



# President's Board of Trustees Report

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

## President Diana Z. Rodriguez to Become SBCCD's 16th Chancellor

The San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of SBVC's 14th president, Diana Z. Rodriguez, as the district's 16th chancellor. Rodriguez will lead the mission of a system that serves 20,000 students through Crafton Hills College, San Bernardino Valley College, a workforce training facility, and KVCR TV/FM. She will be the first SBVC president ever to become chancellor of the SBCCD since it became a multi-college district in 1967, and is poised to become the only Latina chancellor of a community college district in Southern California upon assuming office in August. Rodriguez has a long and distinguished career, spanning more than 30 years working in higher education as a faculty member and administrator. As the district's chief executive officer, Rodriguez will manage a budget of \$200 million and 1,000 faculty and staff members. She is known statewide for increasing college student enrollment, advocating for institutional innovation, and supporting professional development. "Serving as the next chancellor is the honor of a lifetime," Rodriguez said of her new role. "My passion for this work comes from my own story. As I walk across our district and our campuses, I see myself in our students. I am second-generation Mexican-American, first in my family to go to college, and a very proud community college graduate," she said. She will assume her new duties as Chancellor of the San Bernardino Community College District on August 1, when campuses return to expanded in-person learning and working post-pandemic.



## SBVC Signs Articulation Agreement with Keck Graduate Institute



San Bernardino  
Valley College

The Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) has added SBVC to its articulation agreements, helping prospective students make a seamless transition into programs within the Henry E. Riggs School of Applied Life Sciences and the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. "We are thrilled to include SBVC as our newest partner," said KGI Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Sofia Toro. "This is a great opportunity for KGI, and we look forward to encouraging more students from California to study healthcare and the life sciences." As a result of the articulation agreement, qualified students will receive various benefits, dependent on the program they choose. Benefits include priority consideration for scholarships, preference for seats in summer programs, expedited application review, application fee waivers, letter of recommendation waiver, and more. KGI leadership is also close to finalizing agreements with several more institutions to offer these benefits to more prospective students.



# SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

## SBVC Named Top Producer of Library Degrees for Native American Students

More Native American students are earning their associate's degrees in Library Science at San Bernardino Valley College than any other college in the country, according to a study conducted by a news magazine that emphasizes diversity, equity and inclusion in academia. "Diverse: Issues in Higher Education" magazine recently published its annual Top 100 Associate Degree Producers issue and identified SBVC as the top producer of graduates who identify as Native American and have earned their associate's degree in Library Science for 2020. The study also found that SBVC was ranked the second-highest producer of graduates earning a two-year degree in Library Science who identify as two or more races, and in the top 15 for all students who identify as a minority and who have earned an associate's degree in Library Science. In the past three academic years, 535 students graduated with an associate's degree in Library Science from San Bernardino Valley College. Of those graduates, 86% identified as a minority race.



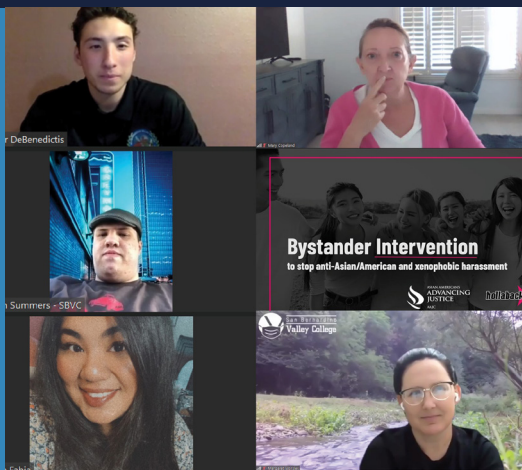
## SBVC Foundation Receives \$150,000 for Finish Line Scholars Grant Program



The SBVC Foundation has been awarded \$150,000 that will directly benefit SBVC students who are close to finishing their certificates, degrees, or transfer studies at the college. The award is the second round of a historic gift from the Jay Pritzker Foundation, which earmarked a \$100 million donation to the California Community College system over 20 years. SBVC Foundation Interim Director Mike Layne said SBVC will use the funds for the Finish Line Scholars Program, an initiative that provides scholarships and assistance to students who are close to finishing their degree, certificate, or transfer studies within two years. "The SBVC Foundation will be able to disburse nearly \$300,000 this year in new scholarships and emergency financial assistance to our students to help them cross the finish line of their education goal," Layne said. The SBVC Foundation estimates it can use the combined funds to issue up to 100 scholarships over the next academic year.

## SBVC Takes Action to Stop Anti-Asian American & Pacific Islander Harassment

In response to the rise of attacks, harassment, and discrimination against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, SBVC and the San Bernardino Community College District invited SBVC faculty and staff members to participate in training workshops on how to intervene and stop anti-AAPI harassment this spring. "It's not enough to condemn acts of hate," said SBVC President Diana Z. Rodriguez in a joint statement with the SBCCD. "We must take action to root out the xenophobia that has contributed to recent attacks against our AAPI friends, neighbors, colleagues, and loved ones." The workshops were offered by Asian Americans Advancing Justice and Hollaback!, and provided specific tips on how to react based on whether a person is a bystander to harassment or on the receiving end of it. The one-hour, interactive training workshops discussed the "spectrum of disrespect," from microaggressions to violence, and the five strategies for intervention: distract, delegate, document, delay, and direct.

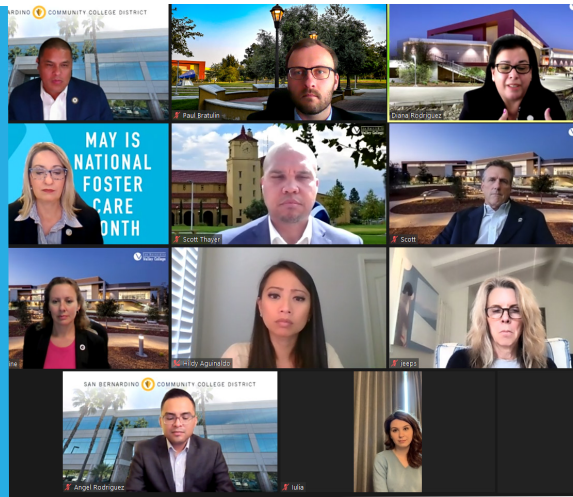




# SBVC SNAPSHOTS

## SBVC Hosts Virtual Visit from Board of Governors

In May, SBVC hosted a virtual visit from Hildy Aguinaldo, Judy Perry and Iulia Tarasova, members of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, who received a virtual campus tour and extensive updates from the SBVC executive team. The in-depth discussion was especially focused on SBVC's efforts to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.



## VRC Hosts Event for Local Veterans

SBVC's Veterans Resource Center hosted a special drive-through event for local veterans, where each attendee received a VRC military backpack and corresponding patches. Attendees included Jim Morrison, who served four years in the United States Marine Corps and just graduated from San Bernardino Valley College. He will be transferring to Cal State San Bernardino to pursue a degree in Environmental Studies under sustainability. Event attendees were encouraged to share their military experiences and socialize with other veterans in the local community.



## SBVC Launches Mobile Text-In Resource Guides

The Office of Student Life at SBVC recently launched new online resources to further improve communication with students and assist with questions they may have. Using a mobile device to text "SBVC Resources" to 58052, students can access information about academic support, counseling, financial resources and more campus services, all from the palm of their hand.

## SBVC Commemorates First Juneteenth National Holiday

This June, SBVC commemorated Juneteenth National Independence Day for the first time ever. The Library compiled a resource list for campus to better understand the history and significance of Juneteenth. President Diana Z. Rodriguez and the SBCCD encouraged campus and community members to educate themselves on the new holiday, register to vote, and attend community discussions.

## JUNETEENTH AT SBCCD

- ✓ **Vote in Every Election**  
If you are eligible, register to vote or check your voter status at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections)
- ✓ **Know America's Full History**  
Read "What is Juneteenth?" by Henry Louis Gates Jr.
- ✓ **Get Involved in Your Community**  
Attend local celebrations, virtual discussions, or donate to a non-profit.





# SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

## SBVC Film, Television & Media Students Hired for National MTV Production

Six current and former Film, Television, and Media (FTVM) students at SBVC have landed paid positions as production assistants on "Nick Cannon Presents: Wild 'N Out" on MTV. The current students who were hired are Noah Donnelly, Leo Ritualo and Cage Hensley, and alumni are Tachi Mitchell, Michael Contreras and Stephen Prater. Lucas Cuny, chair and assistant professor of the FTVM program at SBVC, said these students have worked hard in the program and are ready for this opportunity. Donnelly said the FTVM program prepared him and gave him the confidence to apply for the gig. "It's one thing to study how to become a filmmaker," Donnelly said. "But what SBVC does is make us into real filmmakers. They put us in school productions to help us get ready for productions in the real world." FTVM students have access to a state-of-the-art lab space, industry-standard cameras, and dolly and track systems during their studies at SBVC, making them career-ready after leaving the program. Congratulations, Wolverines!



## Student Health Services Launches Targeted Support Series for Summer 2021



SBVC's Student Health Services (SHS) has launched a series of specialized support groups for students this summer. Its inaugural Socialize and Support Drop-In Group encouraged students to join a group zoom to share their "life's tribulations" and connect with other individuals. The department also began offering free parent to parent support group meetings, providing dialogue and peer support, and allowing students to engage, experience, and explore the unique challenges of being a college student and a parent. Topics addressed include parental burnout, parenting children while being a college student, self-care for parents, "Mom guilt", and more. The

department's Self-Care for Guardian Scholars invited all campus Guardian Scholar students to a discussion about self-care and an opportunity to engage, learn, and discover their unique relationship with self-care. The facilitated meetings addressed topics like motivation versus laziness, healthy relationships, and time management. Another group, entitled Self-Care for Dreamer Students, created a safe place for Dreamer students to discuss handling stress, healthy eating, time management, and social support.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 10**  
Flex Day

**August 13**  
Fall Opening Day

**August 16**  
Fall Semester Begins

