



San Bernardino
Valley College

President's Board of Trustees Report

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

SBVC Associated Student Government Unveils 'Blue' the Wolverine

San Bernardino Valley College's associated student government has debuted "Blue" the Wolverine! Having gone several years without an official mascot outfit, student legislators undertook the task of designating an official wolverine mascot character. The wolverine mascot was unveiled at the SBVC Foundation's inaugural Alumni & Friends Rally on November 9 in front of the SBVC Football Stadium. The local community, alumni, and current students came out to support the SBVC Wolverines as they played against the Victor Valley Rams. The event showcased the SBVC Veterans Resource Center, Associated Student Government, the Culinary Arts program, and various student clubs. Since the mascot still needed a name, student government launched a social media campaign, encouraging students to submit possible names. After a week of submissions and voting, "Blue" was chosen as the official name. Blue the Wolverine has already been spotted at various athletic matchups and campus events, and will certainly be a visible figure in the spring semester.



Valley360 Resource Center Extends Hours and Fresh Food Options



SBVC's 'Valley 360 Resource Center' will be ready to help even more students in the new year. The center now offers nonperishable food, hygiene items, and clothing, and starting in the Spring 2020 semester, will have fresh food and longer hours: Monday through Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. Every week, the resource center gives out between 100 and 150 bags of food, clothing, and hygiene products, and classified professional Amanda Moody said workers often "hear how helpful it is and how it helps students get through the day." Every Thanksgiving, the center holds a special luncheon to celebrate the anniversary of its opening. This year, for its second anniversary, 166 students and staff attended the luncheon, which included opportunity drawings and door prizes. Moody addressed the crowd, thanking those who operate the center and continue to support its operations. Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

Donated Aircraft Makes its Campus Debut in a Spectacular Morning Crane Lift

Thanks to a generous donation, SBVC students studying aviation maintenance and pilot training have a new aircraft to work with during classes. Dr. Javed Siddiqi, a local pilot and neurosurgeon, recently donated a Beechcraft B60 Duke, a twin-engine fixed-wing aircraft, to SBVC because he wanted to contribute to aeronautics education in the region. The aircraft, which was parked in a hangar at the Redlands Municipal Airport, will replace a 1940s Beechcraft B50 that SBVC has had for decades. Because of the age of that plane, it has been difficult to find parts for it; but that won't be a problem with the new Beechcraft B60. The \$200,000 aircraft was towed 11 miles from the Redlands airport, then hoisted by crane over the fence of the SBVC Technical Building.



San Bernardino Valley College Helps Students Succeed With CalWORKs



LaToya Scott may have been a late bloomer, but once she started on her academic journey at SBVC, she didn't look back, and gave it her all to succeed. As a single mom, Scott was facing many stressful personal obstacles, so she reached out for help at the campus CalWORKs office. Through a variety of programs, mentors, and office guidance, she landed a job and was able to get financial aid plus keep all of her TANF allowance benefits. It helped her stay focused on the most important part of her life: taking care of her then-infant daughter. Last spring, Scott graduated with full honors, having earned an AA in Human Services Case Management in the Public Sector, an AA in Behavioral and Social Sciences, along with a certificate in Human Services Case Management. Today, Scott is no longer on county assistance. This month, she starts as an eligibility worker with the County of San Bernardino. Congratulations, LaToya!

Fourth Annual WinterFest Brings Holiday Cheer to Campus Before Finals

SBVC hosted its most successful Winterfest event ever, with hundreds of SBVC students, staff and community members gathering to celebrate the end of the fall semester and coming of the winter season. The event treated guests to a variety of free activities, including a holiday back-to-back film festival, story time for children by the SBVC librarians, a decorated golf cart parade, and planetarium shows. Guests even got to pose for fun photos with Santa. The Culinary Arts program delivered delicious food offerings, warm beverages, and sweet desserts in The Den coffee shop and SBVC Food Truck, while the SBVC Café served up fresh pozole. Other activities included face painting, an office decorating contest, short films in the Library Viewing Room, and a resource fair by SBVC's instructional and student services departments and various vendors. The campus-wide celebration showcased SBVC's programs to the public in a fun and family-friendly atmosphere.





SBVC SNAPSHOTS

Fall Theater Production "The Miser" Wows Crowd

Moliere's most famous prose play, "The Miser," is also one of the funniest in all of dramatic literature! Swift-paced scenes of brilliant dialogue, clever action and hilarity ensued as SBVC's theatre arts students entertained the audience. The show, directed by Melinda Fogle-Oliver, was presented through a special arrangement with Project Gutenberg.



Kwanzaa Creator Returns to SBVC

SBVC hosted an all-seasons celebration and practice of the good with the return of Dr. Maulana Karenga, renowned Cal State Long Beach professor and creator of the African - American cultural holiday, Kwanzaa. Dr. Karenga came to SBVC for the second time to further discuss with students and community members the creation, relevance and importance of Kwanzaa. In a separate seminar for faculty and staff, he and his wife, Tiamoyo Karenga, focused on how our campus can work together to support students of color through the framework of multi-culturalism, mutual respect and common ground.



Music Department Hosts End-of-Year Performances

The music department hosted its end-of-the-year performing arts series that featured numerous student recitals and concerts. These included voice and instrumental recitals, jazz and Voci Soli concerts, dance and concert band performances, and piano and guitar shows. The series also featured the annual opera, "Amahl and the Night Vistors"

SBVC Reaches Community in Fourth 'Day of Service'

On December 14, hundreds of student and staff volunteers spread out into the cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, and Highland to personally deliver 5,000 packets of information about the upcoming spring semester and encouraging residents to sign up for classes. This is the fourth year that SBVC has hosted this unique volunteer effort to connect with the local community.





SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

Instructor Involves Students in Regional Air Quality Improvement Effort

SBVC students are learning about what it takes to breathe cleaner air on campus and throughout Southern California. In recent years, thanks to Dr. Todd Heibel, the campus has become more active in engaging with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to tackle this environmental justice issue. Heibel said that last year's installation of air monitoring sensors around campus now allows students to not only participate in creating social change, but also to access technology across several disciplines and to understand the close connection between air quality, geography, and environmental sciences. Heibel first began investigating local air quality impact about 15 years ago, following class visits from Todd Warden, a representative from SCAQMD. Last year, SCAQMD funded the installation of air monitoring sensors at SBVC, which were placed on several campus buildings. Read the full story at valleycollege.edu/news.



SBVC Hosts First-Ever Bowl Game Before Dominating Conference Selections



SBVC hosted its first bowl game in history, as the San Bernardino Valley College football team went to the American Championship Bowl for the second year in a row. Though the Wolverines lost to Chaffey College 33-20, record-setting quarterback Jeremy Moussa led the team in all-conference selections. Moussa was named 'Co-Offensive Player of the Year' after appearing in four conference games, amassing 1,177 yards passing and 14 touchdowns. Overall, the freshman finished the season with the second-best single campaign in school history. Two Wolverines were honored twice by the all-conference selections. Sophomore Darrell Turner, Jr. was a unanimous pick for first team honors as running back, while freshman Ben Falck, who has already received a scholarship offer from the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, was unanimously chosen as the first team kicker and punter by coaches. The Wolverines' defense was also well represented in the first-team selections of defensive tackle Jess Ybarra, defensive end Damen Studsill, outside linebacker Montre Moorner, and cornerback Claude Dent. Congratulations, Wolverines!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14

MLK Dream Rally

12:00pm • Physical Sciences Building Lawn

January 30

Poverty Awareness Resource Fair

9:00am • B-100

