



President's Board of Trustees Report

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

Dr. Scott Thayer, VP of Student Services, Named Interim President

Dr. Scott W. Thayer has stepped into the role of Interim President of San Bernardino Valley College, beginning August 1, 2021. Having served as SBVC's Vice President of Student Services since 2017 and in numerous administrative, leadership and faculty roles at California colleges and universities over the past 23 years, Dr. Thayer plans to leverage his extensive higher education expertise for the continued benefit, growth, and success of our campus community. Dr. Thayer is renowned systemwide as an advocate for historically underrepresented students, as well as an authority on student access, retention, equity, success, enrollment management, and K-20 partnerships. He is a founding member of two non-profit organizations: Have Faith, Be Strong (HFBS)—a non-profit organization for childhood cancer awareness—and the African American Male Education Network and Development (A²MEND), a service organization that promotes the increased involvement and representation of young men of color in higher education. Dr. Thayer is an established grant writer, having secured over \$5 million in grant funding to assist students in their pursuit of a higher education, and continues to teach part-time in San Diego State University's Community College Leadership program, where he mentors the next generation of community college leaders. Former SBVC president, and now SBCCD Chancellor-Designate Diana Z. Rodriguez, says that Dr. Thayer's leadership will be instrumental to our campus and district's successful transition back to in-person instruction and operations during this upcoming academic year.



\$37 Million in Funding Set to Modernize SBVC in New Fiscal Year



The San Bernardino Community College District secured \$37 million in state funding to build a new workforce training center at SBVC. Governor Newsom and the legislature included these campus infrastructure projects in the state budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1. SBCCD will match the state dollars from Measure CC money voters approved locally in 2018. Chancellor-Designate Diana Z. Rodriguez said the state investments are welcome and an essential boost for the region's future. Construction starts in late 2021 on San Bernardino Valley College's 114,000 square foot building outfitted for modern workforce training. The new building will be accessible, sustainable, and filled with the tools needed for training students in water management, automotive repair, heavy truck technology, machining, electrical heating, and air conditioning, among other fields. The new building is expected to open in early 2024.



SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC Launches Machinist Training Pilot Program for Individuals with Autism

In an effort to combat high rates of unemployment and underemployment among Americans with disabilities, SBVC will launch a pilot program providing Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machinist training to individuals with autism. This first cohort of eight students will receive on-campus instruction and hands-on work experience using SBVC's state-of-the-art machinist technology, with San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board later providing job placement. "For the individual and the industry, it's a win-win," Machinist Prof. Miguel Ortiz (right) said. "Being a CNC operator is the most prevalent job and easiest way to get into the industry." The program is made possible thanks to a \$10,000 award from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, \$15,000 from the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation, and \$10,000 from Goodwill. This \$35,000 will cover the cost of a job coach who will assist students enrolled in the program.



SBVC Math Professor Anthony Castro chosen as TEDx Talk Speaker at CSUSB



In June, Prof. Anthony Castro was able to share his love of math as a presenter at the pre-recorded TEDx event at Cal State San Bernardino. One of his passions is changing how people view math, and during his talk he discussed how textbook problems might not inspire learning. He shared examples on how he gets his students excited by talking about "buying a car, becoming a millionaire, predicting the end of the world, all using math," Castro said. "Baby steps, but I plan to continue working towards making math relevant and one of the exciting subjects students want to learn." Castro is also an SBVC alumnus, and former graduate of Middle College High School in 2008. "The faculty and staff here at the campus poured their passion for student success into me. This care changed my own personal perception and instilled a confidence in me that I had what it takes to succeed in college."

Gresham Art Gallery Hosts First-Ever Virtual Exhibit, Featuring 10 Galleries

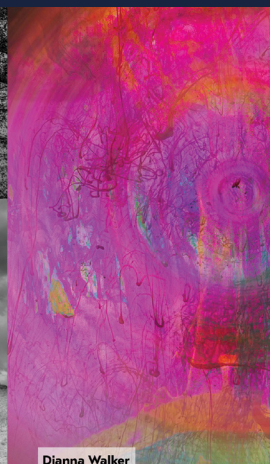
SBVC's Gresham Art Gallery is now reaching an audience far beyond the Inland Empire. SBVC purchased a one-year subscription to Kuntsmatrix, an online gallery platform, with the intent of hosting a student art show this spring. Dr. Mandi Batalo, chair of the Art Department, initiated a collaboration between the gallery and Laurie Klein, a Rhode Island-based photographer and teacher Batalo met through a virtual workshop. Batalo invited Klein and her students who just completed a nine-month Zoom class to showcase their work online, using SBVC's Kuntsmatrix subscription. Titled "Knee Deep," the exhibit features 10 different virtual galleries – one for each participating artist. It will run through October 31, highlighting the work of a diverse group of photographers from across the United States and Mexico. In appreciation for hosting "Knee Deep," Klein made a pitch for donations to the Gresham Art Gallery, and the facility received \$500 – half of its yearly budget.



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SBVC SNAPSHOTS

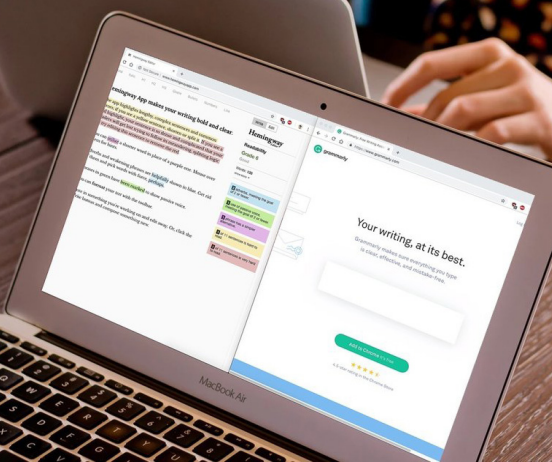
SBVC Cross Country Star Headed to University of St. Mary

Elvis Rojas-King, who was part of the 2019 Inland Empire Athletic Conference championship cross country team, has signed with University of St. Mary. Rojas-King finished 44th in the Southern California regionals in 2019, and according to SBVC men's cross country coach Jim Ratigan, was on track for a high finish at the State Championships in 2021. St. Mary features one of the top track and field programs in the NAIA, having finished fifth in the nation in cross country.



Nursing Student Named New SBCCD Trustee

Nursing student Elena Sanchez Paez, 19, will represent SBVC as the student trustee on the Board of the San Bernardino Community College District. She was elected by a vote of her peers, and was sworn in on June 10, via Zoom, for a one-year term. "Since I want to be a nurse, I should start helping people," said Sanchez, a graduate of Redlands High School. "I should start with my school. I want to be out of my comfort place and meet new people." Sanchez is a San Bernardino resident, and fully bilingual in English and Spanish. She hopes to transfer to CSUSB to earn a degree in nursing, and become a nurse, like her mother in Mexico.

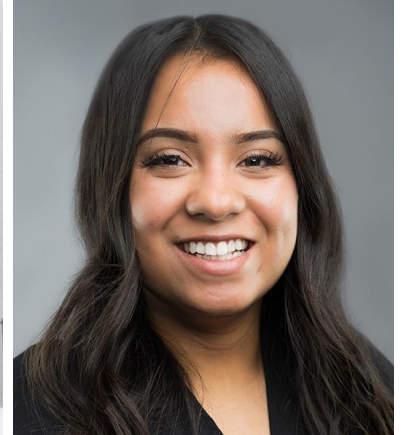
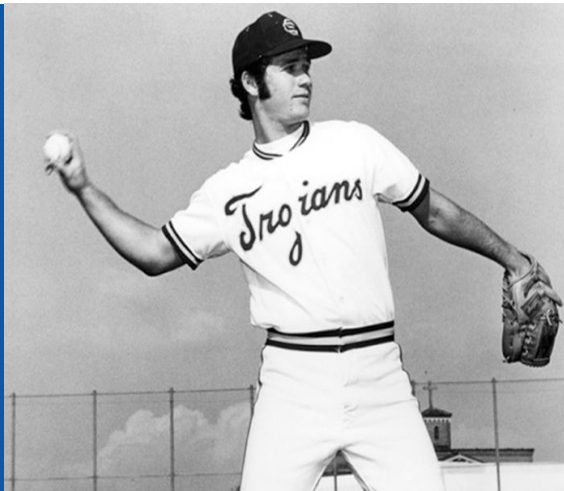


SBVC Offers Grammarly Free to Students and Staff

In an effort led by the Basic Skills Committee, SBVC has purchased access to Grammarly, a cross-platform writing assistant that reviews spelling, grammar, punctuation, engagement and delivery mistakes in real-time. The software is free to use for SBVC students, staff, and faculty, and can further help campus members communicate with impact and clarity.

SBVC Alumnus Inducted into Baseball Hall of Fame

SBVC alumnus Rich Dauer has been inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame. While at SBVC, Dauer earned Junior College Player of the Year honors in 1972 before transferring to USC. He led the Trojans to national titles in both '73 and '74 as the team's starting third baseman, and then went on to play 10 seasons in the MLB, winning a World Series title with the Orioles in 1983.





SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

16-Year-Old Student's Animated Film on Climate Change Wins Festival

Darwin Melchiorre is drawn to animation, and at just 16, her talents are already being recognized. Melchiorre, a high school junior at Sage Oak Charter school and concurrently enrolled in classes at San Bernardino Valley College, entered her animated movie "Dreaming of the Deep" into the Aquarium of the Pacific's inaugural High Tide Student Film Festival. In June, she won first place in the Thriving in a Changing Climate category. It took Melchiorre 100 hours to draw the 85 individual frames that comprise her film, plus several hours to edit, write, and record the poem that is the film's soundtrack. "Dreaming of the Deep" is about how climate change is affecting the ocean, a topic Melchiorre is passionate about. Making films gives her "a creative outlet as a way to express myself and as a way to get across messages that are important to me and use it as a way to feel my voice can be heard."



SBVC Cornerback Credits Coach for Guidance Transferring to Boise State



Jalen Neal joined the SBVC football team as a cornerback in the summer of 2020, which turned out to be a non-existent season due to the global pandemic. Despite never playing a down for the Wolverines, Neal will be transferring to Boise State University thanks to the guidance and support of SBVC defensive coordinator Ken Lawler. Neal worked diligently throughout the summer to maintain his physical shape and mental toughness, and was rewarded by the efforts of Lawler, who played a key role in helping Neal find his route to Boise State. The defensive coordinator worked as a coach at Boise State from 2000-02, where he coached a young player from Corona named Andy Avalos. In January, Avalos became the head coach at Boise State, and with the Broncos looking for help in their secondary this fall, Lawler helped Neal get a tryout. The Wolverine subsequently earned himself a spot on the team. Currently studying kinesiology, with an emphasis on anatomy in hopes of one day become an orthopedic surgeon, Neal will be able to step onto the blue turf field at Boise State this fall. "It was a blessing for me to find Coach Lawler and his staff. It was probably the best football coaches I've ever had in terms of being stand-up people, knowing their knowledge of the game."

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13
Fall Opening Day

August 16
Fall Semester Begins

September 6
Labor Day

