

Week of
April 9, 2012

Monday Morning
on
Mt. Vernon Ave



Colleagues,

This past Tuesday, SBVC held its inaugural Student Success Summit. In attendance were some 80 people representing faculty, staff, administration, students, as well as individuals from the San Bernardino and Chino Valley Unified School Districts, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Cal State San Bernardino, the San Bernardino County Board of Education, the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees, and individuals representing the local business community.



The goal of the Summit was to identify ways of uniting community assets to promote college readiness and to improve student retention, completion, transfer, and employment rates.

I had hoped that a few good ideas would emerge from the conversations which I could then share with you. I also hoped that we might begin to work on some of those ideas immediately. My hopes were exceeded beyond my wildest expectations. Participants prepared and submitted nearly 200 5" X 7" Post-It Notes, most of which contained multiple suggestions, outlining recommendations ranging from improving communication to revisiting the college's mission statement.



I can't begin to share every idea with you in the format of this newsletter. But I want to pass on some of the thoughts that were shared and let you know what next steps I hope to take in addressing them.



IDEA: *"We should develop greater inter-departmental academic planning and resource-sharing processes."*

ACTION STEP: I will be addressing this idea with deans and department chairs at the next department chair meeting.

IDEA: *"We should develop an Orientation Day and College Night to showcase the campus to the community."*

ACTION STEP: I am going to meet with the Student Services staff to consider planning for such events.



IDEA: "SBVC students need the high schools and CSUs to more closely coordinate curriculum and standards."

ACTION STEP: I am meeting with the CSUSB President, the County Superintendent of Schools, and the Assistant Superintendent of SBCUSD in the coming weeks to develop pathways to meet this very goal.

IDEA: "We need to promote internships with local employers."

ACTION STEP: I am meeting with the Vice President of Instruction to address developing and scheduling internship classes as early as the fall semester."

IDEA: "We need to revisit the college's mission statement."

ACTION STEP: I will place this item on the agenda for the next College Council meeting with the intention of developing a committee, in coordination with our accreditation efforts, to review our mission statement.

These are just a few of the recommendations that emerged during the Summit. I have prepared a [more comprehensive list of suggestions](#) for the entire campus to review.

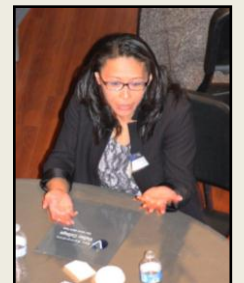
I will continue to update you on our efforts to address the imaginative and thoughtful responses that poured out from Summit participants. And, in the interest of inclusivity and continuing the dialog, I am inviting each of you to share your comments and further suggestions by answering the question below:

Which of the suggestions from the Student Success Summit do you believe are most important in fostering student success at SBVC and why?

Thanks to all of you who made this one of the best events I have been a part of in my 28 years working in universities and community colleges!

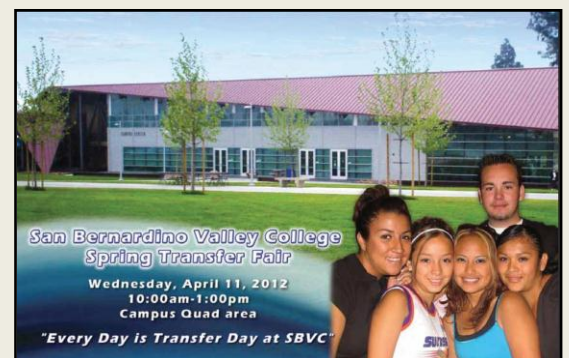
Aloha pumehana,

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Transfer Fair Arrives on Wednesday

At least 25 colleges and universities will be represented at the Spring 2012 Transfer Fair on Wednesday. A few UC/CSU schools may be in attendance, but many have been so negatively affected by the budget that they will focus primarily on fall transfer fairs. The Transfer Center highly suggests that students start early in identifying their top choices for transfer—especially since individual fields of study at each of those schools may be impacted.



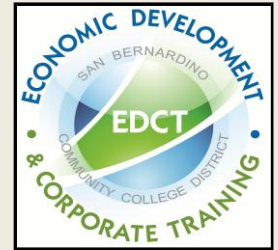
Club Wars Returns to SBVC on Thursday

Getting through it takes strength, commitment, concentration, and.....digestion? No, I'm not describing the last month of the semester, I'm talking about the Office of Student Life's Club Wars—one of the most popular student activities of the year that will take place outside the campus center on Thursday starting at 10 a.m.. A trivia challenge, egg race, and an always memorable pie-eating contest will be just a few of the activities that will pit SBVC clubs against one another for bragging rights until next spring.



EDCT to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

The Economic Development & Corporate Training (EDCT) division of the San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) will celebrate its ten-year anniversary on Tuesday starting at 4 p.m. at the Applied Technology Training Center (ATTC). U.S. Congressman Joe Baca is scheduled to attend in celebration of the millions of dollars in grants that have led to training for thousands of residents. More than 50,000 local residents have received corporate or customized training via the \$20+ million in grants received by the EDCT in the organization's first decade.



Events This Week:

- **Alcohol Awareness Month Activities – Tuesday – 1 p.m. & Wednesday 6 p.m. – Library Viewing Room**
As part of Alcohol Awareness Month, Associated Student Government and Human Services kick off a month-long roster of activities with two sessions of the workshop entitled: “Alcohol & Drug Treatment Agencies Tell How to Get Help, Internships, and Jobs.” Contact Melinda Moneymaker at ext. 1658.
- **Spring Transfer Fair – Tuesday - 10:00 – 1:00 – Quad Outside Campus Center**
Sponsored by the Office of Transfer & Career Services, dozens of four-year colleges from around California and the world will be on site to showcase transfer opportunities for SBVC students.
- **Music Department Concert - Tuesday – 11:00 – 12:00 – MAC (Inside NH-164)**
Enjoy the soothing sounds of students in the SBVC music department during your lunch break—including students from Disabled Student Program & Services (DSP&S)
- **Speak Your Soul – Wednesday - 2:00 – 3:00 – Library Viewing Room**
Sponsored by the Tumaini Club, this open mic activity encourages free expression in the form of dance, poetry, singing, musical instruments, and vocal expressions. Contact Willene Nelson at ext. 8658.
- **SBVC Foundation Meeting – Wednesday - 4:00 – District Office**
The final meeting of the year for SBVC Foundation members will be held at the District Office. Contact Donna Hoffmann at ext.8987.
- **Club Wars – Thursday - 10:00 – 1:00 – Quad Outside Campus Center**
Sponsored by the Office of Student Life, this popular event will draw crowds to the quad throughout the day as competing clubs challenge each other for campus supremacy

- **The Dawn of Astronomy: Stonehenge & the Pyramids – Friday – 7:00 - 8:30 - Planetarium**
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for SBVC's Chris Clarke to unlock the stories behind the stars. The show begins at 7:00 with no late seating available. Ticket prices and [more info available online](#). Contact Chris Clarke at ext. 8539.
- **Athletic Events On Campus**
Thursday – 2:30 – Baseball vs. Chaffey