

Week of
April 23, 2012

Monday Morning
on
Mt. Vernon Ave



Colleagues,

This week, I wanted to share with you some final thoughts and plans that have begun to take shape as a result of our recent Student Success Summit. In reading, and re-reading the hundreds of notes produced by Summit participants and your survey responses, one vision emerged as paramount. Our community wants and needs us to do a more effective job in preparing students to do college-level work. This requires a concerted effort on the part of all members of the education establishment—from kindergarten to high school and from community college to university—in a partnership aimed at improving college readiness and promoting the likelihood of academic success for our young people.



A friend and colleague recently lent me a book entitled [Radical Leap](#), by Steve Farber. One of the suggestions that the author shares about the role of leaders (be they individuals or institutions) is that they sometimes need to "inspire audacity." That is, we need to put at the center of our agenda, the question, "How are we going to change the world?" We need to dismiss the constraints others tell us stand in the way of change and success. We need to ignore the voices that say, "That will never work around here; it's just not the way we do it."

We ask, even demand, more of our students in terms of this kind of "audacity." Farber asks us to expect more of it from ourselves. What I've read in the notes from the Summit is an "audacious demand" within our community of educators who have been inspired to change the education system within San Bernardino. The Summit participants were clearly looking for those drawn to this vision to join them in a movement to transform our schools and "change OUR world."

Following their lead, I am planning the following initiatives in the coming weeks:

- As a follow-up to the discussion I had with Dr. Karnig, President of CSUSB, (that I discussed in [last week's newsletter](#)), I will be joining him and five other community college presidents tomorrow in a meeting designed to share strategies to improve college readiness, transfer, and career training success.
- I will be attending the California Community College Chancellor's Office conference on promoting high school partnerships on the new Common Core Requirements and the Early Assessment Program.
- We are hosting a Principals Breakfast this Friday at which we'll be sharing strategies for improving our partnerships and where I'll be introducing ideas meant to better link our institutions.
- I will be hosting a series of "Strategic Conversations" with various constituencies, both on and off campus, to get their take on avenues we can take in improving college readiness for students in our community.

I am looking forward to these discussions, and joining you in "changing OUR world."

Best,

Larry

It's Curtains for Theatre Arts Spring Production *A Flea In Her Ear*

Performing a show that most of the 15 students in his class had never heard of before didn't seem to be much of a barrier for Ron Berglas, the director and professor of the Theatre Arts Practicum 114 (THART114) class. After a semester racking up thousands of hours in rehearsals, the student actors will perform the French comedy *A Flea In Her Ear* at the historic SBVC Auditorium from Thursday, April 26th through April 29th.



[Read the full online preview](#) that includes an interview with Berglas and his all-student cast. Ticket prices are as follows: General Admission (\$12), Students/Staff/Seniors/Military (\$10), Group rates (before April 25th) for 10-15 people (\$8) or 15 or more (\$5). Opening night is Thursday, April 26th, followed by shows on Friday the 27th and Saturday the 28th (curtains at 8:00 p.m. for all evening shows). Matinee shows at 2:00 p.m. will be held on Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th. Get your tickets at the [SBVC Bookstore](#) or call ext. 8243.

Local High School Principals and Counselors Connect With SBVC

With the shared goal of increasing the college-going rate of local high school students, dozens of high school principals and counselors are getting equipped with the best



methods of connecting their graduates with SBVC. The Counseling & Matriculation Office held an all-day training last Friday in the Sunroom for dozens of representatives from high schools in the area. Updates on instructional programs, financial aid, learning communities, and more highlighted the event. Coming up this Friday, more than 20 principals and assistant principals have sent in their RSVP to hear similar updates about San Bernardino Valley College from the Outreach/Recruitment Office.

Are You Ready For The "Spotlight"?

Make sure to get your RSVP in by end of day today for Friday's 17th Annual "Spotlighting Our Success" Faculty/Staff Awards Celebration event (with a discount for that evening's performance of *A Flea In Her Ear*). Payments can be made at the CBO (cash/check), Bookstore (cash/check/credit), or the SBVC Foundation (credit cards only). There are still seats available today, but there are no guarantees of available seating for those expecting to pay at the door on Friday.



Show Your Appreciation During Administrative Professionals Week

Make it a point this week to show your appreciation for the tireless efforts of your support staff as April 22-28 is International Administrative Professionals Week.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, there are more than 4.1 million secretaries and administrative assistants working in the United States. Dozens of classified staff members here on campus serve as the heartbeat of our daily efforts, so please make sure you find a way to appreciate your team this week.



Grad Fair 2012 Set For Tuesday

Organized by the SBVC Bookstore, the annual grad fair will be held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Campus Center walkway, and feature graduation-related vendors and other groups from around campus. Graduates can save 20% on cap and gown sales on that day only while having their picture taken and registering to win free gifts. Contact the SBVC Bookstore at ext. 4435 for details. For more information, [visit the Commencement page on the SBVC website](#) (more details will be added over the coming weeks).



Events This Week:

- **Marijuana—Your Brain & Your Body** – Tuesday – 11:00 – 12:20 – L.A. 100
As part of Alcohol Awareness Month, SBVC welcomes the former mayor of Rancho Cucamonga, and the current President of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, Dr. Donald Kurth. Dr. Kurth will reveal the latest research on the physical effects of marijuana.
- **Deaf Awareness Event** – Tuesday – 12:00 – 1:30 – Library Viewing Room
SBVC's Arts & Lectures Committee welcomes the California School for the Deaf in Riverside featuring Miss CSDR and a dramatic performance of Poe! Poe! Poe!
- **“Hell And Back Again” Film Screening** - Tuesday – 6:00 – 8:00 – Library Viewing Room
As part of the Community Cinema series at SBVC, this film explores what it means to lead men in war, and what it means to come home – injured physically and psychologically – and trying build a life anew.
- **Purchasing Cut-Off Date** – Thursday – 1:00 p.m.
Due to the San Bernardino County announcement that Financial 2000 will be down for maintenance on Wednesday afternoon, the purchasing deadline has been extended to **Thursday at 1 p.m.** in order to give us time to comply with District purchasing deadlines. Any efforts you can make to conserve funding by purchasing only critical supplies and materials are appreciated. As you know, any unspent monies will be returned to our campus by the District to help offset anticipated budget reductions in the coming year.
- **Principals’ Breakfast** – Friday – 8:00 – 11:00 – AD/SS 102-C
Nearly two dozen principals/assistant principals will hear updates from SBVC’s Outreach & Recruitment Office. Contact Clyde Williams at ext. 8984.
- **17th Annual "Spotlighting Our Success" Faculty/Staff Awards Celebration** – Friday - 5:00 – 7:30 – Campus Center
Celebrate employee anniversaries, enjoy incredible culinary creations from SBVC’s students, and find out who will be honored at this year’s awards celebration. For ticket information, contact the CBO, Bookstore, or SBVC Foundation.
- **Sigma Delta Mu Spanish Honors Society Initiation Ceremony** – Friday - 12:00 – 1:00 – North Hall 341
Outstanding students in Spanish will be inducted into Sigma Delta Mu Spanish Honor Society, certificate and pinning ceremony. Contact Jose Recinos at ext. 8607.
- **“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](#).

- **Athletic Events On Campus**

Thursday – 2:30 – Baseball vs. Antelope Valley