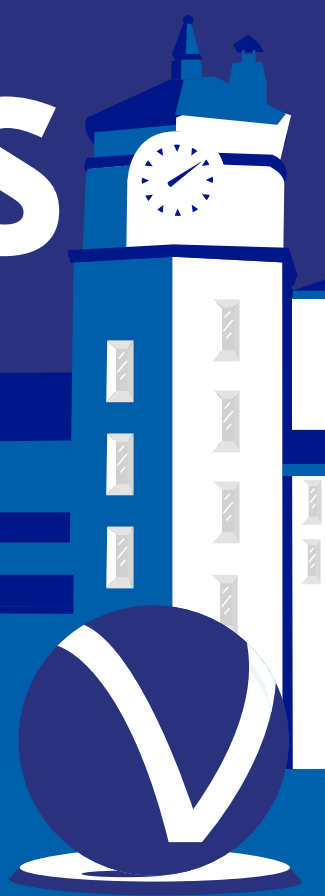


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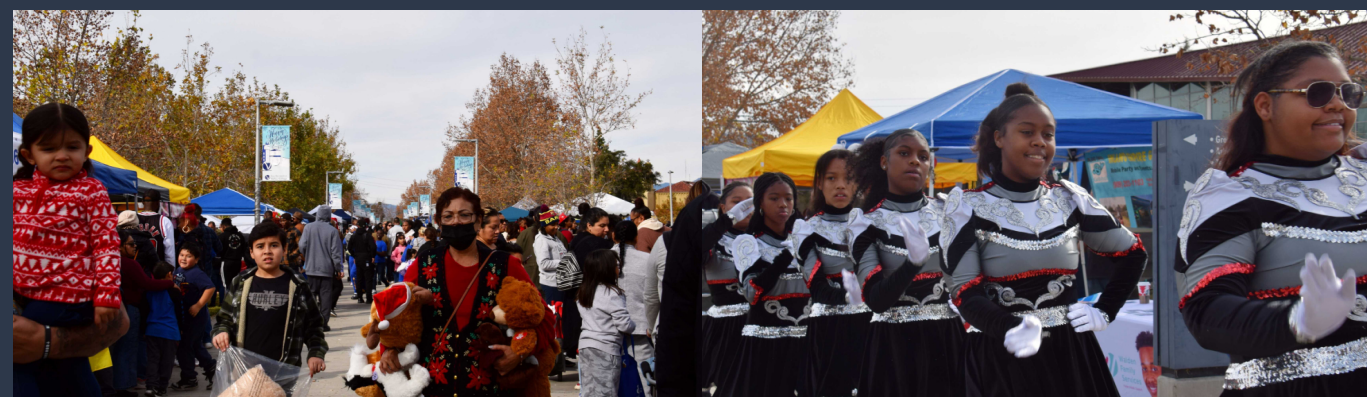
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WINTER WONDERLAND BRINGS THOUSANDS OF LOCAL FAMILIES TO CAMPUS

San Bernardino Valley College was the site of a Winter Wonderland on December 17 organized by the nonprofit Sista's Making a Difference and supported by SBVC students, staff and faculty members for the 7th Annual Day of Service. The San Bernardino community was invited to enjoy the holiday season with live music, giveaways, food vendors, local merchants, and the donation of 10,000 new toys for distribution to Inland Empire children and families. This year's Winter Wonderland themed toy drive is the 5th Annual Community Christmas event coordinated by Sista's Making a Difference.

Sista's Making a Difference co-founder and CEO Ronnie Miller spoke to Inland Empire Community News about the growing success of the annual toy drive. "My Sister and Co-Founder Kiesha Miller and I have been coordinating this toy drive since 2018, and it has continued to grow. In 2018 we gave away 1,000 toys; in 2019, we gave away 2,000 toys. In 2020 we gave away 3,000 toys, and last year we gave away 7,000 toys. Our team is proud to see this event grow yearly."

The inclusion of local merchants and vendors was a first for this annual event, and created the opportunity for the community to support local small businesses. Sponsors of Winter Wonderland were invited to create festive villages throughout the event, such as the North Pole, Candy Cane Lane, and Santa's Village, where Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus were available for free photo opportunities.





DR. LINDA FONTANILLA NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT

Dr. Linda Fontanilla has stepped into the role of Interim President of San Bernardino Valley College starting January 23. Dr. Fontanilla brings over 50 years of experience and accomplishments as a community college executive, adjunct faculty member, and air traffic controller for the U.S. Air Force, where she controlled the safe landing of some of the first aircraft returning to the United States at the end of the Vietnam War era. After leaving the Air Force, she worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller before starting a career in social services. After graduate school, she entered the world of higher education, where she has spent 27 rewarding and successful years.

Most recently, Dr. Fontanilla served from 2012 to 2020 as the Vice President of Student Support Services at Irvine Valley College in the South Orange County Community College District.

Welcome to SBVC, Dr. Fontanilla!



SBVC CREATES IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES WITH 360-DEGREE VIDEO

SBVC continues to find innovative methods to reach a wider audience on its social media platforms. The latest endeavor: 360-degree videos. The first video was published in November and provided a 360° view of the Lois Carson Campus Center Building Dedication Ceremony.

360-degree videos, also known as surround video, immersive videos, or spherical videos are video recordings where the view in every direction is recorded simultaneously, shot using an omnidirectional camera and microphone system.

The 360-degree video can be viewed like any other YouTube video on any device, while allowing the user to “look around” while watching, either by moving the screen while holding for handheld devices, or clicking and dragging with a mouse on a desktop. It can also be viewed in a virtual reality headset, allowing the user to feel like they are present in the room where the video was recorded.

Check out SBVC’s full set of 360-degree videos on the college’s YouTube channel [@SBValleyCollegeYT](#).

SBVC STUDENTS CONNECT WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AT MESA CONFERENCE



A cohort of talented San Bernardino Valley College MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) students connected with industry professionals in San Diego during an invite-only STEM conference in October.

“MESA’s Student Leadership Conference provides an incredible opportunity for our community college and university students to gain invaluable career development skills and network with leading industry professionals to kick-start their STEM careers,” said MESA Executive Director Thomas Ahn. “Our students represent the skills, passion and potential that California desperately needs to enrich our workforce and strengthen our communities. MESA students are among California’s most precious resources for diverse talent in the STEM fields.”

MESA’s Student Leadership Conference brought together hand-picked engineering and computer science students with industry to develop the next generation of STEM leaders. Held at the Marriott Mission Valley, October 28-29, this year’s conference challenged students to design a product or service (in about 30 hours) aimed at addressing a problem caused by the COVID-19 pandemic,

which disproportionately impacts underserved communities. MESA has a 52-year history of changing the face of science, technology and engineering by developing a new generation of STEM leaders. Now with a network of more than 250,000 alumni, MESA fuels diversity by propelling historically underrepresented students toward STEM degrees and professional careers.

MESA students got the unique opportunity to interact one-on-one and in small groups with company executives, engineers and recruiters. Many often leave the conference with internship offers that lead to full time employment. Students networked, attended leadership and communications workshops in addition to the team challenge.

Each year MESA serves over 20,000 students at the pre-college, community college and university levels across California. We bridge classroom learning with real-world applications, and employ rigorous academics, leadership preparation, a peer community and collaborative problem-solving training to produce highly skilled college graduates who meet 21st century STEM workforce needs.

INDIAN SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS JOIN SBVC CONCERT BAND FOR HOLIDAY CONCERT



Some of the most talented musicians in the Inland Empire shared the stage in December, when the SBVC Concert Band and Indian Springs High School String Ensemble and Band performed together at the San Bernardino Valley College Auditorium.

Each semester, the SBVC Band tries to collaborate with a local high school for at least one concert. In the spring, Professor Margaret Worsley asked Daryl Hernandez at Indian Springs High School if he would be interested in teaming up for a performance. He quickly agreed, and also arranged for the school's drum major, Harry Carrington, and other seniors to join the SBVC Concert Band. "Being able to rehearse with a college ensemble as a high school player prepares serious young musicians for the experience they will be having on their academic and musical journey," Worsley said.

During the concert, the Indian Springs High School String Ensemble, ISHS Band, and SBVC Concert Band performed separately, and as a grand finale, all of the musicians gathered on stage for a holiday sing-a-long. "By collaborating on one piece of music in a 'side-by-side' arrangement, high school students are sitting and performing next to college students," Worsley said. "For many, this inspires younger players to continue working and practicing their instrument, and is often the spark that inspires them to go to college."

The next SBVC Concert Band performance is scheduled for May 22 in the SBVC Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

SBVC FILM STUDENTS BRING THE RHYTHM TO KVCR



San Bernardino Valley College students in the Film, Television, and Media Department (FTVM) saw their work on the big screen earlier this month, following the debut of their original show, "Rhythm Lounge."

The series, which features local music artists from the Inland Empire, is the work of Survey of TV Studio and Film Production and TV Studio Production students. The show aired for the first

time on KVCR on January 8, 2023, and featured classic rock revival act Raincross Drive. "This production was great for our students as it gave them a real-world TV production experience that added to their portfolio," Professor Kevin Lyons told The Rialto Record. "At the same time, [this effort created] original content for KVCR, marketing the Film, Television and Media department, and spotlighting local artists." Students produced the series in just 58 lab hours.

Lyons told The Rialto Record that students improved their critical thinking, project management and technical production and editing skills. "It's all part of the game and reflective of a high-budget TV production," Lyons said.

Rhythm Lounge airs every Sunday at 4 p.m. on KVCR, Channel 24. To learn more about SBVC's Film, Television, and Media Department, visit valleycollege.edu/FTVM.

SBVC DAY OF DANCE DRAWS REGIONAL TALENT TO CAMPUS



Dancers looking to learn from the best came to San Bernardino Valley College on December 17 for the first-ever Day of Dance. The event was free and open to intermediate and advanced dance students, with SBVC, Chaffey College, Arroyo Valley High School, and several Inland Empire dance studios represented. Classes were led by Lula Washington of Lula Washington

Dance Theater, who focused on technique and dance repertory; Maura Townsend, a dance teacher at SBVC and artistic director of the Maura Townsend Dance Project, who taught modern dance and pilates; and Temria Airmet, artistic director of Temria Dance Haus, who led a jazz class.

Over lunch, dance professionals discussed their experiences and participated in a Q&A session. The Day of Dance was a fun way for local dancers to meet and move together, and SBVC dance faculty intend to make this an annual event.

PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY GATHERING RAISES OVER \$6,400 FOR SBVC STUDENTS



The Annual President's Holiday Gathering felt more festive than ever this year, as 2022 marks the first time that this event has been held in person since the start of the pandemic moved most campus events online. District and campus employees gathered in the newly-renamed Lois Carson Campus Center ready to mingle and bid on baskets donated by various campus programs and departments.

The total number of baskets exceeded last year's fully virtual roundup, with a total of 28 baskets thoughtfully crafted and assembled by the morning of the event. The long-standing tradition of witty names and puns to describe the contents of the seasonal baskets did not disappoint, with "Bake My Day" being the highest-value basket featuring baking supplies donated by SBCCD district office colleagues.

The Holiday Gathering was a resounding success in raising funds for SBVC students, with the total value of donated baskets setting a high bar for future years. The value of all baskets donated was approximately \$8,300, which, combined with \$6,400 in funds raised through ticket sales, generated over \$14,700 in total event proceeds.



EVENTS

For more campus events, visit calendar.valleycollege.edu

Tacos & Taxes

February 10, 2023 | **10:00 AM**

B-100

Concert Under the Stars

February 18, 2023 | **6:00 PM**

Greek Theater

Planetarium Show

February 24, 2023 | **7:00 PM**

Planetarium

Ticket info: valleycollege.edu/Planetarium

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Jasmin Smith is proof that perseverance pays off. Smith has overcome several obstacles on her path to success, pushing through to earn an associate's degree in sociology from San Bernardino Valley College in 2015 and a bachelor's degree in human services from Cal State Dominguez Hills in 2021. The San Bernardino resident is now embarking on a new journey as a career transitional assistant at the Inland Empire Job Corps Center.

"I love to help people," Smith said. "It's my purpose in life. I've been that way since I was little, and know what it's like not having help, not having anyone understand you. You need to have somebody who can understand you, no matter what your background is." While at SBVC, Smith met someone who provided her that kind of support: her mentor, CalWorks and Workforce Development Manager Shalita Tillman. They quickly formed a bond, and Tillman has been an important part of Smith's life ever since. "We are family now," she said.

On top of her work at the Inland Empire Job Corps Center, Smith is developing a business called Beautifully Scarred, which "helps people like myself - survivors of trauma with disabilities." During her first semester at Cal State Dominguez Hills, Smith was run over by a car, and had to learn how to walk and talk again. "I am living proof of what you can do when you put your mind to it," Smith said.

She faced more devastation in 2021, when she lost both her brother and sister. During hard times, Smith thinks of her 3-year-old son, who is "my everything," she said. "He is my purpose." She also finds solace in doing speaking engagements, sharing her story with others and encouraging them to "keep going. No matter how small your steps are, you're still taking steps - and that's getting you one step further from where you were."



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