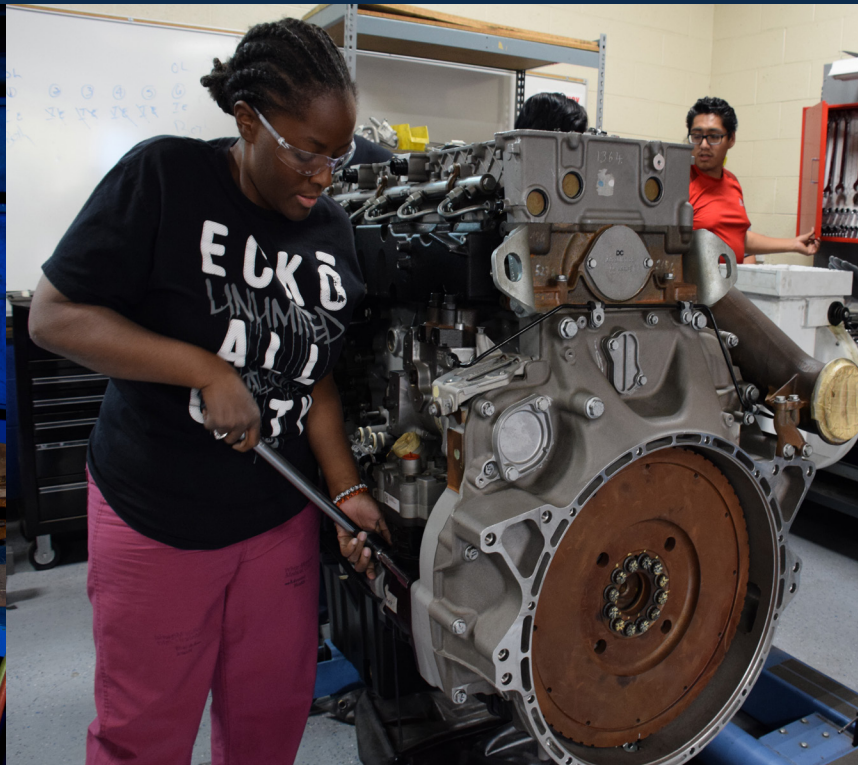




President's Board of Trustees Report

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SBVC Wins Big at SkillsUSA State Competition



San Bernardino Valley College sent 18 students and seven faculty members from the Applied Technology Division to compete in the SkillsUSA Annual California State Leadership and Skills Conference in Ontario, California. Over 2,500 students represented schools from Indio and Orange County to the U.S.-Mexico border in order to compete in 80 different contests. These students qualified for this state competition by placing in the top six in the regional competition in March. Wolverines demonstrated their abilities in a variety of technical fields, including Automotive, Culinary Arts, Diesel, HVAC/R, Machinist and Welding. In total, SBVC earned ten medals! The winners included **Omar Landin** (Gold, Automotive, Refinishing), **Duc Le** (Gold, Machinist, CNC Technician), **Andrew Ortiz** (Gold, Machinist, Precision Machining Technology), **Jesus Aispruo** (Silver, Machinist, Precision Machining Technology), **Skyler Stueve** (Bronze, Machinist, Precision Machining Technology), **Alex Diaz** (Silver, Welding, MIG), **Jose Tovar** (Silver, Welding, Shielded Metal Arc), **Gabriela Mejia** (Bronze, Culinary Arts), **Joseph Diaz** (Bronze, Diesel), **Brian Harris** (Bronze, HVAC/R). Special congratulations to Automotive Collision student Omar Landin, who will be advancing to the 52nd National Leadership and Skills Competition in Louisville, Kentucky in June. Congratulations, Wolverines!

SBVC Hosts First-Ever Facebook Live Q&A Events

From navigating class registration processes to determining how to pay for courses, students often have questions when they begin their academic journeys. To further provide assistance to its students, SBVC launched several Facebook Live Q&A sessions to answer student questions. Its opening episode featured Ernesto Nery, Director of Financial aid on campus, who addressed hundreds of viewers and assisted them with financial aid-related questions. The second Facebook Live series featured April Dale-Carter, Director of Admissions and Records at SBVC. In the two-part event, she answered live student questions regarding admissions and registration. The Facebook Live sessions were watched by more than 1,500 students, further expanding SBVC's accessibility to its students and local community. Congratulations, SBVC!



Wolverine Spotlight: Spencer Layman

When Spencer Layman first started down the path of addiction, life was all about survival. He dropped out of school at 12 years old and left home with his two older brothers, who within six months were serving long prison terms. He was on the streets to fend for himself.

"[Drugs were] a way for me to put money in my pocket, have clean clothes, and eat every day. It was the way of supporting myself," he said. From age 15, Layman cycled through county jails and prisons for ten years. He tried restarting his life, hitting roadblocks at every turn because of his formerly incarcerated status. Eventually, he checked himself into rehabilitation, and started attending San Bernardino Valley College.

Getting back to the real world was painful, at least at first. He remembers nearing the bus stop on his first day of class as one of his worst days. His hands were shaking, he was dripping with sweat. He was going to a place where all the other students were doing big things. They had goals.

"I felt like an outcast. It was nerve-wracking," he said. "People think it's funny.

They're like, were you scared to go to prison? No, because I was so institutionalized. It was normal for me." Hoodie pulled down over his head, he took his seat at the back of the class. He thought everyone knew his past, and privately told his instructor that he was extremely anxious because he hadn't been in school since he was 12 years old. She assured him everything was fine. "She was like, 'Don't worry about it, if you wouldn't have said you just got out of prison, I wouldn't have known,'" said Layman, who graduated from San Bernardino Valley College this year. "I thought I had it written across my forehead, but that was just my perception."

Human Services Department Faculty Chair Melinda Moneymaker helped him get past the fear. Today, Layman is a substance abuse counselor, helping other formerly incarcerated students surmount similar obstacles and insecurities to re-entry. Some of the impetus to get on the right track came from his need to make amends to all those he had hurt along the way. "What better way than helping other addicts? That's what made me want to become a drug and alcohol counselor and go back to school," he said. He said Professor Moneymaker connected him to the Human Services Club. From there, he served a stint as president of grassroots advocates "All of Us or None," then became a student senator, which led to his successful push for a resolution to start a formerly incarcerated community center on campus.

One personal mandate for Spencer is to never forget where he has come from. He works with Project Rebound, which sends the formerly incarcerated his way so he can help them meet the criteria for that program. He is concerned that many formerly incarcerated don't realize they qualify for financial aid. He sits down with them, helps them navigate registration, pick classes, and figure out their goals in life. Congratulations, Spencer! *Read the rest of this article at www.valleycollege.edu/news.*



SBVC Professor Chosen For Inclusion In San Bernardino Literary Anthology

For her love of words on community spirit, San Bernardino Valley College English professor Dr. Sheela Free has been chosen by the prestigious Inlandia Literary Laureate for publication in their first edition of **The San Bernardino Literary Anthology**.

This collection of poetry, art, and stories is intended to both honor our community and incite necessary changes within it. She is thrilled that her selections were chosen by the Inlandia Journal's IE Literary Laureate Nikia Chaney, who is also a fellow SBVC English instructor. All three of Dr. Free's submissions were selected for the anthology, and will be featured as a

collection entitled, "San Bernardino: The Bright Side, the Dark Side." In her first poem, "San Bernardino Passion," Dr. Free explores the city's potential to grow and thrive through the eyes of protagonist Persimmon. The metaphorical marries the physical in her next poem "Uvulaic Rhapsody," with the battering Santa Ana winds symbolizing the good and bad whipping of seasonal change. Congratulations, Sheela! *Read the rest of this article at www.valleycollege.edu/news.*

SBVC Students Awarded S-STEM Scholarships

Eleven SBVC students have been selected as recipients of S-STEM awards, or Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. These Wolverines earned scholarships ranging from \$2,897 to \$6,000, with the total amount among them exceeding **\$50,000**. The scholarships come from a California State University, San Bernardino grant funded by the National Science Foundation. This 5-year grant is a collaborative effort between CSUSB and four local community colleges, including SBVC. Totaling nearly \$5 million, this grant funds a program that provides the scholarships to community college and transfer students who are pursuing degrees in the STEM field. The program also provides academic and other support to increase the persistence of these academically talented students. Scholars will meet regularly with a faculty mentor in their major, participate in cohort classes their first year at CSUSB, and have access to a variety of co-curricular opportunities including peer mentoring, workshops and research experiences. The goal is to have these transfer scholars transition seamlessly into the CSUSB system, which will dramatically increase the likelihood of their successful completion of a degree program and entry into a rewarding STEM-related career. Congratulations to **Aracely Arevalo, Edna Lomeli, Rumana Muriam, Dennis Burden, Kyah Gracia, Wijdan Kaoud, Steven Kasalirwe, Heather Livings, Andrea Monteon, Salvador Rodriguez, and Cherish Troung!**



SBVC Alumnus Named Endowed Chair at UCR

Louie Rodriguez has been named the UCR Graduate School of Education's Bank of America Chair in Educational Leadership, Policy, and Practice. He attended both San Bernardino Valley College and Cal State San Bernardino before embarking on his teaching career, building a portfolio of work over the years that highlights the power of engaging youth in work that strives for justice in education. His new role will mirror his former achievements by encouraging research projects by undergraduate and graduate students at UCR to engage with surrounding communities and explore topics such as neighborhood engagement, school culture, and educational equity. His new position as endowed chair has implications for improving regional public education from kindergarten through community college. The opportunity will enable him to expand upon his existing body of research to potentially influence education policy and practice both locally and nationally.



SBVC Launches Virtual Campus Tours on Google Maps

In May, SBVC unveiled its partnership with Google Maps to create an interactive, digital glimpse inside its campus, allowing prospective students to gain a better view of what attending Valley would be like. This immersive, virtual experience uses 360-degree image captures of notable campus locations, including the Athletics Complex, Library, Admissions & Records, and more. Viewers can use their mouse, touchscreen, or virtual reality headset to look around as if they are actually inside buildings on campus. To view select locations on campus, a viewer can click on one of the campus locations on Google Maps and drag the Street View "yellow man" icon to it. SBVC administrators hope that this innovative feature will help to promote the campus and give first-person access to students who may not otherwise be able to visit the campus physically. Congratulations, SBVC!



Five Wolverine Basketball Stars Headed to D1 Schools



Five members of the San Bernardino Valley College men's basketball team have signed National Letters of Intent to transfer to continue their basketball careers at division one programs, coach Quincy Brewer announced. Sophomore Chidi Udengwu, a 6'7" guard from Diamond Ranch High School, will transfer this fall to Idaho State. Udengwu ran the offense for the Wolverines, averaging five assists per game, while also contributing a team-leading 7.2 rebounds per game. He was named a member of the 1st team All-Conference, and was also selected as the SBVC 2018 Commencement student speaker. Craig LeCesne, a 6'9" sophomore, came to SBVC from Pepperdine and shined in his only season with the Wolverines by averaging 11 points per game. The forward/guard will transfer to San Jose State in the fall. Conference MVP and 1st Team All State forward Kendall Lauderdale will be heading to the University of Albany this fall. The 6'8" forward/center out of La Mirada was a dominant force for SBVC this past season. Lauderdale was second on the team, averaging 12.8 points per game. Cajon High School graduate, 1st team All-Conference, and All-State guard Kevin McNeal will head to Cal State Bakersfield to continue his career. McNeal was integral to the Wolverines' season this year, leading the team in scoring at 14.1 points per game and acting as the designated defensive stopper on the squad. Ty Glover, a San Bernardino High graduate, averaged almost nine points per game and made more than 50 percent of his shots from the field on the season. The 6'7" guard will be headed to the University of Portland. Congratulations, Wolverines!



Upcoming Events



August 2
Psych Tech Graduation
6:00pm / Auditorium

August 8
New Student Welcome Day
8:00am / Greek Theatre

August 13
Fall Semester Begins!