

PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENT SERVICES HELPS MORE THAN 1,800 STUDENTS WITH NEW CHAT FEATURE

In the summer of 2020, the Student Services division launched a live chat feature on the SBVC website to help students transition to online learning. Since its launch, the team has helped more than 1,800 current and prospective students with their questions about becoming a Wolverine or getting assistance with campus processes. These live SBVC representatives were available to answer questions regarding how to apply to campus, how to make a counseling appointment, how to reach a faculty member, and more.

“The website feature provides a human touch and a friendly welcome to prospective students,”

said SBVC Interim President Dr. Scott Thayer, “while ensuring that current and prospective students always have a real person on campus to interact with for support and guidance.” Since the start of the fall 2021 semester alone, the Student Services team has answered more than 300 inquiries to the live chat, helping to expand student support and provide immediate access to information. Dr. Thayer said that as students adjust to returning to the physical campus, many still prefer a virtual format. The live chat feature gives students and community members an additional resource to connect with SBVC staff and get all of their questions answered quickly and efficiently.



CCC BOARD OF GOVERNORS PRAISES SBVC IN VIRTUAL CAMPUS VISIT

San Bernardino Valley College recently hosted the California Community Colleges Board of Governors (BOG) for a virtual site visit. The BOG recognized the campus and district for helping students afford college textbooks through its new Books+ program, which has provided all students free rental access to textbooks plus course materials during the fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters. The BOG acknowledged SBVC's efforts to help students save money and focus on their academics without worrying about buying their required materials for class. They also praised the campus for its initiatives fostering a welcoming and



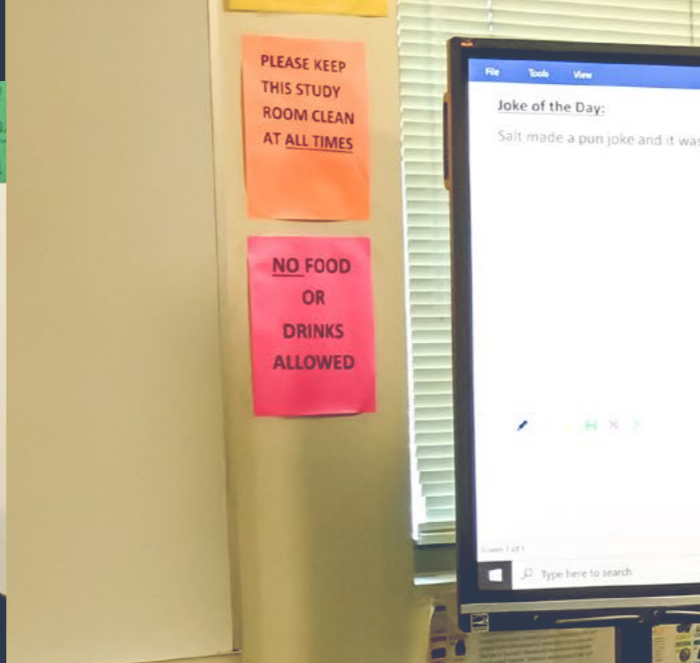
and inclusive environment for its students, staff, and faculty. SBVC adopted anti-racism/no hate education last year, and has continued to emphasize equity and fairness in its professional development workshops, campus events, and curriculum. The BOG applauded SBVC for modernizing its facilities to train students for in-demand and high-paying careers. The San Bernardino Community College District secured \$37 million in state funding to build a new sustainable workforce training center at SBVC, with construction to start this fall semester.



FTVM LAUNCHES NEW JOB RETAINING AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Institute of Media Arts (IMA) at San Bernardino Valley College doesn't want the pandemic to get in the way of students who are seeking training in media and film production. That's why the IMA has launched the COVID-19 Job Retaining & Scholarship Program, which covers the fees for the Production, Media Development, and Post-Production professional development certificates. “The idea is to target those students who are negatively impacted by COVID,” said Lucas Cuny, faculty chair of the Film, Television and Media (FTVM) department at SBVC. “These are students who lost wages, a job, or had to quit school.” In addition to having their

fees taken care of, students will also have access to career development services, receiving help with everything from resume writing to interview prep. The IMA allows for students to partake in guided pathways curriculum in conjunction with the FTVM department on campus, in an effort to jump start their career pathways into media arts. Students will have access to state-of-the-art training and equipment in the media field, including the department's new drone and motion capture suits. Because of its commitment to innovative curriculum, engaging practicum, and a hub for exposition, the media academy has become a destination training ground for our students. Applications are due by Dec. 1 for students who want to start their certificate program in Spring 2022.



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- Dr. Dina Humble, VP of Instruction

SBVC LAUNCHES NEW HYFLEX CLASSROOM MODEL

This fall, San Bernardino Valley College launched its new HyFlex classroom model, letting students decide whether they want to attend class in-person, synchronously online, or fully asynchronously via Canvas. In a HyFlex class, instructors teach in person, with the class streamed online at the same time, combining a face-to-face classroom model with the virtual format campus has adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic. They prepare their same engaging lessons, keeping in mind that some students will be watching a recording of the class at a later time on Canvas. “We want all of our students to succeed, and the HyFlex model helps with that goal,” Vice President of Instruction Dr. Dina Humble says. “It gives students the flexibility necessary during the pandemic, and allows SBVC to offer classes for everyone without disruption.” At the start of the fall semester, SBVC offered a total of 1,719 classes. Of these, 60% are online, 21% are face-to-face, and 17% are hybrid, bringing the total in-person offerings to 40%. The HyFlex model is student-centered, and not only helps with social distancing, but also gives Wolverines the flexibility to choose what works best for them as they adapt to returning to the physical campus. Whether a student has a full-time job, childcare commitments, or other reasons preventing them from coming to campus, they can still earn their degree or certificate asynchronously. Courses built on the HyFlex model help to break down the boundaries between the virtual classroom and the physical one, allowing students to access both spaces and engage with their peers in a highly flexible educational format.

SNAPSHOTS



SBVC COUNSELOR SPEAKS AT CSUSB'S FIRST EQUITY SERIES CONVERSATION

Tahirah Simpson, SBVC counselor, was one of 30 guest speakers selected to participate in CSUSB's inaugural "Essential Conversations: African American Men" event this past spring. Simpson joined the conversation to address diversity, equity, and inclusion in the higher education sphere, and how instructors should continue to emphasize these initiatives beyond receiving tenure on their campuses. The event aimed to highlight racial inequalities African American men face in academics, the workforce, and everyday life, and how people of color have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 in various communities across California.

SBVC & IEHP PARTNER TO HOST FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SERIES

San Bernardino Valley College partnered with Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) for a family movie night series for the campus and local community. The series marked a return to fun and family-friendly campus activities, while still following local health and safety guidelines. The featured movies included *Happy Feet*, *The Croods*, *The Goonies*, and *Cruella*. The events were free and open to the public, and attendees were encouraged to bring snacks and blankets to enjoy the feature films while socially distanced outdoors in the historic Greek Theatre. The series was facilitated by SBVC's CalWORKs department and had cadets from the Police Academy volunteer to assist with the festivities.



SBVC'S UNIQUELY ABLED PROJECT SHOWCASED ON KVCR PROGRAM

Miguel Ortiz, instructor in the Machinist Technology Department of SBVC, was recently highlighted on KVCR's *Inland Edition*. During an episode this summer, host Lillian Vasquez spoke with Dr. Ivan Rosenberg about how he founded the Uniquely Abled Project. Ortiz was featured in the segment to highlight SBVC's partnership with the program, which focuses on creating career opportunities for students on the autism spectrum. Ortiz discussed how the project matches employers and careers with the right workers and prepares both to ensure a high success rate. Ortiz emphasized how now is the perfect time for people to sign up for machine technology classes, as "there's such a big need for operators. It's only a matter of time when the manufacturers notice where that talent is and they're going to be coming for our students."



SBVC WELCOMES INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

SBVC recently welcomed its Interim Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Olivia Rosas, to the campus team. Dr. Rosas is a graduate of Indio High School in the Coachella Valley and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Spanish and Chicano Studies from UC Riverside; a Master of Arts from CSUSB in Education with a Concentration in Counseling and Guidance; and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) from California State University, San Bernardino. Dr. Rosas has served in multiple roles with a focus on student access and success. She has been in the field of higher education for over 30 years, during which advocating for students has become her true passion. She is looking forward to serving the students at SBVC, strengthening collaborations across campus and engaging with SBVC's educational and community partners.



Cooper Justice, quarterback for the SBVC football team



Diana Bautista, runner for the women's cross country team



Reymundo Domingo, midfielder for the men's soccer team

SBVC ATHLETICS RETURN AFTER A YEAR ON THE SIDELINES

After more than a year on the sidelines, San Bernardino Valley College's soccer, football, volleyball, and running athletes are thrilled to be competing again. Wolverine competitors came out strong in their first games and matches since 2020. The men's soccer team won its first home game of the season, defeating Cuyamaca College 3-0 with goals from Blake Dismang, Jose Solis, and Ebrima Njie. The women's soccer team also was victorious in its home debut, defeating Citrus College 1-0 thanks to a goal from freshman Addyson Awunganyi. The women's volleyball team hit the road for its first game and defeated West LA 3-2, and the football team walloped College of the Desert 50-8 to start the season strong. The women's cross country team's first race of the season was at Cal State San Bernardino on Sept. 11, and freshman Diana Bautista set a course record when she finished the 5K in 19 minutes, 19.5 seconds, which was a full 11 seconds before any other runner. After the first mile, Bautista picked up the pace and took off with the lead, a move that Coach Eric Abrams called "both gutsy and admirable. I told her to keep pressing and not let anyone come back on her, and she did just that." The Wolverines finished the event in 5th place. The Wolverines aim to have successful seasons for all its athletic programs, with spring sports set to return in early 2022. All athletic events held at San Bernardino Valley College are currently open to spectators for the fall season. However, all spectators are asked to follow all health and safety protocols while on campus and during athletic events. All spectators at events held indoors in the Athletics Complex must wear a mask while inside, while face coverings are recommended for outdoor events. For upcoming sporting events to cheer on the Wolverines, visit sbvcathletics.com.

EVENTS

Campus & Community Meeting

October 6 • 5pm

Virtual

Disability Awareness Fair

October 12 • 11am

Campus Center Walkway

Infrastructure Careers Awareness Program: CalTrans Presentation

October 14 • 3pm

Virtual

Careers in Chemistry

October 22 • 3pm

Virtual

Veterans Day

November 11

Campus Closed

For more campus events, visit calendar.valleycollege.edu



As SBVC celebrates its 95th anniversary, we look back on some of the college's rich history. In this photo from the 1960s, SBVC graduates assemble to practice their graduation procession.

INTERIM PRESIDENT

As San Bernardino Valley College celebrates its 95 years of excellence, we reflect on the many achievements our campus has accomplished. SBVC has produced over 850,000 total global alumni, and has awarded more than 200,000 degrees and certificates. Our notable alumni include actor Gene Hackman, athlete Tyree Washington, singer Jimmy Webb, educator Dorothy Ingram, community leader Judith Valles, Stater Bros CEO Jack Brown, and so many more. We have built and reconstructed several campus buildings to reflect our relentless commitment to state-of-the-art facilities and quality education. For over 95 years, SBVC has offered degrees and certificates in the liberal arts, science and technology, business, and the humanities, and today we offer more than 200 academic programs for our students. Nonetheless, the future has yet to be written, and our work continues. As we adapt to transitioning back to on-campus operations, we have three themes this academic year for our student services. They include enhancing the student experience, increasing student engagement and retention, and further developing our communication in an effort to strengthen our support for students. We will continue to serve and demonstrate compassion for our Wolverine students, and continue to make history.



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