reminder to strive for excellence at all levels, and then some," says Sylvia Juarez, First Year Experience liaison at SBVC, echoing the vision to spur excellence at all levels for all students. This announcement by Excelencia is a hopeful omen of future advances for the DRC, that guidance and hope may reverberate throughout not just the Latino community, but to all who are or feel franchised in the vexing college realm. The organization will use these paradigms of excellence to inform policy and compel action by using real, actionable systems for increasing Latino success.

SBVC Shows Big Presence at San Bernardino Arts Fest

SBVC broke out its best for San Bernardino's third annual Arts Fest, which returned on March 24 at San Manuel Stadium for a massive display of local artistic talent for a free day of family-friendly fun.

This year, SBVC had its own designated section of the event, spotlighting all of its rising stars, including Voci Soli, the advanced choir ensemble on campus. Top-tier art displays, along with a cultural mélange of dancers, singers, and many other noteworthy performances were presented.

Art and technology converged through the participation of Applied Technology divisions on campus. The Art Club displayed their glass blowing, sculptures, clay art, and more, while the welding and electronics departments set up their own technological projects. SBVC also brought beauty and form to the stage through its performing arts department, including improv performances and dances from SBVC instructors.

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Aeronautics Student Flies Over SBVC Campus

Bill Cooper of the Aeronautics Department recently graced the San Bernardino community with a unique perspective of the college. On New Year's Day, Bill and his wife took an aerial stroll through the valley to get photos for his Aeronautics instructor at SBVC, Dave Casillas.

Bill has been a licensed pilot since 1977, holding an instrument rating. He is a retired Assistant Chief from West Metro Fire/Rescue in Denver, Colorado, has a degree in Fire Science, and in the early seventies served in the Navy as an Air Intercept Control and Anti-Submarine Air Controller near Vietnam. In addition to his enrollment in the SBVC Aeronautics Department, Bill also belongs to the Aero Club at March Air Reserve Base, where he assists with aircraft maintenance. His wife is also a pilot and retired Navy Commander herself.



Noted Anthropologist Speaks at SBVC

On Tuesday, March 27, San Bernardino Valley College hosted respected anthropologist and university professor Dr. Juli Grisby for a lecture addressing pressing matters of today's society.

Originally from the Inland Empire, Dr. Grigsby is a socio-cultural anthropologist who has lectured at universities across the country on issues regarding critical race theory, feminist and queer theory, women's health and violence, and U.S. social movements. She is also a noted photographer, and author of her current book project, "Grim Sleeper: Gender, Violence, and Reproductive Justice in Los Angeles." She currently serves as the assistant professor of Anthropology at Haverford College in Pennsylvania.

SBVC Sociology professor Anthony Blacksher said Dr. Grigsby can provide valuable insight for young scholars into the practical applications of anthropology today. "The work she is doing right now highlights the unique oppression of Black women and how that can be rendered invisible when things are seen as merely women's issues, Black issues, or issues in our society at large," he said. "To this point, Dr. Grigsby's latest work connects the structural and economic conditions faced by Black women with the very real violence that is enacted upon them, politically and physically." He hopes Dr. Grigsby's lecture will inspire more students to consider fields in the social sciences, especially anthropology.

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Cesar Chavez Dinner Celebrates Life and Hispanic Culture



A dinner held at San Bernardino Valley College recently provided great food and conversation around one of history's most important civil rights activists, Cesar Chavez, and his decades-long struggle that continues today. Chavez, co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America, was honored on campus for his role in changing the brutal working conditions that gave rise to the labor movement.

Ed Gomez said that he and Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.) started the dinner about 16 years ago on campus in tribute to Chavez, who died in 1993. When Gomez came to SBVC as full-time faculty, he said it was important to take on a meaningful project that could exemplify and recognize the activist's strength and dedication to the farmer's works. "In our first year, we did a vigil. After that, we reassessed and said we needed to do something that would be more upbeat and honor the workers," said Gomez, a history professor, and Mecha de SBVC club advisor.



Chavez, the son of migrant workers, also experienced backbreaking field work to support his family throughout his teen years, before serving two years in the Navy. From there, he co-founded what is now known as the United Farm Workers union, along with Dolores Huerta, who was also honored at SBVC recently. In the mid-60's, he pulled Latino and Filipino workers together to strike, he boycotted table grapes, and led the charge for fair wages and humane working conditions throughout his adult life. In 1968, the year of his 25-day food fast modeled after the nonviolent tenets of Gandhi, Chavez visited San Bernardino Valley College.

Gomez said the dinner, organized by himself and Mecha De SBVC club, was also in honor of the local farm workers and braceros, who, at that time were off the 10 Freeway and California, and on Mt. Vernon and 9th Street. The braceros program was an exploitative U.S. program, allowing cheap legal immigrant labor and unfair working conditions. That program officially ended in 1964, even as elements of exploitation continued on.

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SBVC Wins at Welding Competition

On April 7, SBVC students and faculty participated in the American Welding Society (AWS) competition, held at Fontana High School. SBVC student Ruben Contreras placed second in the competition, and was awarded with professional welding gear that included a welding hood, jacket, and gloves. SBVC student Jose Tovar took 4th place, and claimed a \$200 cash prize. SBVC welding instructor Joshua Milligan took second place in the Instructor category, and earned a seat at the 2018 National AWS Instructors Institute at AWS Headquarters in Miami.

Applied Tech Inspires Students at Local Elementary School

The Aeronautics Department and Applied Technology, Transportation and Culinary Arts recently represented San Bernardino Valley College at Mission Elementary School for a college and career fair. Elementary students and their parents were shown numerous tools used in repairing planes and becoming a pilot. Young students were exposed to the possibilities of an applied technology career and the future educational pathways at SBVC available to achieve those goals.



SBVC Women's Soccer Team Holds Annual Outreach Event



National Education Association's Read Across America Day is a nationwide celebration of reading that takes place every year on March 2. For the seventh year in a row, the San Bernardino Valley College women's soccer team held their outreach event on this day to celebrate reading and inspire young students. The team visited to Vermont Elementary School in San Bernardino and read various books in English and in Spanish to children in grades first through sixth.

The team, led by Coach Kristen B Hauge, has been participating in the Read Across America Day for several years. The purpose of this day is to promote reading and lifelong learning to the children. Hauge said the women also discuss the benefits of staying in school, a college education, various majors and career choices. Since the team is currently in their offseason, the players emphasize taking part in opportunities that help serve their community.

Stephanie Doran, who started attending SBVC last spring and joined the soccer team in the summer of 2017, enjoyed her first experience with this event. She said that she loved reading to the children, watching them laugh, and seeing the joy on their faces is something special. Her teammate Jordyn Dejongh, who participated for the second time this year, said the first graders especially had so many questions about soccer and about the college experience. The team aims to continue their outreach efforts in order to inspire future generations both athletically and academically.



Upcoming Events

May 4
Night of Achievement
5:00pm / Gym 203

May 4
Planetarium Show
The Hubble Space Telescope
\$3 / 6:30pm / Planetarium

May 10-12
The Crucible
\$10 / 7:00pm / Auditorium

May 11
23rd Annual Spotighting Our Success
\$16 / 6:00pm / Campus Center

May 16
Scholarship Award Ceremony
6:00pm / Auditorium

May 17
BFSA Annual Recognition of Black Graduates Celebration
5:00pm / B-100

May 25
2018 Commencement
9:00am / SBVC Stadium

