



San Bernardino Valley College

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE

Valley Up!
The Mountain

August 7, 2025



Lake Arrowhead Resort & Spa

Name





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Valley Up! The Mountain

7:30am-5:30pm



Meet at SBVC AD/SS Building by 7:30am
Bus Departs by 7:57am

9:00 am

Wolverines Arrive at Lake Arrowhead Resort & Spa
Welcome & Icebreaker

9:30 am

10:00 am

Charting The Course
Mapping the Valley Up! Journey

10:30 am

Tackling The Trail
Examining the Four Priorities

12:00 pm

Base Camp Bites
Lunch & Good Company

12:45 pm

Choose Your Adventure
Paint a Masterpiece (limited to 50) / Explore / Games & Fun

2:00 pm

Climbing the Mountain to #1
Defining the Action

3:15 pm

Campfire Circles
Team Reflections & Discussions

4:00 pm

From the Mountain to Valley
Beginning a Unified Descent

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10:30ish am

Tackling the Trail

*For this activity, Tables should be separated by Group:
Classified, Faculty & Managers*



CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

At your picnic table, introduce yourselves & your favorite activity to do in the mountains.



WHAT SUPPORT DOES YOUR GROUP NEED TO ADVANCE EACH COLLEGE PRIORITY?

List as many ideas as possible
from the perspective of your fellow hikers.

DEVELOP YOUR TOP 3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH COLLEGE PRIORITY:

- Each table has been provided a jumbo journal to capture your notes.
- Assign one hiker to be your scribe for the jumbo pages.
- Each hiker at the picnic table should take notes in this packet that will come in handy when we Climb The Mountain this afternoon.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS



SUPPORT NEEDED



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SUPPORT NEEDED



SBVC RANKED #1

COLLEGE IN THE WORLD

IN CENTENNIAL YEAR



CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN TO #1



As it prepares to celebrate 100 years of serving the Inland Empire, San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) has achieved a milestone for the ages: being named the #1 community college in the world, according to the 2025 Global Higher Education Index.

The international ranking, released this week by the Global Education Consortium (GEC), evaluated over 6,000 institutions across 95 countries, using criteria such as student success outcomes, equity and access, innovation in instruction, workforce impact, and institutional transformation. SBVC not only outranked peer colleges across the U.S., but also topped renowned technical institutes in Canada, Japan, South Korea, and Finland.

Founded in 1926, San Bernardino Valley College began as a tiny institution serving mostly liberal arts majors transferring to local universities. Today, it serves over 14,000 students per semester and has become a national model for upward mobility, social equity, and academic excellence. GEC panelists praised SBVC's bold innovations during the past decade, including its Valley Up! Initiative 2025-2030, which was developed with collective campus input and completely reimaged the college as it looks forward to its next century. "This is more than a win for the college: it's a win for San Bernardino and the entire region," said San Bernardino Mayor Helen Tran. "SBVC has long been the heart of this city, and now the world is finally seeing what we've known all along."

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Introduce yourself: If you know me; but if you really know me... (15 mins)
2. From Tackling the Trail, share the recommendations and support:
 - a. Classified (5 mins)
 - b. Faculty (5 mins)
 - c. Managers (5 mins)
3. As a group, discuss the actions we need to take for Valley College to earn #1. (30 mins)

"This recognition belongs to every student who has walked through our doors and every faculty and staff member who has dedicated themselves to transforming lives," said SBVC President Dr. Gilbert J. Contreras. "As we enter our centennial year, this is a reminder that the first Valley College and the first-purpose-built community college in California has what it takes to become a global leader."

NOTES

"WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED. THE NEXT 100 YEARS BEGIN NOW. VALLEY UP!"



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3:15 pm



Campfire Circles *Team Reflections & Discussions*



What are we already doing that supports Valley Up!?



What would meaningful change look like in our daily workflow?

What is a “small win” we could implement in the next 30 days?



What part of today’s experience resonated with you the most?

Was there an “aha!” moment related to your department?



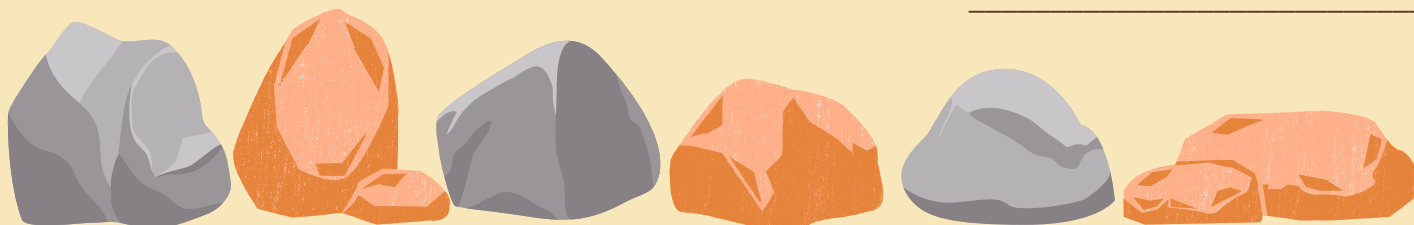
What help do we need from leadership or other departments?



What’s our next step?

Who will take the lead?

When will we regroup?



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4:00 pm



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WHAT WE LEAVE ON THE MOUNTAIN

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WHAT WE BRING BACK TO VALLEY

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