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HIGHLIGHTS

FTVM PARTNERS WITH KVCR TO PRODUCE NEW LOCAL SHOWS

San Bernardino Valley College's Film, Television and Media (FTVM) Department has collaborated with Inland Empire food aficionado Chef Lee Burton to produce a new TV show called "Go Local Lee," set to premiere on KVCR-TV. Students enrolled in FTVM 114, 112, 130, 131 and 132 will have the opportunity to support the show with production services and earn IMDB credit, solidifying their professional experience in TV and media.

"Our program thrives on partnerships like this, as we're able to put theory into actual practice for our students. Not only do they learn necessary skills to thrive in the industry, but they end up with an IMDB credit at the end," said Lucas Cuny, FTVM Faculty Co-Chair.

The goal of Go Local Lee is to encourage viewers to support locally-owned restaurants and food-related businesses, while showing appreciation for the diligence that goes into operating a business serving homemade food and handcrafted beverages.

"I'm excited to collaborate with students at SBVC for my show. I want Go Local Lee to have a current, fresh perspective and I know the students will help me achieve the look and feel that I envision," said Burton.

FTVM students will also have a chance to earn an IMDB credit producing, shooting, and editing their own version of the iconic show, MTV Unplugged. Via live acoustic performances, similar to MTV's Unplugged, bands, artists and musicians are being asked to perform two to four songs, live, in front of an audience, as permitted by COVID-19 protocols.

"We're looking forward to providing this opportunity to all the great bands and artists in the region who rarely receive the chance to have their music spotlighted and broadcasted across a large platform, like KVCR-TV," said Cuny. Taping began in January and will run through the duration of the college's Spring 2022 semester.



SBVC SELECTED FOR INAUGURAL STATE COLLEGE CORPS PROGRAM

San Bernardino Valley College was named an inaugural partner in the California College Corps, the largest state-level investment in a college service program in state history. SBVC will be part of a consortium called Growing Inland Achievement, which will create paid community service opportunities for students beginning in Fall 2022 with a \$1.7 million grant from Office of the Governor. Only 45 colleges and universities statewide were selected to create a #CaliforniansForAll College Corps program in this first year. College Corps will provide 100 Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College students with service opportunities in critical issue areas such as climate action, K-12 education, and COVID-19 recovery over two academic years. Students who

complete a year of service will receive \$10,000 and gain valuable experience serving in their communities. "We're excited to partner with California Volunteers to empower students to help pay for their education while pursuing service-oriented career paths," said Dr. Scott W. Thayer, SBVC Interim President. SBVC is organized for community service, but the state grant will help make sure the campus can offer generous stipends to students for educational expenses. The program, funded by California's share of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, is open to all students, including AB 540 eligible Dreamers. Application information for interested volunteers will be available to students by March 2022.

SBVC TO OFFER NEW FAA-CERTIFIED AERO MECHANIC LICENSES IN 2022

San Bernardino Valley College has partnered with Certified Aviation Services to offer students a new pathway for a career in aircraft maintenance. The first classes, which began in January at the San Bernardino International Airport, will prepare students to qualify for the airframe and powerplant certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration. "Our partnership with CAS is to offer the students practical work experience and job placement in addition to the classes they receive here," instructor Kenneth Wilkerson said. There is a shortage of aircraft mechanics now working in the United States, and Certified Aviation Services owner David Brown says



his company can "see the handwriting on the wall" that the nation needs to train more people to service and repair airframe and powerplant systems.

SBVC's aeronautics program has a strong reputation in the region and industry, and by joining forces with the rapidly growing Certified Aviation Services, it's a win-win for everyone involved. "A career in commercial aviation offers an unfettered opportunity to carve out a well-paying, stable job," Brown said. "This provides a good opportunity for financial independence, as well as a career a person can be very proud of."

SBVC LAUNCHES FIRST CAMPUS- WIDE PODCAST

San Bernardino Valley College has launched its first campus-wide podcast, hosted by Interim President Dr. Scott W. Thayer. "There's so much going on Valley College on a daily basis, that it may be difficult to keep track of all of it," said Dr. Thayer. "The goal of this podcast is to give a quick snapshot of the biggest and most impactful campus-wide initiatives and conversations happening right now."

The first podcast episode premiered in December 2021, wherein Dr. Thayer provided three "top topics" that students needed to know as they were heading into Winter Break 2021-22. He discussed campus closure dates and reminded students to register for Spring 2022 courses before classes resumed on January 18. Dr. Thayer emphasized the variety of online and hybrid courses available and encouraged students to reach out to request additional courses be added if their desired section was not available.

Dr. Thayer then showcased the range of student support enhancements on campus aimed at helping SBVC students succeed during the college's remote and hybrid learning shift. These enhancements included the college's Books + program, which provides free textbook and course material rentals for all registered students, and well as laptop and hotspot rentals.

Dr. Thayer also encouraged students to visit the Valley 360 Resource Center, which distributes thousands of bags of food and hygiene products to students in need. "We

know it is impossible to be a successful student when you're hungry, so if you are in need of support or you know a student who is, just come by and see us," he said. Dr. Thayer then chatted with Director of SBVC Foundation Michael Layne, who joined in to promote the 95th Anniversary Gala, which has currently been rescheduled to July. The event will consist of a catered dinner, live entertainment, and a silent auction to celebrate 95 years of SBVC serving its community. Any proceeds from the event will benefit student scholarships.

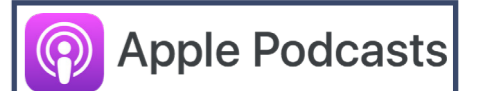
Assistant Professor and FTVM Faculty Chair Lucas Cuny also joined Dr. Thayer to share the department's exciting Spring 2022 news. Cuny said this semester, FTVM students will produce a multiple-camera sitcom to premier on KVCR. In addition, the department will begin production on a feature film that screenwriting class students are writing. He encouraged community members to attend the upcoming Wolverine Con and SBVC International Student Film Festival this March and April.

The "SBVC Campus Podcast" is a partnership between the Office of the President, Department of Marketing & Public Relations, and Department of Film, Television & Media. Dr. Thayer is excited to continue hosting podcast episodes "so that our podcast fans can be more involved in vital campus conversations, or at least more aware and updated on what is going on campus-wide" as they continue their journeys at and beyond SBVC.



FEAT.
Dr. Scott Thayer

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SNAPSHOTS



SBVC WINS GREEN BUILDING DESIGN AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY

San Bernardino Valley College was recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council of Los Angeles as an example of eco-friendly buildings that others should emulate. The design for the new Technical Education building, set to break ground this year, won the U.S. Green Building Council's Sustainable Innovation Award of Honor in Energy/Operational Carbon. The award was presented in December at the 17th Annual Green Gala at Union Station in Los Angeles, and the project will be included in the 2021 EcoMapLA. Once it is built, the new Technical Building will house instruction in modern machining, HVAC, water technology, and electric automotive repair. The building will be 108,000 square feet and is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2023. It is intended to qualify as a LEED Gold building with a budget of \$107.8 million. It will function as a transparent exhibit space with open lines of sight into the surrounding environment and utilize interactive digital displays in the lobby to monitor energy, water, and carbon emissions. Immediately upon being built, it is expected to save SBVC about \$26,000 per year on utility bills.



SBVC ART INSTRUCTOR FEATURED IN ART MUSEUM

SBVC adjunct art instructor Ashley V. Blalock was one of three featured artists in the "Beyond Intention" exhibit in the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art in Great Falls, Montana. The exhibition featured the work of contemporary fiber and mixed-media artists and addressed the concept of intention in contemporary fiber art and its complex relationship with the history of women's art as craft. The artists presented three distinct bodies of work and used personal topics of inquiry to further the discussion. Blalock created larger-than-life site-responsive crochet installations tied to gallery walls, which represented a woman's assumed position in a domestic environment. She titled her work "Keeping Up Appearances." Other works shown in the exhibit utilized techniques like crochet, needlepoint, quilting, knot tying, and pattern-making, re-imagining the crafts' originally-intended purposes and transforming them into art. "Beyond Intention" is on display through February 11, 2022.



SBVC SELECTED FOR LOCAL CTE CONSORTIUM CAMPAIGN

This past fall, San Bernardino Valley College was chosen as a highlighted campus for an upcoming Inland Empire/Desert Region Consortium (IEDRC) Strong Workforce campaign. This latest "Ready" campaign will highlight the best local career technical education programs and encourage student enrollment in hands-on training that leads to degrees and certificates. In a campus photoshoot held this November, SBVC showcased some of its award-winning CTE programs, including machine technology, culinary arts, HVAC/R, electronics, aeronautics, and automotive technology. With a year of pandemic instruction already complete, the updated campaign will reflect the new safety and social distancing guidelines implemented due to COVID-19. The images will be used for new collateral such as social media ads, webpages, and email newsletters as part of the ongoing campaign. In the future, the IEDRC additionally aims to promote employer relations, upskilling, and noncredit classes to meet the needs of the post-COVID economy.



FIRST PINNING CEREMONY SINCE 2019 CELEBRATES SBVC NURSES

This December 2021, SBVC celebrated its Fall cohort of nursing students in its first in-person pinning ceremony since 2019. Held in the historic Auditorium, the event honored 42 graduates with flowers and a special pin, signaling the completion of the rigorous two-year nursing program. Student speaker Erica Lopez reflected on starting the program in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic. "The RN class of 2021 faced a great challenge of possibly not being able to complete nursing school," she said. "Fortunately for us, however, this challenge was accepted and in just two weeks all faculty quickly transitioned all curriculum to an online based platform." Student Savannah Palamino also spoke, and said, "These future nurses are marching on forward into the battle, dedicating themselves to the selfless care of others. We could not have gotten to this point without all of our amazing professors, instructors, our friends and family." The nursing graduates will continue preparations to take their National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) while concurrently hunting for employment at local hospitals and health care organizations.

SBVC CELEBRATES ALUMNI STORIES AT OPENING DAY

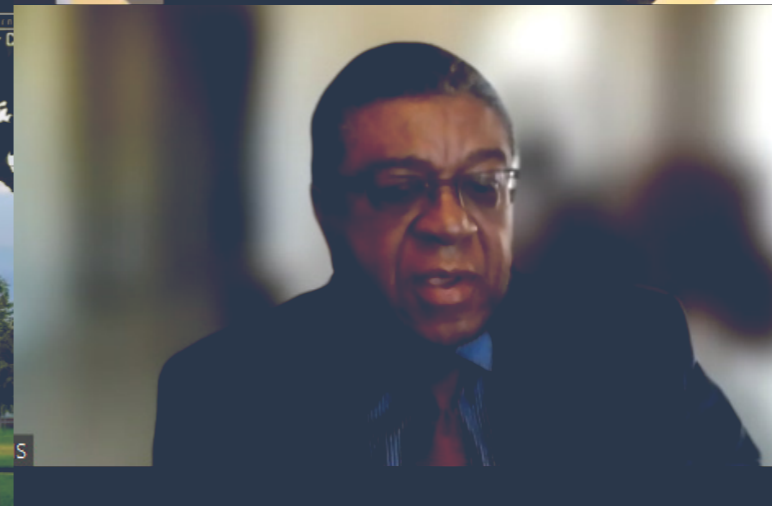
After re-opening campus to in-person classes in the fall, SBVC once again shifted to online instruction and remote services at the start of the spring semester to help prevent a resurgence of the COVID-19 virus in the community.

In the annual Spring Opening Day campus-wide meeting, Interim President Dr. Scott W. Thayer spoke to nearly 300 employees regarding the campus's virtual initiatives. He described the various methods through which students can access updated information, student services, and campus resources during the remote transition and encouraged faculty and staff to be accommodating during this time.

"This year, despite the limitations of a remote work and instruction environment, let's get to know our students better and build connections with them," said Dr. Thayer. "Let's not let this disruption we've all experienced disconnect us from their experience and unique perspective."

Following updates from Chancellor Diana Z. Rodriguez and Foundation Director Michael Layne, Dr. Thayer reflected on the many achievements the campus accomplished in Fall of 2021. During that time, SBVC distributed \$2.3 million in free textbook and course material rentals, as well as disbursing nearly \$7.8 million in financial aid and nearly \$6.4 million in emergency aid to students. The SBVC Foundation endowment increased by \$1.7 million and the campus received over \$638,000 in new grants. SBVC also launched the innovative HyFlex classroom model during the fall.

Now in the spring semester of the 95th year of the college's founding, Dr. Thayer said the staff and faculty are focused on building its students' and community's futures, and reestablishing connections that continue to make SBVC the amazing college it is. "The work that started 95 years ago continues to transform lives today. As educators, we work in one of the fields that has some of the most direct impact on the future of our communities," he said. "Our daily work, which sometimes can be exhausting and challenging, impacts the lives of our students in transformative and meaningful ways."




During the Opening Day presentation, several SBVC alumni served as guest speakers, sharing their experiences of the college's impact on their lives to commemorate SBVC's rich, 95-year history.

Peter Tasaka met his wife while they were both attending SBVC, and now his daughter Bethany is a professor on campus. He is currently an assistant principal with the Colton Joint Unified School District, as well as the pastor of Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Colton.

Ronda Sewell is currently a department administrator with Kaiser Permanente in San Bernardino and is due to complete her family nurse practitioner certification this spring.

Dr. Dennis Byas is a retired Rialto Unified School district superintendent and current president of the SBVC Foundation.



As SBVC celebrates its 95th anniversary, we look back on some of the college's rich history. In this photo from 1964, students gather near the original Campus Center.

EVENTS

For more campus events, visit calendar.valleycollege.edu

Virtual HIIT Fitness Class

February 18

Virtual • 9:00am

Washington's Birthday

February 21

Campus Closed

Together We Thrive

February 23

Virtual • 10:00am

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Chef Glenn Smith grew up in the borough of Queens, New York, and always had a passion for preparing food for his family and loved ones. "When I would prepare meals for my family, it felt very natural," Chef Smith said. "It was always as if the food was guiding me in what to do."

After 20 years of managing everything from fast food restaurants to family dining establishments, he decided it was time to leave the food service management industry and work towards a degree in culinary arts.

When he graduated from the Art Institute in Santa Monica (AISM) at the top of his class, Smith said it was then that he realized he wanted to become an educator. Chef Smith spent the next seven years offering food demonstrations at his school and his daughter's school during Career Day, until he was offered the Chef Instructor position at his alma mater, AISM. After six years as a Chef Instructor, Mr. Smith was promoted to Lead Instructor and would continue that role until the school closed in 2017.

In 2018, Chef Smith began teaching at San Bernardino Valley College. Smith says "my experience as an educator at SBVC has been nothing but positive and helpful." From his department chair to fellow faculty members and counselors, he has received tremendous support. "I am very happy here and I hope to contribute more to campus," he said.

Chef Smith is constantly focused on building up the confidence and creativity of his students while educating them on the financial strategies needed to be successful in the food industry. He is currently mentoring a former student on building their own catering business.

"I am honored to help any student pursue their goal of becoming a professional chef or baker," Smith said. "In the end, I am blessed that God has given me a chance to use my knowledge and share it with others."



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