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HIGHLIGHTS

SBVC MARCHES DURING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT ACTION WEEK

San Bernardino Valley College participated in California's fifth annual Undocumented Student Action Week in an effort to cultivate change and empower students. This year's theme, "Change in Action," aimed to motivate campus members to engage in state, federal and local action to support undocumented students in their goal of earning a college education.

"Our primary job as the community's college is to open doors of opportunity for all students, regardless of immigration status,"

said SBCCD Chancellor Diana Z. Rodriguez. "To our Dreamers and undocumented students: we will continue standing up with you and preparing you with the tools, knowledge, and skills to help you build a bright future for yourself, your family, and our community."

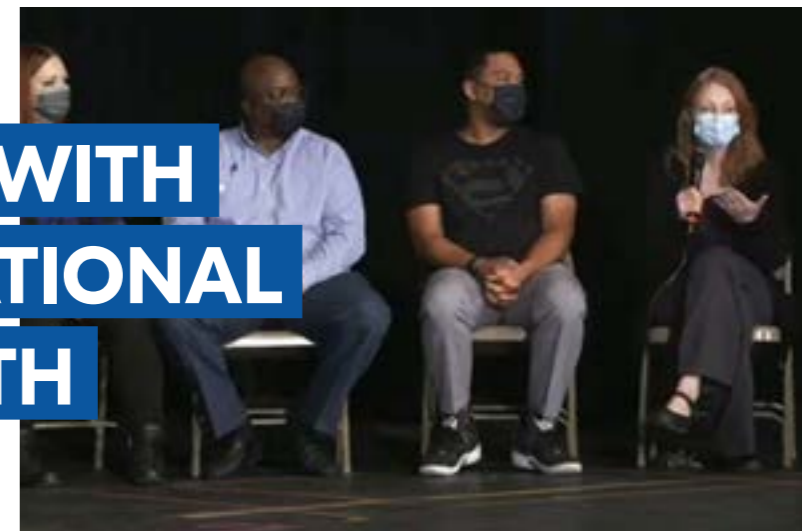
The week's activities kicked off with the 20-Year Anniversary Conference of AB540, a law that exempts undocumented students in California from paying out-of-state tuition.

Various webinars and workshops also took place, including how undocumented students can work as independent contractors without a work permit, or how to obtain various scholarships that don't require citizenship. During the event "Sharing Our Stories," SBVC hosted a virtual discussion with Julissa Arce, best-selling author of "My (Underground) American Dream" and "Someone Like Me." The SBVC Dreamer's Resource Center also organized "My Status Doesn't Define Me," a march around campus to show support for its DACA and undocumented students.

This annual week of activities, spearheaded by the California Community College Chancellor's Office, has led to increased funding for Dreamers Resource Centers and Liaisons, the establishment of an Immigration Legal Services Project, the expansion of AB540 eligibility and expanded support for DACA statewide.



SBVC PARTNERS WITH COUNTY FOR NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH



During National Recovery Month in September, San Bernardino Valley College partnered with the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) for several poetry events to celebrate and support those undergoing recovery from substance abuse disorders and mental health challenges. In a series of promotional videos, SBVC student Brittani Delgado highlighted the multiple poetry workshops that were offered on campus, each with the theme "recovery, hope, healing, and prevention." During the "Crafting the Poem" workshop, participants learned about the art of spoken word poetry, and using

National Recovery Month as inspiration, wrote their own poems. In a follow-up workshop, they discovered how to tap into their inner performer, preparing for the live poetry reading on Sept. 30. The week culminated in a live performance of "Recovery Happens," SBVC's third theater collaboration with the DBH. Held in the historic Auditorium, the event was hosted by author and poet Kat Magill and featured a special reading by Kendrick Dial, a poet, songwriter, actor, and social worker. The event was also livestreamed for viewers to enjoy from the comfort of their homes.



FIRST COHORT OF STUDENTS IN "VOLVO LIGHTS" PROJECT GRADUATES

Through the innovative Volvo LIGHTS project, SBVC launched a comprehensive electric truck technician training initiative in Fall 2020; and this past spring, the first five students graduated from the Heavy/Medium Clean Vehicle Technology program. These students, who also received \$1,000 scholarships from Southern California Edison for completing the program, are the next generation of medium- and heavy-duty electric vehicle maintenance technicians, having received hands-on training with electric motors and batteries. SBVC was able to purchase the equipment thanks to the Volvo LIGHTS project, a collaboration between Volvo Trucks North America, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, SBVC, and several other organizations. "The Heavy/

Medium-Duty Truck Technology program at SBVC is an exciting opportunity for seasoned professionals as well as those new to the automotive workplace," said Kenny Melancon, faculty chair of Automotive, Auto Collision, and Heavy/Medium-Duty Truck within the Applied Technology, Transportation and Culinary Arts Department at SBVC. "Anyone wishing to learn about battery-electric truck technology to start their career or enhance their current work experience can benefit from this program and utilize their knowledge in the real world immediately upon completion." SBVC offers a certificate and associate degree-level training program specific to heavy-duty, battery-electric truck maintenance to promote the region's workforce development.

SBVC & IYAI+ TEAM UP FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CAREER SERIES

A new partnership between San Bernardino Valley College and Introducing Youth to American Infrastructure (Iyai+) is bringing awareness to students about the different job opportunities available in the transport and energy sectors. Iyai+ is a national nonprofit that strives to inspire young people, especially those from historically-underrepresented groups, like women and people of color, to start careers in our country's critical infrastructure sectors. This fall, SBVC and Iyai+ launched their first lecture series, bringing representatives from 20 participating organizations, including Metrolink, Southern California Edison, Caltrans, and Omnitrans, to campus, where they discussed career possibilities, internships, and scholarships. About 60 students have attended each session so far this semester, Dean of Academic Success & Learning Services Patty Quach said, finding the presentations informative and interactive. Students could attend sessions either in person or online. "Students have an opportunity to hear a lot of new techniques and unpublished data," Quach added. "In addition, they get to hear this through leaders in the field they're pursuing. Through each session, students become aware of scholarship and internship opportunities, along with getting ahead of the competition because of the unique interaction from the facilitators." The partnership between the college and Iyai+ formed in September 2020, when SBVC Vice President of Instruction Dina Humble met Iyai+ founder and CEO Beverly Scott in a workforce development webinar. Having started pilot programs in Washington, D.C., and Chicago, Scott was excited to collaborate with SBVC and establish a base of operation in California. "SBVC's depth of expertise, experience, and results in career technical education; the need and strength of the Inland Empire and Southern California region as an economic engine and critical opportunity zone; and the 'can do' community spirit of Berdoo were the deciding factors," Scott said. At the conclusion of the series, students who have attended at least five sessions and submit a video by December 14 will be entered into a drawing to win a swag bag and a chance to apply for a paid internship.



Ruby Cabral, Recruitment Coordinator for Caltrans



Sessions took place both in-person and through Zoom.

SNAPSHOTS



SBVC TRIES HYBRID EVENT FORMAT FOR DISABILITY AWARENESS FAIR

SBVC hosted its fourth annual Disability Awareness Fair in October, combining in-person and virtual formats for the first time ever. Organized by the college's Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S) department, the event aimed to empower those with differing abilities and shift the mindset to "all abilities" as opposed to "disabilities." The two-day event kicked off with an in-person resource fair on Campus Center walkway, which provided students with information on the various programs, services, and resources SBVC has to offer individuals of varying physical or learning abilities. The following day was the virtual fair, where students were able to attend several webinars in an online format. Guest speakers discussed legal aspects of disabilities and recommended various assistive technologies.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH COMES TO SBVC

SBVC commemorated Hispanic Heritage Month in October and November to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans to our country's heritage. The campus hosted several virtual guest speakers, including Dr. Jen Matos, author and educator, to discuss her work in student success and her advocacy within the Latinx and LGBTQ+ communities in higher education. SBVC also welcomed Shayla Rivera, an aerospace engineer and former rocket scientist for NASA, to discuss her journey through STEM education and unexpected career transition into comedy and acting. Actor Tony Plana also made a virtual appearance, sharing his experiences in the entertainment industry, his advocacy for education and the importance of Latinx representation in popular media.



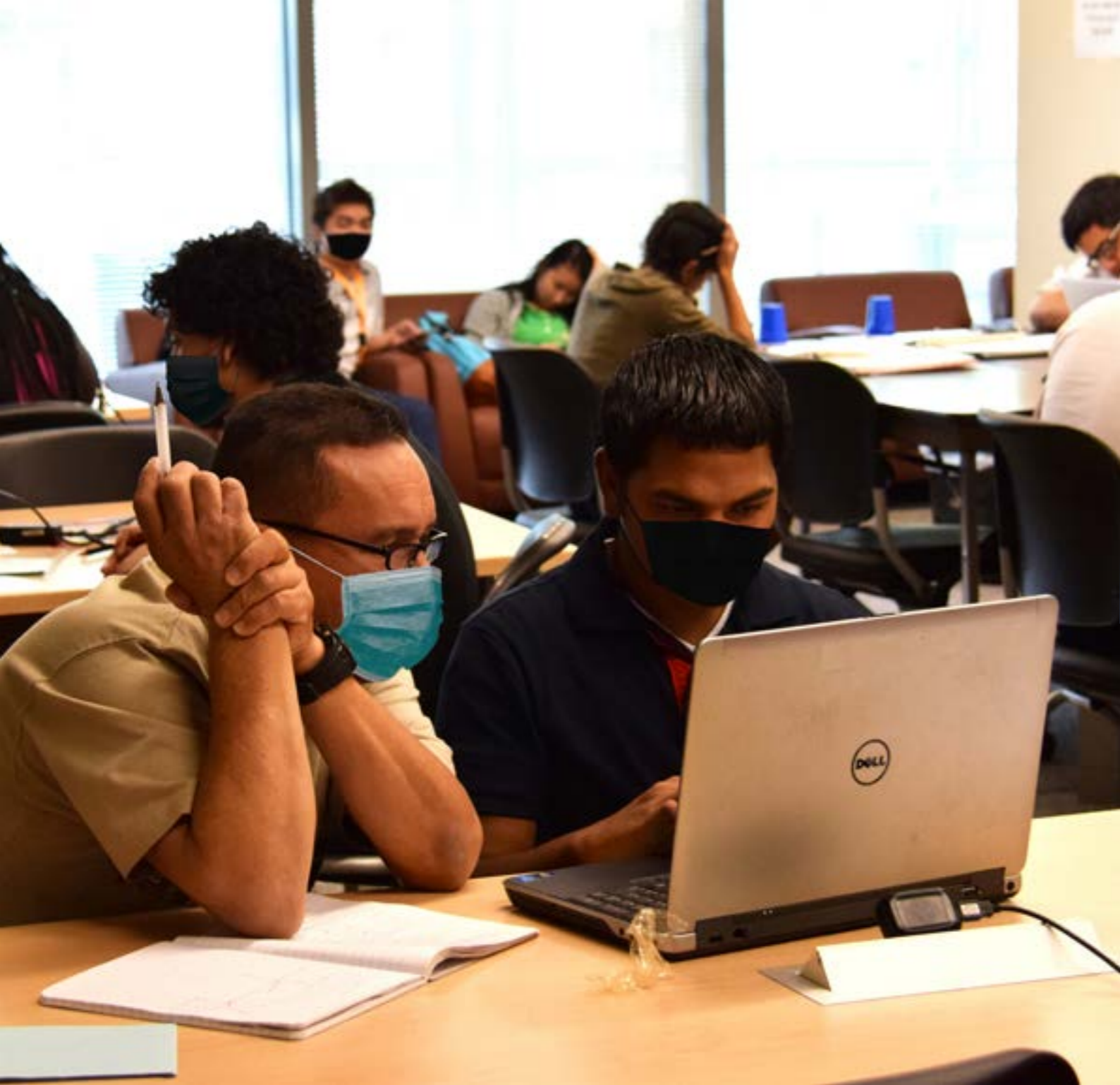
SBVC MUSIC PROFESSOR LAUNCHES NEW RADIO SHOW

The new KVCR show *Musically Speaking* shines a spotlight on the Inland Empire's classical music scene, connecting fans with the artists. The program is hosted by Margaret Worsley, an associate professor of instrumental music at San Bernardino Valley College and principal clarinetist of the San Bernardino Symphony. "We're promoting music by the people and for the people," Worsley said. "Despite the dawn of digital platforms like streaming and podcasts, radio is alive and well." In its debut episode broadcast in September, Worsley spoke with Maestro Anthony Parther of the San Bernardino Symphony about working through the pandemic and their upcoming season back in the historic California Theater. *Musically Speaking* airs the fourth Saturday of every month at 7 p.m., then again the following Monday at 3 p.m.



SOON-TO-BE NURSES RECEIVE CEREMONIAL STRIPES

This fall, 20 nursing students were celebrated in a special striping ceremony in the Greek Theatre in October. This traditional ceremony marks the halfway point of the nursing program for the students, who will now enter their third semester and continue their goal of becoming registered nurses. During the ceremony, held outdoors and with face coverings, fourth-semester students pinned a stripe on the third semester students' uniforms. This fourth-semester cohort was also celebrating its completion of clinicals. For eight weeks, these students gained hands-on experience at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, wearing surgical masks and face shields and going through daily or weekly COVID-19 testing. These students proved themselves to be up for the challenge, successfully navigating an in-demand career field during a global pandemic.



EXPANDING ADULT ED & ESL DURING A PANDEMIC



Maria Lopez, Adult Education Counselor



Pete Gonzales, Adult Education Counselor

From recent immigrants looking to improve their English skills to stay-at-home parents interested in going back to school, adult learners who want to make the transition to San Bernardino Valley College have Maria Lopez and Pete Gonzalez on their side.

Lopez and Gonzalez are California Adult Education Programs counselors, who help students navigate the process of enrolling in college while promoting SBVC's services and classes. SBVC is part of the Inland Adult Education Consortium, and its model program for transitioning students was recently recognized by the state of California, scoring high enough to be highlighted at conferences and distributed to regional and state officials.

No two students are alike, and they all enroll in adult education for different reasons, some want to improve their upward mobility, while others would like to be role models for their children and inspire them to seek higher education. In some cases, people are retired and just looking for something to do outside of the house. Lopez and Gonzalez help guide all of them toward the best learning outcome.

"A lot of students didn't really enjoy online learning and have been wanting to get back in person as soon as possible," Gonzalez said. "On the other side of the coin, the online environment really met some of their needs, and they are excited to get it done this way."

People who have gone through the transition process with Lopez and Gonzalez often turn into advocates of the adult education program and SBVC, and trust the counselors so much that they refer friends and family to them. That's huge for us," Dr. Emma Diaz, director of the California Adult Education Program, said. "It shows what Valley represents to the community, and how people feel safe to go here."

Last year, Gonzalez and Lopez helped more than 1,600 ESL students in the Inland Empire make the transition from adult education sites to San Bernardino Valley College. This major accomplishment was made possible by an initiative first funded by AB86 in 2013, which restructured adult education in California. Before this, there was no one at the local adult education sites helping students make the leap over to a community college.

AB86 provided \$25 million dollars to consortia across California, and their leaders were tasked with developing regional plans to improve and expand adult education. It's never too late to start or go back to school, whether a person is a native speaker or needs ESL classes. Often, a student who starts out only wanting to earn their GED will realize that with a little preparation, they can continue their education at SBVC.

Students gather in front of the original Administration building in the 1950s.
Happy 95th Anniversary, SBVC!

EVENTS

Veterans Day

November 11

Campus Closed

Managing Money Workshop

November 17 • 10am

Virtual

Thanksgiving Recess

November 22-27

Day of Service & BBQ 2021

valleycollege.edu/dayofservice

December 4 • 8am

Campus Center

WinterFest 2021

valleycollege.edu/winterfest

December 7-10

For more campus events, visit calendar.valleycollege.edu

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Zane Rice is flying high, now that he has earned his private pilot's license. Zane, 19, completed ground school through San Bernardino Valley College's FAA-certified aeronautics program, signing up for the course in spring 2019 during his sophomore year in high school. The Loma Linda resident has several pilots in his family, and his father encouraged him to take ground school in person rather than online for a more enriching experience.

"It was pretty clear I was the youngest person there, but they definitely welcomed me," Zane said. "We were all into aviation, we all found it interesting, so we all had that similarity. There was someone in their 50s taking the class too, so it wasn't just traditionally-aged college students. It was a pretty diverse group of people, and everyone was really nice and got along and talked about flying."

Zane would go to high school and participate in extracurricular activities during the day, and then head to SBVC for his night course. His SBVC instructor, Larry Rice, knew how busy he was, "and was super understanding and really helpful," Zane said.

Now a student at Walla Walla University in Walla Walla, Washington, Zane completed his flight training over the summer and officially earned his private pilot's license last month. Going to SBVC for ground school not only prepared Zane for getting his pilot's license, but also for becoming a university student, and he recommends other young students who are interested in flying consider taking a similar path.



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