



President's Board of Trustees Report

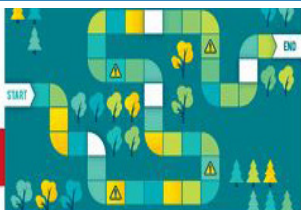
The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community

Nursing Program Recognized for Innovation During Global Pandemic

During Opening Day in August, President Rodriguez recognized the many campus departments and programs that had successfully weathered the rapid transition to online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many programs that were never designed for remote learning or instruction had to be adapted very quickly to work in this new, online-only setting. One of these programs is SBVC's celebrated nursing program. Because the pandemic suddenly halted in-person clinical trainings, SBVC's nursing program had to find innovative ways to ensure its nursing program students wouldn't fall behind on their licensing requirements. In March of 2020, the Nursing department migrated the semester's unfinished classroom curriculum to online platforms within just two weeks and forged new partnerships to complete the required in-person clinical trainings. In doing so, SBVC ensured all 40 nursing students of the 2020 cohort could graduate on time and enter the workforce during a period of historic and critical need. The SBVC students' timely graduation opened vital classroom space for a new cohort's enrollment. Although other nursing programs across the state soon followed suit to make similar adjustments, none were able to do so as quickly and remarkably as SBVC. Director of Nursing, Sana Massad, and Victor Figueroa, a Class of 2020 nursing graduate, were featured in a special video that was shared with campus. Congratulations, SBVC!



SBVC Engagement Initiative Featured in National Community College Journal



Turning pathways into a game

At California's San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC), a new board game is encouraging students toward success. The #ValleyPathways game is made of SBVC's catalog and schedule covers, and the goal is simple: be the first person to reach commencement.

FOOD INSECURITY among students

The Hope Center for Child Justice at Temple University students' struggles with food insecurity has released the results of a survey that examines the challenges. More than 3,506 students took the survey, including 1,642 who reported food insecurity. Nearly 40 percent of those surveyed said they faced food insecurity with nearly one-quarter reporting that they had lower rates of food insecurity compared to non-athletes. Twenty percent of the two-year colleges said they compared to 17 percent of four-year colleges. Read the report: <https://www.temple.edu/hcjr/reports/food-insecurity>

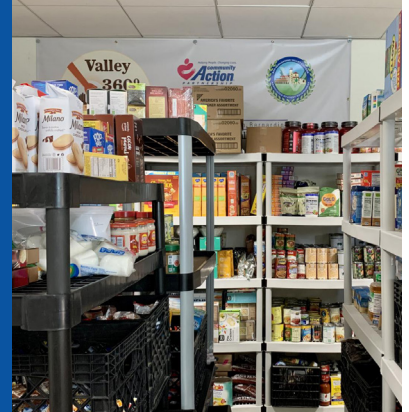
SBVC was recently featured in the national Community College Journal, where the campus was acknowledged for its innovative board game encouraging student success. The game board is made of SBVC's 2019-20 catalog and schedule covers, and the goal is simple: be the first person to reach Commencement. To play #ValleyPathways, players roll the dice and grab a card depending on the 'semester' you land on. Game cards display typical situations SBVC students might find themselves in, ranging from missing the bus, to acing an exam, to receiving a scholarship. Prospective students can explore life as a college student through this game and learn a little more about the uniqueness of SBVC's campus along the way. The game can be downloaded and played online at www.valleycollege.edu/valleypathways.



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Ramps Up Food Pantry Services During Thanksgiving Holiday Season

During the Thanksgiving season, SBVC has stepped up its efforts to further help students and their families during these difficult times. Dr. Raymond Carlos, Director of Student Life, has been seeing more students coming to the Valley 360 Resource Center with their children in tow because parents don't have a job or a babysitter. "A lot of our students are single parents with children at home. A lot of them had to choose between going to work or staying at home. They didn't have a choice," he said. As a result, SBVC has expanded its resource center offerings to assist students. The campus pantry averages about 85 students per month for bags of food and also offers an option to receive clothing at the center. Registered Valley College students can use their ID as an Omnitrans bus pass, as well as to get access the pantry. Students can stop by the center for prepackaged bags of dry and frozen foods, including cereals, frozen vegetables and frozen pizza.

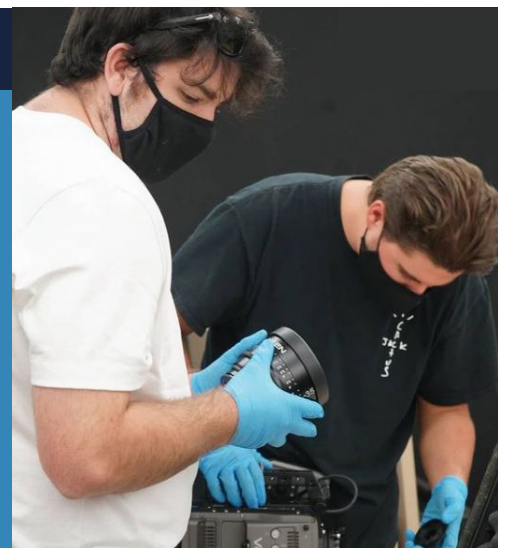


SBVC Hosts First Virtual Día de los Muertos

SBVC celebrated its 14th Annual El Día De Los Muertos Festival this October by taking its colorful altars, lively music, and compassionate stories to a virtual format. Día de los Muertos is a holiday of Mexican origin that celebrates loved ones who have died, and every year the SBVC Latino Faculty, Staff and Administrator Association (LFSAA) hosts the campus-wide celebration. "Sadly, we are not able to celebrate on campus this year, but I am so thankful to the LFSAA and everyone who helped organize this virtual celebration that keeps our tradition and culture alive, in spite of the pandemic," said President Diana Z. Rodriguez. The virtual event featured a recorded video blessing by Henry Vásquez, Dr. Gomez & Choki, commemorative messages from administrators, altar galleries, and a silent auction to raise funds for student scholarships.

Media Academy Hosts Virtual 48-Hour Film Festival

SBVC's Film, TV, and Media Program and Institute of Media Arts once again hosted the 48-Hour Film Project in the Inland Empire, giving local filmmakers the chance to bring the movies they've been dreaming about to life. During the 48-Hour Film Project, teams worked together to make a film over the course of just two days, with the final products screened a week later. During this international film-making event, 20 teams competed, including some SBVC students, alumni, and faculty members. "For film students, it's a chance to create under tight deadlines and strict guidelines," Lucas Cuny, Institute of Media Arts director, said. "As working artists you don't always get to be Tarantino and you have to follow someone else's vision, so it's a great example of how to do that." Participating in the 48-Hour Film Project is also "a great way to test a crew and see how well everyone works together and to test out new gear, new techniques, styles, and genres," Kevin Lyons, an adjunct professor of film at SBVC, said. *Continued at valleycollege.edu/news.*





SBVC SNAPSHOTS

'Blue' the Wolverine Celebrates One-Year Birthday

This November, SBVC's mascot celebrated its one-year anniversary. 'Blue' the Wolverine, who was unveiled at the 2019 Homecoming football game, celebrated its birthday virtually this year with a socially-distanced giveaway. Students could enter the giveaway to win a \$50 food delivery gift card by tagging a friend on SBVC's social media channels.



SBVC Partners with City of Colton to Offer "Study Zone" to Students

The City of Colton has launched an innovative initiative at its Gonzales Community Center called "Colton College Study Zone." Targeting students who may not be able to access a quiet place to study during SBVC's campus closure, the "study zone" is free to use, has fast WiFi, and is a safe space to get college work done. SBVC, which is located on the border of San Bernardino and Colton and educates many residents of both cities, has promoted the initiative to its student body. Participants are only asked to wear masks, socially distance, and bring their college student IDs.

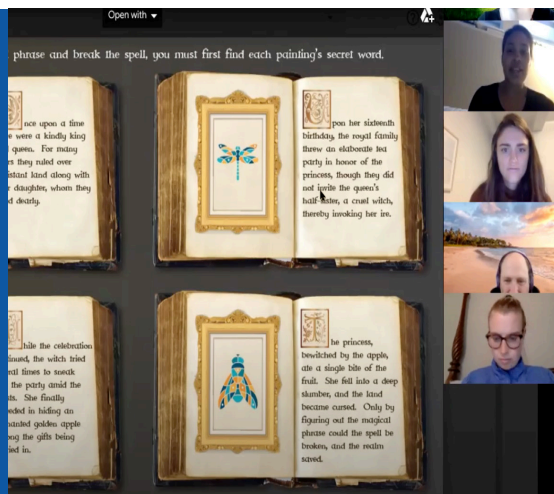


SBVC Serves as a Polling Place for the 2020 Election

After a semester of virtual events and public discourse about presidential nominees and local propositions, SBVC continued its community service by providing a physical place for residents to cast their ballots. San Bernardino locals posed with their "I Voted" stickers to commemorate fulfilling their citizen duty.

SBVC Student Government Hosts Virtual Escape Room

The Associated Student Government of SBVC hosted its first-ever Virtual Escape Room: The Grimm Escape. Students were divided into teams of 4-6 and promptly whisked away into breakout sessions. Students were tasked with escaping from a witch's spell before the hour time limit ran out. At the end, everyone returned to the main meeting for a debrief and announcement of winners.





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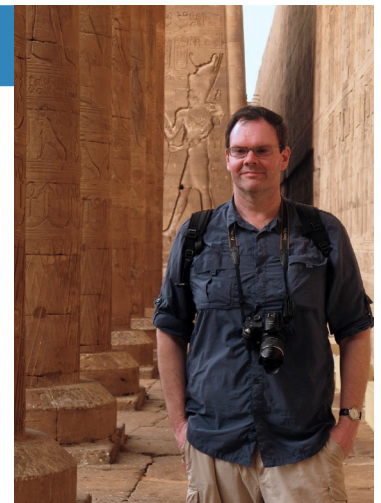
SBVC Student Film Wins International Award & Reaches Global Audience



The FTVM program at SBVC has helped guide an alumnus to create a documentary that has become available on Amazon Prime, reaching a global audience. With his new documentary, "The Dino: A City in Focus," Daniel Saldaña is bringing San Bernardino to the world. In this documentary, Saldaña follows local photographers who use their cameras to capture the city in all of its lights. This fall, he received a Silver Award for Best Producer/Director at the Telly Awards, in the category of student non-broadcast, and now, "The Dino" is available for anyone to watch on Amazon Prime. Kevin Lyons, an adjunct professor of film at San Bernardino Valley College, helped guide Saldaña through the film-making process, lending him gear and trying to "stay out of his way as much as I could and letting him take charge of the production." SBVC's Film, Television, and Media Department lets students check out equipment like cameras, microphones, and lighting, and use facilities and spaces like a podcast studio and color-grading suite. "When you provide students with ownership of their work, be it math or film, they are more engaged," Lucas Cuny, assistant professor of Radio, Television, and Film, said.

SBVC Math Instructor Publishes Book on Global Travels

Dr. Jeremiah Gilbert, SBVC mathematics professor, has traveled the world and carried a wide-angle lens with him through more than 80 countries. He enjoys chronicling the places around him: both at home and abroad. This year, a compilation of his circular photographs were published in the local anthology, "San Bernardino, Singing", and his own book of travel tales was published, titled "Can't Get There From Here: Fifty Tales of Travel." A graduate of Colton High School at the age of 15, Gilbert's academic journey kept him bound to Valley as he was too young to move away from home for university. He enrolled at SBVC before transferring on to California State University, San Bernardino, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. He later earned a Master of Arts in Mathematics from the University of California, Riverside and a Ph.D. in Education from Capella University. He returned to SBVC professionally as an instructor and enjoys the summers he gets off in order to continue documenting and expanding his horizons.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15
Finals Week Yoga/Meditation
5:15 PM - Virtual

December 24 - January 1
Winter Recess
Campus Closed

