

# PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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



BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS, 2022-2023

**GOAL 1**  
ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO STUDENT ACCESS & SUCCESS.

**GOAL 2**  
BE A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, & ANTI-RACIST INSTITUTION.

**GOAL 3**  
BE A LEADER & PARTNER IN ADDRESSING REGIONAL ISSUES.

**GOAL 4**  
ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY.

## SBVC CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT 2023

In front of thousands of cheering family and friends, San Bernardino Valley College graduates crossed the stage on May 24 in the San Manuel Stadium, signifying their successful transition from students to Wolverine alumni.

This year's ceremony honored the 1,698 students comprising the college's 96th graduating class, who have earned their associate degrees, certificates or completed transfer requirements, receiving a total of 2,721 degrees and certificates.

Graduates included those who met all requirements in fall 2022, spring 2023 and summer 2023 semesters. The top degrees and certificates were CSU general education for transfer, basic peace officer, biological & physical sciences, social & behavioral sciences, and psychiatric technology.

Led by Vice President of Instruction, Dina Humble, the ceremony featured a keynote address from Dr. Louie F. Rodriguez, SBVC Hall of Fame Alumnus and Vice Provost at University of California, Riverside. His impactful address highlighted the importance of the local community, reminding students, "Excellence is about your community. It's about our communities. Your community needs you."

The full ceremony can be viewed at [valleycollege.edu/commencement](http://valleycollege.edu/commencement).

Congratulations, Class of 2023!



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## SBVC HONORS BLACK GRADUATES WITH ANNUAL BLACK GRAD CELEBRATION

SBVC's graduation celebrations kicked off in May with the 43rd Annual Black Grad Celebration. The event, hosted by SBCCD's Black Faculty & Staff Association, honored and celebrated Black graduates and their families. Students proudly took the stage to receive their kente stoles, surrounded by more than 200 guests in the SBVC Auditorium.

This year, guests were treated to a live performance by local band Higher Music Group. One of the event organizers and EOPS/CARE counselor, Keenan Giles, said the annual goal of the celebration is "to honor those students who identify with and relate to the plight of Black Students, that in spite of "statistics" have worked towards attainment and completion of their educational objectives and goals."



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## SBVC HOSTS NUESTRA GRADUACIÓN FOR LATINX GRADUATES OF CLASS OF 2023

After hosting hybrid celebrations for the past three years, SBCCD's Latino Faculty, Staff & Administrators' Association held a festive in-person celebration for the 2023 San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College Latinx graduates on May 21. In partnership with SBVC Student Equity and SBVC Arts, Lectures & Diversity, LFSAA offered the campus community a truly memorable occasion to highlight graduate success, featuring baile folklórico performances and a live mariachi band.

Over 200 graduates from SBVC and CHC received their hand-sewn serape sashes at the event. President of LFSAA Ernest Guillen left attendees with a powerful message that resonated throughout the ceremony: "Remember who you are, remember who helped get you here, and always remember where you came from so that you can give that love and energy to those who come behind you."



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## SBVC CELEBRATES INAUGURAL LAVENDER GRAD FOR LGBTQ+ STUDENTS & ALLIES

The first-ever Lavender Grad celebration at San Bernardino Valley College was held on campus May 15, honoring LGBTQ+ students and their allies. Hosted by the Office of Student Life, the event included a luncheon for graduates and their guests, speeches from students, and remarks from campus administrators. Each participant also received a special graduation stole. "This event is one way to celebrate with our students in a space that is safe and embraces their authentic selves," Marie Maghuyop, student activities specialist with the Office of Student Life, said

SBVC strives to ensure that every Wolverine feels seen, heard, and recognized, and the idea for Lavender Grad was sparked by feedback from students. "It's important for us to recognize the different identifies of our students, whether they are Black, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, LGBTQ, DREAMERS, or all of the above," Maghuyop said. "Our hope is to grow these celebrations every year."



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## SAN BERNARDINO MAYOR HELEN TRAN KICKS OFF API HERITAGE MONTH AT SBVC



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On May 1, San Bernardino Valley College launched Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month with an inspiring keynote from San Bernardino Mayor Helen Tran.

Recently-elected Mayor Tran is the city's first Asian American mayor and the first Vietnamese American woman to be elected mayor of a U.S. city. At the event, she shared her family's story. "We want a safe place to live, to raise our families to make sure we are all healthy and thriving," she said.



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## ARTS & HUMANITIES DIVISION PRESENTS FIRST-EVER SPRING SHOWCASE



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The first-ever Arts & Humanities Spring Showcase was a series of events between April 27 through May 10 that highlighted all of the departments that make up the Arts & Humanities Division: English, Modern Languages, Communication Studies, Film, Television, and Media, Art, Theater, Music, Dance, and Education, Reading & Literacy.

Every program was represented, as the "purpose of the Arts & Humanities Spring Showcase was to share with our campus, and most importantly our students, what the Arts & Humanities Division has to offer," Dean Leticia Hector said.

## SBVC CELEBRATES STAFF & FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS WITH 28TH ANNUAL SPOTLIGHTING OUR SUCCESS AWARDS

On May 5, SBVC hosted the annual Spotlighting Our Success Awards, which honors the college's staff and faculty for their workplace achievements. The night was hosted by Dr. Todd Heibel, Dr. Dirkson Lee, Susan Mattson and Paul Bratulin.

The ceremony began with the Academic Rank Recognitions, with faculty progressing to associate professor, full professor and professor emeritus.

The Achievement Awards followed, with winners from the divisions of Applied Technology, Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Science, Student Services and Administrative Services.

The ceremony concluded with the campus-wide awards and academic senate and classified senate awards. The complete list of awards and winners for 2017-2023, as well as pictures from the event, can be viewed at [valleycollege.edu/Spotlighting](http://valleycollege.edu/Spotlighting).

Congratulations, SBVC!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DANIEL HINOJOSA, JR



Daniel Hinojosa, Jr. never gave up — and now, he has the diploma to prove it. The Fontana resident is graduating with honors from SBVC, earning his associate's degree in accounting and business administration, and is headed to California State University, San Bernardino for his bachelor's degree. He was inspired to enroll at SBVC by his stepdaughter, who studied to become a pharmacy technician. "Seeing her excel in college motivated me to strive for a better future and pursue a degree myself," Hinojosa said.

In 2002, Hinojosa joined the U.S. Army, and during his service deployed to Iraq three times. He medically retired in 2011 and found that the transition from military to civilian life was challenging. Over the span of two-and-a-half-years, both of his parents died and his youngest daughter was born prematurely at 25 weeks. He struggled to deal with these events without the structure the Army gave him, and his life was "marked by homelessness, anger, drug use, and no sense of direction," Hinojosa said. "I had no real purpose."

That changed when he met his fiancée, Liz. She was a positive force, standing by his side through good times and bad. "I owe a great deal of my ongoing success to her love and support," he said. "She helped me gain a clear vision of how life should be and has helped me become a better father to my wonderful daughter, Riley."

Hinojosa is a student worker at the Veterans Resource Center and wants his fellow vets and older students to know they can find success through higher education. "It is never too late to go back to school, no matter who you are," he said. "It is never too late to follow your dream."

# EVENTS

**June 17** | Juneteenth Celebration  
10:00 AM | Campus-wide

**July 1** | SummerFest 2023  
5:00 PM | SBVC Stadium



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