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President's Board of Trustees Report

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

SBVC Curriculum Process Integrates Anti-Racism/No-Hate Education

In order to ensure equality and inclusion for all students, SBVC's Curriculum Committee is changing its curricular review process. Moving forward, the committee will review all curriculum through a culturally responsive/equity lens. This modification is in direct response to a recent SBVC Academic Senate resolution outlining the infusion of anti-racism/no hate education into the curriculum. The new review process applies to future and existing courses and programs. When working on curriculum, instructors will look at diversity and equity in textbooks and assignments and re-examine and revise course objectives and student learning to add culturally responsive content, where appropriate. Student socioeconomic status and differing learning and communication styles will also be considered. One way instructors will learn more about equity in the classroom is through professional development activities, which will include dialogue on techniques to incorporate anti-racism and no hate education within academic disciplines. Academic Senate President Dr. Amy Avelar said such activities will help educators "learn how systemic racism has occurred on our campus and what we can do to change it. We can even reflect on how we were taught and what was excluded."



SBVC Awarded \$348,000 Grant to Support Students During Global Pandemic



State Congressman Pete Aguilar recently announced that San Bernardino Valley College has received a \$348,000 grant award from the Department of Education's Student Support Services (SSS) grant program. The program funds colleges to help them provide financial aid, tutoring and academic counseling to low-income students, students with disabilities, and other disadvantaged students. "In the midst of this pandemic, our students need additional resources to ensure they can continue their educations and gain the skills they need to launch careers," said Aguilar. "We appreciate Congressman Aguilar's advocacy in Washington on behalf of our community college students in the Inland Empire," said Dr. Anne Viricel, chair of the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees. "With this grant, San Bernardino Valley College will continue opening doors of opportunity for our next generation through academic tutoring, counseling, and financial aid."



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

CalWORKs Manager Earns 3rd 'Partner of the Year' Award from IE Job Corps

Shalita Tillman, SBVC's Manager of CalWORKs and Workforce Development, has earned her third 'Partner of the Year' award from the Inland Empire Job Corps. In 2015, Tillman was awarded on a local level by the organization, then on a national level in 2018. Last year, she was again acknowledged locally for her efforts in providing students with hands-on support and guidance to assist with their educational success. Tillman has been at San Bernardino Valley College for 20 years, and says her favorite part of the job is being able to "sincerely provide opportunities and resources to students, employees, and community members, no matter what background, culture, ethnicity, or circumstance one has or comes from."



Student Health Services Transitions Wellness Resources to Virtual Format

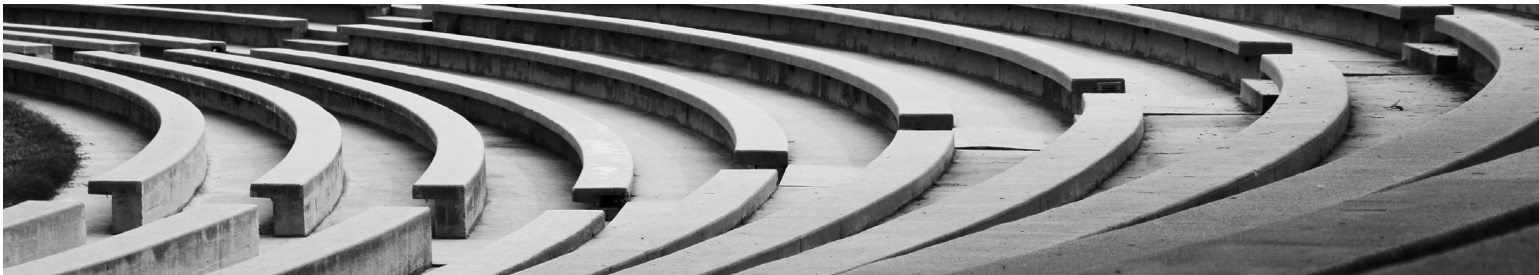


Student Health Services at San Bernardino Valley College has worked to continue its support of students' mental health during the transition to online studies. SBVC has re-launched an array of support services in an online format, including "Together We Thrive", a weekly group counseling session over Zoom that covers topics like self-care, sleep hygiene, and handling depression. Virtual counseling has also remained available, some of which operates after-hours with a 24/7 text service that connects students with mental health professionals. Regular updates on social media from Student Health Services also promote various crisis and mental health services to help students stay calm and carry on during these difficult times.

SBVC Wins National Marketing Excellence Award

SBVC was recently recognized for its outstanding marketing and communications work alongside organizations such as Amazon, ESPN Films, Macy's, PepsiCo Design and Innovation, Forbes Media and Savvy. The 26th Annual Communicator Awards announced winners of excellence and distinction in New York in May 2020. SBVC won the **2020 Communicator Award for Excellence** in the 'non-profit integrated campaign' category with its summer/fall 2019 enrollment campaign. With over 6,000 entries received from across the United States and around the world, the Communicator Awards is one of the largest and most competitive awards programs honoring creative excellence and the best digital, mobile, audio, video, and social content the advertising industry has to offer. Awards are judged and curated by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts (AIVA), an assembly of leading professionals from various disciplines of the visual arts dedicated to embracing progress and the evolving nature of traditional and interactive media.





SBVC SNAPSHOTS

Graphic Design Student Wins in Advertising Competition

SBVC graphic design student **Abraham Atandare** won a bronze award at the March 13 American Advertising Federation - Inland Empire Chapter student competition. His winning video on a print-making technique can be found on the Art Department's Facebook page. Competing schools included Cal Poly Pomona, CBU, CSUSB, and the University of Redlands. Congratulations!



Instructor Included in San Bernardino Literary Anthology

This spring, SBVC English professor Dr. Sheela S. Free was chosen for inclusion in the latest edition of The San Bernardino Literary Anthology, "San Bernardino, Singing." This publication features the work of more than 48 writers, poets, and artists, and is intended to both honor our community and incite necessary changes within it. The anthology was also edited and included a foreword from Nikia Chaney, Inlandia Literary Laureate 2016-18 and former instructor in the SBVC English department. In May 2020, Dr. Free retired from her full-time teaching position at SBVC after nearly two decades of instruction.



SBVC Logo Wears a Mask in Solidarity with Students

In the wake of the global pandemic, SBVC has continued to encourage campus and community members to stay safe through social distancing, handwashing, and wearing a mask. Since statewide public safety recommendations have remained in effect, SBVC has unveiled an updated logo of the V-Ball wearing a face mask to show solidarity with students and the community.

SBVC Alumnus Named New Baseball Head Coach

SBVC alumnus **Jason Jounas** will be taking over as the men's baseball head coach after spending the last 25 seasons as an assistant to Bill Mierzwik, who will be retiring this year. "I am honored, excited & blessed that SBVC has given me the opportunity to be the head baseball coach," Jounas said. "SBVC baseball is historically one of the most successful junior college programs in our area."



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SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Theater Student Chosen for Prestigious Broadway Intensive Workshop



While at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Fullerton earlier this year, SBVC theater student **Ana Perez**, 22, auditioned for the Open Jar Institute Broadway Intensive. Open to high school and college students from around the world, only 60 people are chosen for this prestigious program – and for 2020, Perez was one of the talented performers selected. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Open Jar Institute Broadway Intensive was moved online. In late July, Perez spent a week taking masterclasses and workshops taught by Broadway professionals, including actors, directors, choreographers, casting directors, and agents involved in *Hamilton*, *Hadestown*, *Big Fish*, and other major productions. The students were able to ask the professionals questions, and it was “really cool talking to people about what I want to do,” Perez said. She is grateful for the theatre arts department at SBVC, and said instructor Melinda Fogle is “the reason why this all happened. She fought for all of us to go to the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, and helped me grow as an actor, performer and technical designer.”

SBVC’s New Dean of Applied Technology, Transportation & Culinary Arts

SBVC has named **Vanessa Thomas** as the new Dean of Applied Technology, Transportation, and Culinary Arts. Thomas is a seasoned community college educator with over 20 years of combined faculty and administrative experience in the community college system. She has worked closely with regional career technical education deans and directors, the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board, community-based organizations, and industry leaders to build educational programs that produce skilled workers to satisfy high-demand, high-wage workforce needs. She is also committed to building and maintaining programs that improve the socioeconomic upward mobility of students. As division dean, under the administrative direction of the Vice President of Instruction, Thomas will be responsible for ensuring that the learning-centered programs and services offered by her division meet the needs of a diverse student population, comply with all state and federal regulations and comply with the budget goals of the college and the district.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12
Voter Registration Virtual Presentation
5:00pm · Virtual

November 6
48-Hour Film Festival
6:00pm · Virtual

