



President's Board of Trustees Report

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

Fall Semester Begins with Online Instruction & Modified Course Format

The fall semester has begun at San Bernardino Valley College, where for the first time ever, nearly all classes will meet in a virtual setting. With the exception of some hands-on courses, faculty and staff have adapted their procedures and classes to an online format while California's Stay-at-Home order remains in place. The San Bernardino Community College district's Return to the Workplace (RTW) plan includes 6 phases as part of its plan to safely re-open campus. SBVC will launch fall courses under Phase B-1, which has remained in effect since May when face coverings became required. This phase requires social distancing of 6 feet or greater and masks at all times. While students may still use some facilities, such as the Library or Valley 360 Resource Center, campus still prohibits large gatherings, athletic events, and self-directed leisure activities.

With Phase B-1 in place as classes began August 17, students will complete the semester virtually unless specifically instructed otherwise for particular courses. In these hands-on courses, students will be required to wear face coverings and to social distance. Campus staff hopes the virtual climate will allow for more efficient procedures and schedule flexibility.



SBVC Named One of 'Top 10' Online Community Colleges in California



San Bernardino Valley College was named in the top 10 best online community colleges in California in a recent ranking by Learn.org. In the wake of a global pandemic, prospective students are seeking a valuable education from the safety of their homes. From its financial aid assistance to the robust variety of its academic programs, SBVC is a top choice for online education in the region. In its selection, Learn.org considered data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the U.S. Department of Education and evaluated quality of programs, student outcomes, cost, accessibility, and other factors "critical to students' academic decisions." SBVC was ranked #7 out of 25 of California's top online community colleges. Learn.org noted that at least 82% of SBVC students are reported to be receiving financial aid. SBVC offers a wide variety of degrees and certificates fully online, such as administration of justice, anthropology, business administration, philosophy and sociology. In addition to these programs, which were already fully online prior to the pandemic, many more programs will be offered virtually in Fall 2020 due to the college's transition to remote learning. Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

Edison Grants SBVC \$75,000 to Support Electric Vehicle & STEM Education

Edison International recently awarded the SBVC Foundation \$50,000 to support SBVC's Clean Energy Hybrid and Electric Vehicle (EV) Technician Program. The goals of the program are to increase the availability of EV training, reach additional students who are interested in the training, and give students sought-after clean energy/EV skills that makes them more competitive for higher-wage job opportunities. As a component of the grant, \$1,000 scholarships were also awarded to five program students who will be graduating with their certifications in June 2021. In addition to the program grant, Edison International awarded the SBVC Foundation a \$25,000 grant for STEM scholarships. The scholarships benefited 25 students at SBVC who are pursuing careers in STEM fields, such as Computer Science, Mathematics, Bioengineering, and Mechanical Engineering.



FTVM Student Wins Best Producer/Director in Telly Awards

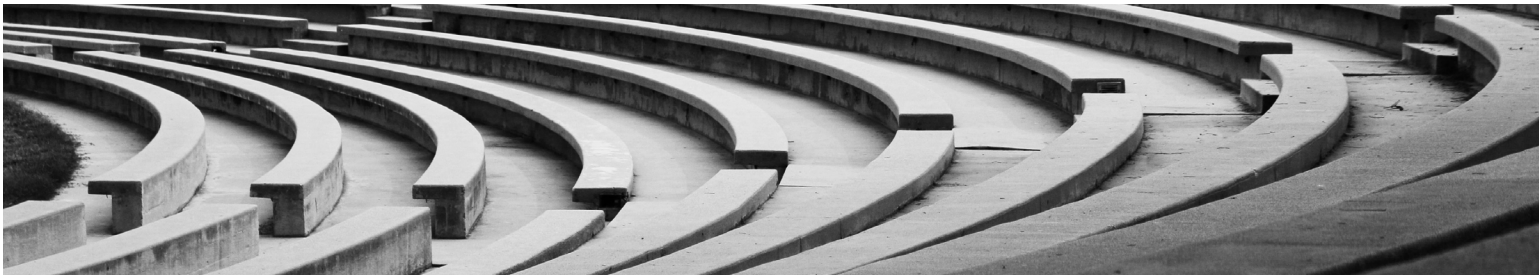
Film, Television & Media (FTVM) student **Daniel Saldaña** was awarded this fall with the Silver Award for Best Producer/Director by The Telly Awards. Saldaña, along with his company Rich Captures Production, created "The Dino: A City in Focus," a documentary about the portrayal and misperceptions of San Bernardino. Saldaña takes an introspective look into the city through the lens of local photographers, whose goal is to capture both the broken and unbroken aspects of the city. In the category of non-broadcast by a general student, this film was recognized by The Telly Awards, an organization that honors excellence in local, regional and cable television commercials, non-broadcast videos, and other television programming. Receiving over 12,000 entries from all 50 states and 5 continents, Telly Award winners represent work from some of the most respected advertising agencies, TV stations, and production companies from around the world. Congratulations, Daniel!



SBVC Launches First-Ever 'Convocation Week' and Virtual Opening Day

SBVC presented its first-ever Virtual Convocation Week leading up to the start of the fall semester. The week consisted of five days of professional development trainings for staff and faculty, including an adjunct orientation, virtual tours of the Student Services division and Library, various workshops and webinars, departmental meetings, and a Guided Pathways initiative rollout for the new academic year. The week commenced with Opening Day, SBVC's semesterly campus-wide meeting. President Diana Z. Rodriguez and the SBVC Executive team presented the campus' first-ever virtual Opening Day, which gathered nearly 300 staff and faculty members into a Zoom meeting. Following welcome addresses from Board of Trustees Chair Anne Viricel and Interim Chancellor Jose Torres, President Diana Z. Rodriguez congratulated campus on its resilience in quickly transitioning to online courses during a global pandemic. Together, the SBVC community reflected on achievements from the previous academic year, and looked ahead to the optimistic changes to come in 2020-21.





SBVC SNAPSHOTS

SBVC Hosts Drive-Through 'New Student Welcome Day'

To comply with social distancing measures, SBVC hosted a first-ever drive-through New Student Welcome Day. The event saw over 400 incoming students take a drive-through tour of the campus before picking up a backpack full of school supplies. Students were then sent a special video of Dr. Scott Thayer, VP of Student Services, welcoming them to the new semester.



SBVC Donates 3D-Printed Face Shields to ARMC

With the global COVID-19 pandemic continuing to hit the Inland Empire, front line healthcare workers at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center received a donation of 400 3D-printed face shields made at the San Bernardino Valley College MakerSpace. Senator Connie Leyva (below), Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes, and other San Bernardino Valley College officials donning face coverings delivered the personal protective equipment to the hospital in a special presentation. Since the pandemic began, the SBVC MakerSpace has manufactured more than 2,500 face shields to donate to local hospitals.

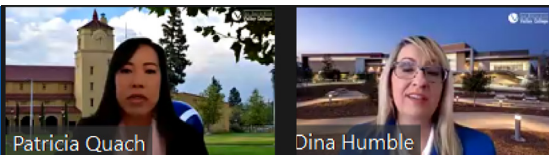
FTVM One of Few College Programs to Use Film Reels

The Film, Television & Media (FTVM) program has launched its updated name and new course offerings featuring state-of-the-art equipment. Outside of NYU and USC, the FTVM program at San Bernardino Valley College is the only other collegiate program to teach on physical film reels, offering students a hands-on experience in the traditional medium.



SBVC Team Presents to State Chancellor's Office

SBVC Vice President of Instruction Dina Humble, along with Patty Quach, Dean of Academic Success and Learning Services, recently presented to the CA Community Colleges Chancellor's Office regarding SBVC's COVID-19 protocols. Their presentation discussed the campus transition to online while upholding safety measures for classes that required hands-on class time.



EXAMPLE: CULINARY ARTS

- Spring board for other departments
- Creative scheduling
 - Hybrid—lecture online and face to face labs
 - Lab blocks for students to sign up
 - Maintain class capacity
 - Minimal disruption to students





SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Alumnus & District Trustee Appointed to the State Board of Governors



Governor Gavin Newsom has appointed San Bernardino Community College District Trustee Joseph Williams to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, making him the only Inland Empire resident to serve on the statewide board. The board of governors sets policy for the largest higher education system in the nation, serving more than 2.1 million students through 116 community colleges. Williams, 44, of Rialto will join the 17-member board. He is an alumnus of San Bernardino Valley College and served as a student trustee on the SBCCD governing board. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands and a master's in social impact from Claremont Lincoln University. Williams is the founder of Youth Action Project and was chief executive officer from 2006 to 2018. He has been public affairs manager at Southern California Edison since 2019. Williams is president of the Youth Action Project Board of Directors, as well as a member of the California Workforce Development Board, California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and Rotary International.

SBVC Leverages Technology to Connect with Local High School Students

Through a new mobile messaging platform, San Bernardino Valley College is able to seamlessly connect with high school students in our local community, letting them know that college is within their reach. The communication platform, developed by Siembra, directly links SBVC via text messaging to prospective students and their parents in the San Bernardino, Colton, and Rialto school districts. Siembra is free for K-12 school districts, provides a means of tracking student preparation for high school/college, and allows for communication between the district and the student/parent via mobile messaging. Starting in the ninth grade, students will receive messages through the platform, which can be accessed on a computer or smartphone. One major feature is the Stop Light System, which lets students track their readiness toward college. The messaging tool is an opportunity to connect all prospective students in an equitable and inclusive way to higher education with mobile interaction. SBVC's partnership with Siembra will aim to not only increase enrollment, but develop stronger relationships with students before they even step foot on campus.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23
Campus & Community Meeting
5:00pm • Virtual

October 6
Disability Awareness Fair
12:00pm • Virtual

