



San Bernardino
Valley College



President's Board of Trustees Report

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

SBVC Makes Transition to Online Operations to Slow Global Pandemic

The halls of campus have gone silent as over 13,000 SBVC students and hundreds of faculty, classified professionals and administrators have transitioned to fully online or remote instruction and work in the wake of the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Just as the novel coronavirus is the first of its kind, this historic operational transition to slow its spread in the region is a first in the college's 94-year history: never before has so much instruction and work been performed outside of the campus's physical premises. Campus will be closed to the public from spring break until further notice, with very limited facilities remaining operational on campus for registered students only: the Library and Valley360 Resource Center. These limited facilities were deemed essential for continuation of physical operations due to the irreplaceable technological and food assistance they provide to SBVC students, many of whom are under-resourced and do not own home computers or technology that could enable them to successfully transition from in-person to online instruction. Although SBVC, like many other colleges across the state, is wading into uncharted waters during this radical transition, campus leaders believe it is imperative to do so in order to stay true to the college's mission, no matter how sudden and brief the deadline. "I know this is a huge task to undertake in just one week," said President Diana Z. Rodriguez, thanking employees for their willingness to make the changes necessary to help students continue on their educational pathways during a time of such uncertainty.



SBVC Students Showcased in Kennedy Center American Theater Festival



SBVC students stole the show during the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival held at Cal State Fullerton. This festival gives participants the opportunity to perform and present their work in front of peers, showcasing their talents. For 2020, SBVC had five acting nominees compete in the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Auditions: **Daniel Jimenez**, **Briana Navarro**, **David Reuben**, **Pacifique Kabanda**, and **Marlene Clara**. Navarro was also selected as a costume design nominee, while Ana Perez was chosen to present in the Stage Management Fellowship competition. For the first time in SBVC history, two students were cast in one-act plays at the festival: **Alejandro Sotelo** for *Idiot, I'm Great* and **Monica Hart** for *La Norteña*. "It gives me the opportunity to not only further explore my craft, but also surround myself with other individuals who share the same passion and support each other in it," said Hart, who won the Best Actor in a One-Act Play for the region.



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

Office of Instruction Implements Innovative Automated Scheduling Tool

It will soon be easier than ever to schedule classes in multiple disciplines across campus. SBVC's Office of Instruction is implementing a new and innovative scheduling tool to assist with the campus scheduling process.

"This tool will assist faculty chairs and deans in our efforts to have a more student-centered schedule and increase efficiency," said Dina Humble, SBVC's Vice President of Instruction. It took about three weeks to develop the tool and it is already being used by faculty chairs and deans to plan the upcoming summer and fall semesters. The new tool will make it possible to increase planning efficiency and ensure students can make the most efficient use of their time while on campus. Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC Faculty Inspires Student to Pursue Geology

After hearing his girlfriend rave about the geology classes she was taking at San Bernardino Valley College, Joseph Rodman decided it was time for him to enroll in a course. "I have always had a passive interest in the Earth and what really goes on in it, but seeing what she was doing really piqued my interest enough to pursue it," he said. The Highland resident quickly found that he had made the right choice. "I really like the professors, and I feel relaxed here, for the most part," he said. One standout instructor is Matthew Robles. "He makes the subject easy to understand and reinforces the idea I have about geologists - that they are down to Earth, pun intended," Rodman said. "He is easy to talk to." After graduating from SBVC, Rodman plans on earning his bachelor's degree, and is considering doing field work, possibly as a consultant. He encourages anyone thinking about studying geology at SBVC to go for it.

New #ValleyPathways Board Game Encourages Students Towards Success

#ValleyPathways is a game you want to win. The game board was made by piecing together SBVC's 2019-20 catalog and schedule covers, and the goal is simple: be the first person to reach Commencement. You roll the dice and grab a card depending on the 'semester' you land on, and the cards display situations the typical SBVC student might find themselves in, such as missing the bus or winning a scholarship. The player may stay in their spot, move down some spaces, or use one of their five starter cards to help them deal with the situation. Offering this creative way to get Wolverines excited about their classes and looking forward to graduation is another way SBVC stands out from the crowd. Game boards can be downloaded and played online at valleycollege.edu/valleypathways.





SBVC SNAPSHOTS

Inaugural "Black Butterfly" Performance Wows Crowd

SBVC's Arts, Lectures and Diversity Committee partnered with The Precinct Reporter newspaper to present the first-ever dance performance of *Black Butterfly*, featuring Project21Dance from SBVC instructor Maura Townsend. This event proved to be an evening of eclectic modern dance, profound spoken word and exquisite "Songs of the African Journey."



Two Wolverines Receive Honors from IEAC

SBVC's women's basketball team had two players selected for All-Inland Empire Athletic Conference honors by coaches following the conclusion of the regular season. Destiny Alexander, the team's only sophomore, was selected to the first team by conference coaches. The guard/forward led the Wolverines, averaging 16.2 points per game and 8.5 rebounds per game for the season. Joining Alexander on the first team was freshman Julianna Sanchez. Sanchez handled much of the point guard duties for the Wolverines, averaging 12.0 points and 5.3 assists per game. SBVC finished the season 14-12 overall and in a three-way tie for second place in the IEAC with a conference record of 8-4.

Local Artist Joins SBVC for a Ceramics Demonstration

The SBVC Arts Department presented a special throwing and glaze demonstration by local artist, Rich Lopez, a native-born Southern Californian whose ideas are driven by Native American influences and the beauty of the woven basket. "I'm at a point where I don't care if I sell or not, now I want to teach how to create [art] from scratch," he said to the event attendees.



New "Finding Your Calm" Student Support Group

SBVC's Student Health Services recently launched *Finding Your Calm*, a student support group designed to provide a safe and confidential space for students struggling with anxiety. This group, which meets every Thursday, will allow students to work through these challenges in a safe and empowering environment.





SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Football Team Promoted to More Competitive National Division

Next season, the Wolverines will have the chance to showcase their skills in a more competitive league. The Southern California Football Association announced that the Wolverines have been promoted from the American Division to the National Division. Over the last two years, SBVC has a win/loss record of 18-4, and in November, the team made it to the SCFA American Division Championship Bowl. "As we move up to the National Division, SBVC will be competing against larger institutions with greater resources," Athletic Director Dave Rubio said. "We will have to step up our efforts in recruiting, marketing, and fundraising. We will need to ensure we have the staff to support a larger team on the field and in the classroom. I believe we are up to the task and will be competitive in a highly-competitive division."



RTVF Offers Film Studies Classes & Workshops for Students & Community



SBVC recently gave K-12 students and the community a glimpse into the art of filmmaking with its monthly lab series. The Inland Empire Media Academy (IEMA) series was developed to help students find their voice and develop an appreciation for the art and craft of film and visual storytelling. Labs, free to elementary, junior and high school students and \$15 for members of the community, were held on Saturdays where participants were able to broaden their knowledge of film, TV and media production. Workshops included *How to Expose in a 4K World* and *Experimental Film*. The *Set Tech 101* workshop aimed to educate students on how to set up and break down all film and television set equipment. SBVC's Kevin Lyons taught participants how to set up a dolly, 12x12, c-stand, light stand, tripod, camera, sound equipment, as well as the right way to wrap a cable. "This is a great way to learn about everything that goes into making a movie or TV show right here in San Bernardino," said IEMA Director and SBVC Radio, Television and Film (RTVF) Faculty Chair Lucas Cuny. "It also gives people a chance to work with state-of-the-art technology and learn about the RTVF program here at SBVC."

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22
SBVC Commencement Ceremony
9:00am · SBVC Football Stadium

May 25
Memorial Day
Campus Closed

