

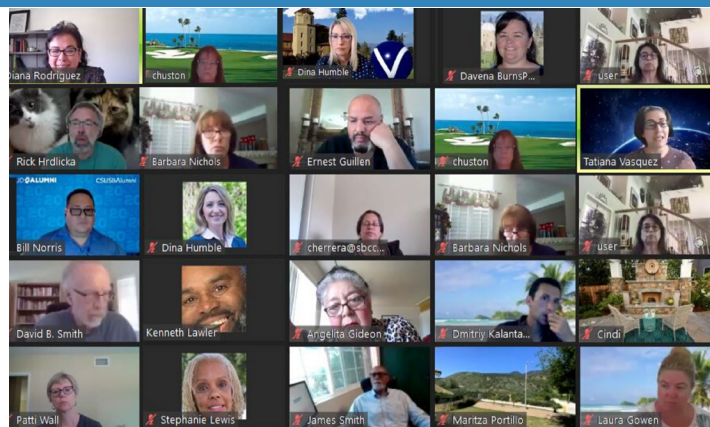


President's Board of Trustees Report

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

San Bernardino Valley College Adopts Anti-Racism/No Hate Education

San Bernardino Valley College is committed to treating all students and employees equally, and is giving employees additional resources in support of this commitment. In the wake of the protests sparked by the death of George Floyd and the countless victims of racism and violence nationwide, SBVC President Diana Z. Rodriguez held an open discussion with faculty and staff on Black Lives Matter and the actions SBVC can take to support the campus community. Her bi-weekly campus updates have also allowed for open discourse regarding how staff and faculty can better understand and support students of diverse backgrounds. In June, SBVC's Academic Senate passed an emergency resolution outlining an infusion of anti-racism/no hate education into the college's curriculum. Formal curriculum changes may include adding diversity and multiculturalism education to degree requirements, and these modifications are expected to be fully implemented by Fall 2021 or Fall 2022. Virtual training events will continue, and could include "professional development activities that help us as educators learn how systemic racism has occurred on our campus and what we can do to change it," said Dr. Amy Avelar, President of the SBVC Academic Senate. "There could be activities on learning different techniques to incorporate anti-racism/no-hate education within disciplines that may have previously been thought as difficult or impossible to incorporate."



SBVC Distributes Graduate Diplomas in First-Ever Drive-Through Event



The Admissions and Records Office held a first-ever drive-through diploma distribution event in July. From the safety of their vehicles, graduating students were able to obtain their certificates and degrees, diploma covers, caps, and tassels. Event staff set up two kiosks for drive-through distribution, where all participants were asked to wear a mask and remain in their vehicles to comply with social distancing guidelines. The celebratory event saw numerous cars decorated and spirited, with family and friends as passengers recognizing their SBVC graduate. Event organizers say it was a great way to end the year for the unique Class of 2020, which had to transition to online learning and participate in the campus's first-ever virtual graduation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Biology Faculty Adapt Amid Challenging Transition to Online Format

Dr. Ann Marie Moreno, an adjunct professor in the biology department, said preparing to move from in-person instruction to online took longer than expected due to the lack of time she could devote to webinars and trainings. Nonetheless, Moreno was able to quickly find her footing, saying “a lot of the material was easier to adapt online than I thought.” Her students gave her a lot of positive feedback on how she handled delivering the course, with the biggest problem being that “they didn’t like taking exams online and I didn’t have enough time to adjust the format of the exams to something better.” About once a week, Moreno and two colleagues who also teach the major course coordinate materials and content over Zoom. This summer, Moreno is taking a distance education online training course to prepare for the fall, and best understand what an online course should look like in terms of ensuring student success.



RTVF Department Updates its Name and Launches “Institute of Media Arts”

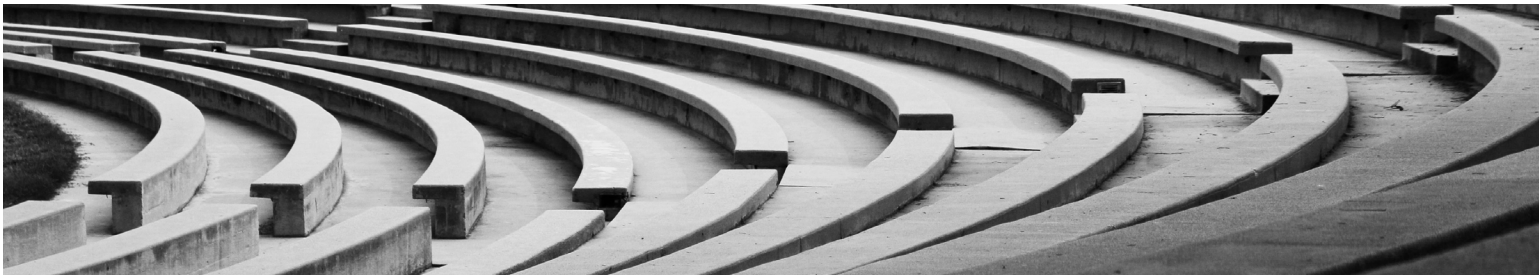


SBVC has changed the name of its Radio, Television and Film (RTVF) program to Film, Television and Media (FTVM) to be more reflective of the current state of its field. Additionally, SBVC is launching a new Institute of Media Arts (IMA) to replace the former Inland Empire Media Academy (IEMA), which will include art, music and theater programs, as well as film. “This evolution of the program speaks to the evolution in the industry of film and media,” explained Lucas Cuny, director of the Institute of Media Arts. “With the growth in popularity in such things as streaming services, podcasts, and serialized content the program needed to update its focus to mirror the industry.” The program will continue to feature cutting-edge curriculum and outstanding faculty who guide students on paths to careers in the media and entertainment industries. Associate’s degrees and certificates are offered in concentrations of Digital Filmmaking, Audio Technology, Social Media Video Production, and TV Studio Production.

SBVC Offers Access to Special Job Opportunities for Students and Alumni

Despite rising unemployment rates and business closures, SBVC students and alumni have continued to have access to a career advancement network that provides leading-edge technology for connecting employers with qualified emerging talent, quickly and easily. The San Bernardino County Community Colleges Jobs Consortium website, powered by College Central Network, Inc. (CCN), is a free job resource platform that makes students and alumni visible to employers hiring in today’s global pandemic economic climate. The organization’s website (collegecentral.com/sbccjobs) makes it both free and easy for campus members to register and apply to available jobs from a variety of large and small, public and private organizations. “Offering our county’s employers a single gateway to post jobs for free, and simultaneously reach all Consortium colleges, is very powerful and directly benefits each college’s career programs and job seekers,” said Shalita Tillman, Manager of CalWORKS and Workforce Development at SBVC.





SBVC SNAPSHOTS

Immigrant Youth Collective Celebrates DACA Victory

The Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective gathered in front of the SBVC Auditorium to celebrate the Supreme Court ruling that the federal termination of DACA was unconstitutional. The group rallied in support of continued advocacy for the estimated 800,000+ undocumented individuals in the United States who can be shielded from deportation under DACA.



SBVC Integrates with CCC Vision Resource Center

SBVC recently became fully integrated with California Community Colleges' (CCC) Vision Resource Center, an online learning and collaboration platform for all educators and professionals in the CCC system. SBVC employees now have access to the full library of LinkedIn Learning (previously Lynda), Skill Soft, and other instructional resources. Staff and faculty can search for trainings, view the calendar for live webinars, and start adding learning to their transcript. Employees can share their best practices, ask for help from colleagues, and directly access updates and resources from the State Chancellor's Office.

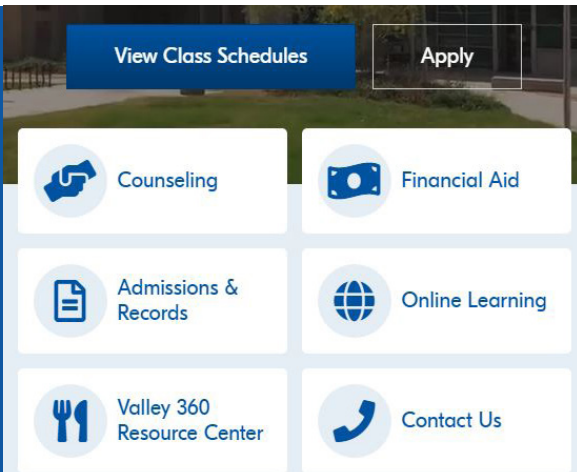


HMDT Department Tests Truck-Driving Simulation

The Heavy/Medium Duty Truck Department at SBVC recently tested a commercial truck driving simulation experience for students, which will allow participants to replicate driving a large Class A truck. The simulation will be incorporated into the HMDT curriculum to give SBVC students a competitive advantage when entering Southern California's logistics industry.

SBVC Optimizes Website for Online Learning

SBVC recently refreshed its website homepage to better support students in the current online learning environment. The updated site has consolidated information and streamlined access to the most in-demand student resources. Navigation icons were also added to send visitors to some of the top requested categories, improving the overall user experience.





SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

Four Wolverines to Continue Their Baseball Careers at Four-Year Colleges

Though their season came to a premature end due to COVID-19, four members of the SBVC baseball squad were able to secure their futures at four-year institutions. Outfielder Derek Bogh, who was the team leader in at bats (81), hits (30), walks (22), and home runs (2), will be continuing his career at Cal State San Bernardino. He'll be joined by pitcher Nathaniel Mendoza, who was 4-1 in 2020 for the Wolverines, striking out 44 in 39 innings pitched while posting a 2.95 earned run average. Catcher Jesse McGonigal, who played in 41 games over his two seasons at SBVC, will attend Lyon College in Batesville, AK. Freshman Nick Schoonover will continue his career at Fresno Pacific University. The right-handed pitcher appeared in eight games in 2020, striking out nine in 10 1/3 innings pitched.



Library Faculty Innovate to Maintain Services for Campus Community



The coronavirus pandemic hasn't slowed down SBVC's librarians. Since campus closed in March, the library has remained open two days a week for students to use the computer lab and check out Chromebooks. The librarians are working from home, with students emailing or leaving voicemails describing their research needs. SBVC librarians then set up Zoom or phone appointments in order to provide one-on-one assistance. "We have worked very hard to maintain services for students, staff, and faculty while the campus has been closed," librarian Maria Notarangelo said. It was a challenge transitioning all library reference services to a fully online format, with the librarians needing to figure out how to leverage Zoom effectively to communicate with students while also informing the campus community that they were still available to provide

assistance throughout the week. The librarians meet daily on Zoom and the entire Library staff gathers virtually once a week. "Library staff have to work closely to coordinate library services, so we've continued that model from home via Zoom and email," Notarangelo said. "I feel like we're just as in touch with each other as we were before working at home."

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11-14
Fall Convocation Week

August 14
Fall 2020 Opening Day

August 17
Fall Semester Begins

