



# President's Board of Trustees Report

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## SBVC Granted \$50,000 to Support Clean Energy Program

The San Bernardino Valley College Foundation has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from Edison International to benefit students looking to work in the automotive industry, specifically on electric vehicles. "The Edison Clean Energy grant will be used to develop stackable certificates for clean energy electric vehicle (EV) technician training," Karen Childers, San Bernardino Valley College Director of Development and Community Relations, said. "The certificates will be short-term (six to eight units each) and bring together the SBVC departments of Automotive, Electricity and Electronics, and Diesel." Much of the funding will be used to purchase equipment, including a vehicle trainer for instructional purposes. "Grant funds will also be used for curriculum development for the certificates, as well as outreach and student recruitment," Childers said. "The timeline for the grant project is the Spring 2019 and Fall 2019 semesters."



## Campus DSPS Specialist Awarded by State

For her dedication to her field of service, Alicia Hallex, Learning Disabilities Specialist at SBVC, was recognized with an award from the California Association in Post Secondary Education and Disability (CAPED). Hallex received the Vice President of CAPED Interest Group's Award in recognition of significant contributions to CAPED through work in a CAPED interest group. Within this professional organization, she serves as the southern co-chair of Southern California Learning Disabilities Interest Groups, primarily focused on community college, as well as university level practitioners. "All of the learning disabilities specialists within the state of California get together, exchange ideas, keep abreast of current legislation, and make decisions based on that, and recommendations to our larger organization, CAPED," she said. Hallex has had a significant impact on the SBVC campus, as well, having implemented the college's first Disability Awareness Fair last fall. About 300 students attended this first-of-its-kind resource fair centered on disabled students, which helped raise awareness about numerous available services both on and off campus. The Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) office has resources across multiple intersections, including students with learning or intellectual disabilities, mental health impacts, acquired brain injury, physical disabilities, vision impairment or no vision, deaf or hard of hearing. Among the many accommodations offered are a distraction-reduced testing environment and electronic text to listen to

the reading as opposed to reading the printed word. The department offers braille, interpreters for students that use sign language, as well as a number of additional resources and programming for students who need extra help. Autistic students or those with ADHD can also receive support appropriate to their disability. For more information about SBVC's DSPS program, visit [valleycollege.edu/DSPS](http://valleycollege.edu/DSPS).

## SBVC Receives \$25,000 Grant to Cover Costs for 25 First-Years

For more than a decade, SBVC's promise program has provided a free first year of college to eligible high school students from across the Inland Empire, and thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation, 25 more students will be able to benefit from the initiative. The cost of the program is approximately \$1,000 per student. The helps students to overcome economic barriers they may encounter during their first year of college, and students not only get their classes and fees paid for, but also receive educational guidance and support from SBVC faculty and staff. "The overriding goal of our promise program is to increase the college completion rate in our region, which will help produce an educated, skilled, and qualified workforce for the continued economic well-being of our community," said Karen Childers, San Bernardino Valley College Director of Development and Community Relations. Congratulations, SBVC!



# SBVC Partnerships Bring Free Tax Preparation Services to Students



SBVC's CalWORKs department has helped to ensure that students won't be stressed this tax season. The campus hosted several free tax preparation events throughout February to take the filing burden off students. Volunteer tax professionals were on hand to prepare and electronically file federal and state taxes and provide screenings to determine eligibility for the earned income tax credit. Event partners included Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department, and California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC). These organizations serve as outreach and education campaigns to spread awareness of the state and federal Earned Income Tax Credit and offer free help for filing taxes. CalEITC hosted a special "Tacos & Taxes" event on campus to encourage students to take advantage of the free services. SBVC plans to continue these types of events through April to help its students claim their earned tax credit.

## Learning Center Named After SBVC Alumna Hosts Grand Opening

Over 250 community members attended the grand opening ceremony of the newly-renovated San Bernardino County Board of Education's Dorothy Inghram Learning Center in February. Inghram, who was born and raised in San Bernardino, graduated from San Bernardino Valley College in 1932 and wrote the melody for its alma mater. In 1945, she became a teaching principal at the Mill School, becoming the full-time principal in 1951. In 1953, she became the superintendent of the Mill School District, the first African-American female district superintendent in California. She lived to be 106 years old before passing away in 2012. The board voted to name its newest facility after Dorothy during its meeting on September 5, 2017.

The board considered 45 names for the new facility before ultimately choosing the name honoring Inghram. "(Dorothy) was the Harriet Tubman of education for African American students in San Bernardino County," said Sherman Garnett, president of the County Board of Education. "This is true history right here." The new facility, located at 670 E. Carnegie Drive in San Bernardino, will serve as an administrative site for Regional Occupational Program and East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) staff, a cybersecurity career technical education training center, house regular County Board of Education meetings and provide conference rooms for educational leadership workshops and events. In addition, the East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) has its administrative offices in the facility.



## Valentine's Day is a Drag at SBVC

For Valentine's Day this year, several campus groups brought students together with kings and queens for a "Queen of Hearts Drag Show." The two-hour event supporting the LGBTQIA+ Club featured SBVC students performing runway walks and lip-sync routines, clad in colorful wigs, painted faces, and creative costumes. Professional drag performers also headlined the show, including local drag talent Cookie, King Phantom, Ginger Presley, and Chris M. The professional and amateur talent dazzled the room with gender-bending outfits and comedic routines. The SBVC Business Conference Room, decorated in shades of red and oversized playing cards, was packed with campus and community members eager to watch the kings and queens perform. Whether by fishnet stockings or faux facial hair, the heartbreakers and heartthrobs alike made sure to underscore the Valentine's Day theme. This fabulous drag tradition was co-sponsored by SBVC Arts, Lectures & Diversity Committee, TruEvolution, Inland Region Equality Network (IREN), and Chicano Indigenous Community for Culturally Conscious Advocacy (ChICCCAA). The event was the third annual drag show at SBVC, but the first to be held around Valentine's Day. Prior events, organized during Halloween, were Rocky Horror Picture Show and Disney Horror-themed. Due to the excitement surrounding the show, and consequently the high attendance, event organizers are enthusiastic about continuing this tradition.



## SBVC Alumna Sworn Into State Assembly on Campus

In January, Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes held a community swearing-in ceremony and a State of the 47th District event at San Bernardino Valley College. Over 250 community members attended the event, which included local dignitaries, community partners, family and friends. "My journey to Sacramento happened because of all of you. You elected me in 2016 and you re-elected me in 2018. You asked me to bring the voice of our communities to the halls of the State Capitol. I have made it my mission to do just that, and to bring resources and opportunities back to our district," said Reyes. The swearing-in ceremony was followed with a presentation, which highlighted Reyes' accomplishments during her first term and showcased goals she has moving forward into her second term. Reyes, who graduated from San Bernardino Valley College in 1976, went on to receive her law degree from Loyola Law School and is notable for being the first Latina to open her own legal practice in the Inland Empire, as well as for providing free legal services to local residents who could not afford them. Prior to her election to the California State Assembly, Reyes served on the board of the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation, where she helped to raise thousands of dollars for student scholarships.



## Gresham Art Gallery Host Two Exhibitions



SBVC hosted two recent art exhibits to showcase the work of SBVC art students, faculty, alumni and regional artists. Held at the Clara and Allen Gresham Art Gallery on campus, these educational programs were free and open to the public. The first installation was called "Inland Faces," an exhibition focused "on the diversity of people with whom we interact everyday, from the workplace to our social

lives." The intention of the exhibit was to explore a common subject of our creative attention: people and their faces. The next art show was "Imperfect Construct," featuring photographs from Steve Thomas. "The exhibit explores human interface within various environments; however, I am exploring extreme and vertical panographic images," Thomas said to Art Connection Network. "This type of photo absolutely challenges perception. With 'imperfect construct,' the lens is moved through space during exposure and imperfect representation space prevails. Objects are stretched or compressed or even erased. These works may send you down the rabbit hole."

## Dr. Frank Harris III Speaks to Faculty & Staff

On February 1, SBVC hosted a special guest lecture for campus staff and faculty about racial microaggressions, presented by Dr. Frank Harris III. After being introduced by Vice President of Student Services Scott Thayer, Harris described the concepts of unconscious bias and racial microaggressions in the classroom and on campus and explained the relationship between the two. His goal was to encourage staff and faculty to recognize the ways in which unconscious bias and racial microaggressions impact educational practice with boys and men of color. Dr. Frank Harris III is a professor of postsecondary education and Co-Director of the Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL) at San Diego State University. He is best known for his expertise in racial equity in postsecondary education and for making important contributions to the body of knowledge about college student development and the social constructs of gender and race in college contexts. His work prioritizes populations that have been historically underrepresented and underserved in education.



## Aeronautics Program at SBVC Chosen as Recipient of Aircraft Donation

Thanks to a generous donation, San Bernardino Valley College students studying aviation maintenance and pilot training have a new aircraft to work with during classes. Dr. Javed Siddiqi recently donated the college's new Beechcraft B60 Duke, a twin-engine fixed-wing aircraft, to SBVC because he wanted it to go to a good facility. The aircraft, which was parked in a hangar at the Redlands Municipal Airport, will replace a 1940-50s Beechcraft B50 that SBVC has had for decades. Because of the age of that plane, it has been difficult to find parts for it, and that won't be a problem with the new Beechcraft B60. For over fifty years, the San Bernardino Valley College Aeronautics program has produced high quality graduates for employment in the aviation industry. Costing only a fraction of the tuition at private schools, our FAA Certified program produces high quality graduates who are sought after in the aviation industry.



# Basketball Clinches PCAC North Title, Soccer Ranks 7th in Nation



The San Bernardino Valley College men's basketball team ran out to an early lead, sputtered out of the gate in the second half, but picked up the pace late to knock off College of the Desert 88-63 at SBVC. It was the Wolverines' **14th consecutive victory**, clinching a third straight Pacific Coast Athletic Conference North Division title. K'Lon Williams, who was the target on second half breakouts, led the Wolverines with 18 points on 8-of-9 shooting. Roman Silva had 17 - shooting 5-of-7 from the field and hitting 7-of-8 free throws. As a team, the Wolverines made 63.5 percent of their shots on the night. The women's soccer team finished the season strong, earning a rank of **seventh in the country** among Division III junior colleges, up from eighth place in 2017. United Soccer Coaches, the sport's national governing body, also honored the Wolverines with a Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award. The team ended the season 19-2-4. Go, Wolverines!

## SBVC Alumnus Elected to State Assembly

Former SBVC student James Ramos celebrated a historic achievement and milestone as the first California Native American elected to the state assembly. Assemblymember Ramos is an alumnus of San Bernardino Valley College, a former SBVC Foundation Board member and SBCCD trustee, and now represents the communities of Highland, Loma Linda, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands and San Bernardino in the California State Assembly. In addition to his elected service, Ramos is a proven civic leader and has served on numerous boards and organizations in the Inland Empire. He is the immediate past Chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, with a deep commitment to the preservation of Native Californian culture. Additionally, Ramos is co-founder of the San Manuel Band's Cultural Awareness Program, and serves as director of the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference held annually at CSUSB.



## Annual Spring Concert Allows Faculty to Showcase Own Talents



Faculty members dazzled the campus and community in SBVC's annual Spring Faculty Concert, a night where instructors get to show off their own set of fortes to their students. The evening was a spectacular display of talent and aptitude, with performances by astounding singers, incredible dancers, and phenomenal musicians, with instruments that included guitar, piano, cello, and accordion. Theatrical pieces were also shown, and a special performance by Voci Soli, the college's elite choral ensemble, exemplified the impact of faculty members' instruction. Students, staff, and community members gathered in the historic Auditorium for the evening, presented by the San Bernardino Valley College Performing Arts Department.



## Upcoming Events

**March 27**

**César Chávez Memorial Dinner**

6:00pm / B-100 / Free

**April 19**

**Foundation Golf Tournament**

11:30am / Arrowhead Country Club / \$125

**April 23**

**FoodIEFest 2019**

3:00pm / Library Quad / Free

