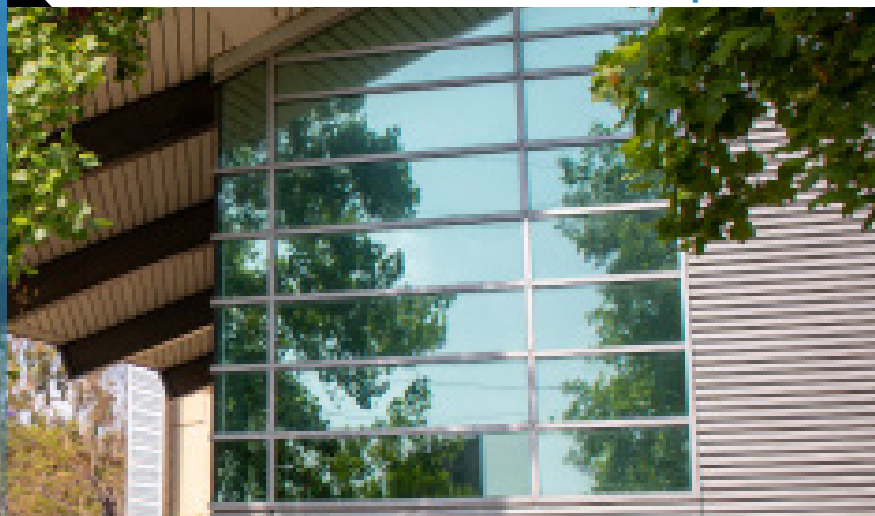




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# President's Board of Trustees Report

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

## SBVC Returns to In-Person Instruction & Services for Fall 2021

After almost 18 months of virtual learning, San Bernardino Valley College students were ready to return to campus in August and their instructors were thrilled to have them back in the classroom. "Not only did we persevere through one of the most trying times for higher education in recent memory, but we are returning to campus on the 95th anniversary of our college's founding," said SBVC Interim President Dr. Scott Thayer. At the start of the fall semester, there were 1,719 classes offered, comprised of 60% online, 21% on campus, and 17% in a hybrid format. In total, 10,200 students made up SBVC's population at the start of the fall semester. It didn't take long for students to get back into the swing of things while back on campus, whether by forming study groups at the Library, grabbing coffee from The Den, or picking up lunch at the Cafeteria. Nonetheless, Wolverines on campus did have some adapting to do. As part of the San Bernardino Community College District's reopening plan, there were new COVID-19 regulations in place for everyone's safety. Everyone on campus, including visitors, students and faculty members, is now required to wear a face covering while inside a building, regardless of their vaccination status. While vaccinations are not currently required to be on campus, SBVC has encouraged students and staff to get vaccinated and continue to follow the campus's safety guidelines. Welcome back to campus, Wolverines!



## SBVC Provides Free Book Rentals to Over 10,000 Fall Students

San Bernardino Valley College and the San Bernardino Community College District has partnered with its Campus Bookstore vendor, Follett, to launch the Books+ program during the 2021-22 academic year. Under the Books+ program, SBVC will be providing all students free rental access to textbooks and course materials during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters. Once students have registered for courses, SBVC provides their course lists to the Campus Bookstore, which then prepares the required course materials for students. All students need to do after registering is to pick up their course materials from the Campus Bookstore. Books+ aims to help students save money and focus on learning on day one, without worrying about buying any required materials for class.

**Books+**





# SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

## Undocumented Students Thrive in Machinist Technology Program at SBVC

San Bernardino Valley College's machinist technology program is a safe place for undocumented students to learn new skills and earn certificates. There is no federal or state law prohibiting people who are undocumented from enrolling in college, and SBVC professor Miguel Ortiz wants those interested in going to school, especially if they are 30 or older, to know that he will guide them through the process of becoming a machinist technology student. "It's a smooth transition," Ortiz said. "If they're going to be one of my students, I speak Spanish, which is very important." Arley H. and Jose B. are both undocumented and wanted to go to school in order to learn new skills and advance in the manufacturing industry. After learning about SBVC's machinist technology program, they signed up for classes and are now receiving training on new, state-of-the-art equipment. They have families, and while it can be difficult balancing work with school and their home lives, both agree it's worth it to be able to have the opportunity to advance in the workplace.



## First Psychiatric Tech Cohort to Learn 100% During Pandemic Graduates



A very special cohort of psychiatric technology students graduated on August 6. These 20 students were the first to make it entirely through the COVID-19 pandemic, consistently wearing surgical masks and face shields, and going through daily or weekly COVID-19 testing. They proved themselves to be up to the challenge, navigating a new world of virtual and recorded lectures and online study groups and meetings. During its time at SBVC, the cohort trained at Canyon Springs Community Facility, Del Rosa Villa Post-Acute, Waterman Canyon Post-Acute, and San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital. The students also worked with virtual special needs classrooms at Cajon and Pacific High Schools, and went to Patton State Hospital while several units were under quarantine. Clinical rotations were done on site, as SBVC was able to find locations that could accommodate all of the students.

## Convocation Week Kicks Off SBVC's 95th Anniversary Celebration for 2021-22

During Fall 2021 Convocation Week in August, SBVC employees gathered virtually to celebrate the college's historic past and prepare for its exciting and soon-to-be-written future. During the week-long series of trainings and workshops, staff and faculty participated in various professional development activities, including an adjunct orientation, equity and inclusivity workshops, and COVID grief guidance. During Opening Day, SBVC's semesterly campus-wide meeting, Vice President of Instruction Dr. Dina Humble encouraged employees to have empathy for returning students by developing an online 'community of support'. She also introduced HyFlex classrooms, combining the terms "hybrid" and "flexible", which will offer sections that are in-person and online in the same class. Interim President Dr. Scott Thayer also acknowledged the 95th anniversary of San Bernardino Valley College to be celebrated this academic year. During the past 95 years, SBVC is estimated to have produced over 850,000 total global alumni and awarded over 200,000 degrees and certificates. Congratulations, SBVC!





# SBVC SNAPSHOTS

## SBVC Maintenance Gets Trained to 'Stop the Bleed'

Members of SBVC's maintenance team were trained this summer in a 'Stop the Bleed' campaign, which aims to prepare campus staff to save lives if individuals nearby are severely bleeding. The program raised awareness about workplace accidents and taught employees how to take three quick actions to control serious bleeding and potentially save a life.



## SBVC Launches TikTok Account

San Bernardino Valley College has launched its first-ever TikTok profile to better communicate and connect with current and prospective students. Using this short-form video-sharing app, SBVC will give followers a glimpse into campus life, promote upcoming events, remind students about academic calendar deadlines, share encouraging messages, and highlight student and staff profiles. Over 60 percent of TikTok's users are under the age of 30, and SBVC hopes to leverage this rapidly-growing social media platform to showcase its campus culture and college life as a Wolverine. Follow SBVC @sbvalleycollege!

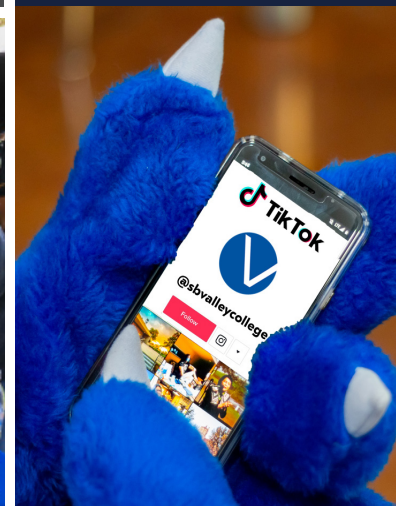
## SBCCD Exec Team Brings Encouragement to SBVC

SBCCD Chancellor Diana Z. Rodriguez recently returned to the SBVC campus, where she had just served as president for five years before her current role. She and other district executives toured the campus during the first week of the fall semester, encouraging staff and faculty to remain compassionate towards students returning to in-person services and instruction.



## SBVC Hosts In-Person New Student Welcome Day

Hundreds of incoming Wolverines gathered on the SBVC campus for New Student Welcome Day in August, which returned to an in-person format this fall. Students were able to meet staff and faculty, explore the various programs and services at SBVC, hear about campus life from existing students, and visit booths to collect campus swag and program information. Welcome back to campus!





# SBVC HIGHLIGHTS

## Large Donations to Valley360 Program Help Expand Services to Students

From food, to diapers, to hygiene products, the Valley360 Resource Center is available to help SBVC students in need of essentials. The resource center, in cooperation with Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, is sustained by donations, and large contributions have recently come in from SBVC's Associated Student Government, the Kiwanis Club of San Bernardino, C.W. Driver & HPI Architecture, New Beginnings Outreach Church, SBVC's Bookstore, and Youth Enrichment Services/Santa Claus Inc. Individual SBVC employees have also donated canned goods and fruit. Special funding through the Hunger Free Campus Bill has allowed the resource center to partner with SBVC's Culinary Arts program and the Cafeteria to provide freshly-prepared meals for students and purchase Stater Bros. and Target gift cards for students, groceries from Stater Bros., new freezers and shelving for the pantry, and various supplies. "Through these donations, we have been able to support the basic needs of our students during the pandemic and will continue as we reopen campus," Marie Maghuyop, student activities and campus center specialist, said.



## Film, Television, and Media Program Acquires State-of-the-Art Technology



San Bernardino Valley College's Film, Television, and Media program regularly acquires state-of-the-art technology for students to train with, giving them an advantage when they transfer to a university or start a career in the entertainment industry. The program's most recent purchases include a drone and motion capture suits. Once they learn the motion capture technology, students will collaborate with the art, theater, and computer science departments on animation and virtual reality projects. Drones are used so much in the entertainment industry that knowing how to operate one "instantly translates into a career," Prof. Lucas Cuny said. Next fall, SBVC will launch a sports broadcasting class and the drone will be able to capture above the field shots during football games and other sporting events. Students enrolled in FTVM 130 and FTVM 132 will have access to the new drone and motion capture technology.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 6**  
Labor Day

**November 11**  
Veterans Day

**November 22-27**  
Thanksgiving Recess

