

San Bernardino Valley College

ANNUAL REPORT

Never Giving Up,
Always Giving Back



From supermarkets to the Super Bowl, SBVC alumni **Jack H. Brown** (left) and **Mark Seay** (right) share their inspiring story of friendship and overcoming adversity. (Page 6)



San Bernardino
Valley College

Your future starts here.



President's Message

Thank you for taking the time to read about a few of the highlights from our 2009-2010 academic year.

This past May, SBVC awarded degrees to the largest graduating class in over 15 years! I thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of a congratulatory handshake with each and every one of those graduates as they crossed the stage.

By the looks of things early in this Fall 2010 semester, we are likely to continue this trend of graduating more students to degrees, certificates, transfers and career opportunities (and likely building up those hand-shaking muscles a little more each Spring at Commencement).

As we approach our 85th year of providing even higher quality education and services that support an ever more diverse and growing community of learners, I hope you will join our hard-working staff and faculty in the journey. Whether it's attending an athletic event or musical performance, supporting our Valley-Bound Commitment program, or simply taking a tour of our beautiful new facilities, I think you'll quickly get a sense of how the future truly does start here for our students and our larger community.

Thank you for your continued support that makes those handshakes possible,

Dr. Debra S. Daniels
President



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Valley-Bound Commitment Program Expands Again, Sees First Graduates

The successful completion of the second year of the groundbreaking Valley-Bound Commitment program continues to change the trajectory of more and more lives. The 2009-2010 class of 89 students recently completed their free first year of college while students from the inaugural Valley-Bound Commitment class graduated from SBVC in May 2010.

Launched in 2008 with a pilot group of 36 students from Colton High School, the Valley-Bound Commitment provides a free first year of college (tuition, books, parking and more) to graduates from SBVC's 12 feeder high schools. Funded by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and various other community groups and individuals, the program has been expanded in 2010-2011 to include 150 students who were chosen from a pool of more than 400 applicants.

"Join San Manuel in supporting this successful program by returning the attached envelope with your donation."

Not only is the program increasing the college-going rate in the region, but participants in the program are more successful than the typical SBVC student. The first group of Valley-Bound Commitment students averaged a 3.0 GPA—significantly higher than the traditional SBVC student. In addition, Valley-Bound Commitment students are staying in school to pursue their educational goals at a higher rate than most SBVC students while continuing to donate thousands of hours of service back to the community.



Keisha Albert from San Bernardino High School and Omar Diaz from Bloomington High School just completed their first year at San Bernardino Valley College for free as part of the Valley-Bound Commitment and are continuing their studies this year.

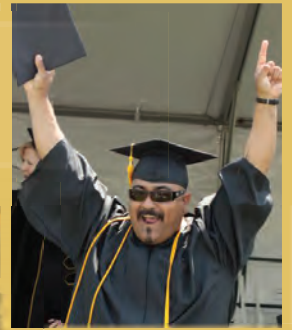


SBVC's 83rd Annual Commencement included the first group of graduates from the inaugural Valley-Bound Commitment from Colton High School's Class of 2008. Andrea Galicia was one of four students who graduated from SBVC only 23 months after completing high school. Many more students are expected to graduate this coming year.

High Schools of Valley-Bound Commitment Students

	– Arroyo Valley	7 students
	– Bloomington	4 students
	– Colton	19 students
	– Cajon	3 students
	– Carter	1 student
	– Eisenhower	2 students
	– Pacific	20 students
	– Rialto	5 students
	– Rim of the World	3 students
	– San Bernardino	20 students
	– San Geronimo	5 students

Graduates Bask In Glow of 83rd Annual Commencement



Under the brightness of a sun-drenched morning, an even brighter future was unlocked for 450 graduates at San Bernardino Valley College's 83rd Annual Commencement held on Friday, May 21st in the SBVC Football Stadium.

The largest graduating class in more than 15 years (1,299) showed up en masse (450) in celebratory caps and gowns and overflowed the dedicated student seating section before their names were read and they walked victoriously across the Commencement stage.

SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels presided over the ceremony and delivered a Commencement address that recognized eight former Japanese-American students who were forcibly removed from SBVC during World War II due to then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066. The former students were honored in absentia as

part of the California Nisei Project that was established in October 2009 after passage of Assembly Bill 37 in the California State Assembly. Her message, about how "choice not chance" revealed how many of those students went on to achieve great lifetime accomplishments, was met with a standing ovation from graduates and guests alike.

- 5 graduates were honored for earning a perfect 4.0 GPA
- 15 students graduated from SBVC with an A.A. degree after having graduated the night before with a diploma from Middle College High School
- Thanks to the expertise of District Computing Services and the students and staff of the SBVC Radio, TV & Film Department, a live webcast of the event was made available at www.valleycollege.edu. A commemorative DVD of the event is available for sale at the SBVC Bookstore.



Employees from the Lowe's Store in Redlands will be assisting with supplies and volunteering throughout the project.

"Participation in a Lowe's Grant Project affords students the real-life opportunity and involvement in a true project. The realities of budgets, schedules and responsibilities of achieving project success with their designs are actually possible," said Judy Jorgensen, SBVC Architecture and Environmental Design faculty member. "The opportunity for students to share and showcase their success with the campus students, faculty, administration, their families and the community is priceless."

Architecture and Environmental Design students will design and construct the garden while the Culinary Arts students will use the fruits and vegetables in the Sun Room and in other classroom activities. In addition, the garden will also be utilized as a field trip site for the SBVC Child Development Center for nutrition and science as the crops cycle through the germination/growth/harvesting stages.

"Incredible Edibles" Garden Breaks Ground

Thanks to a collaborative grant of \$10,000 from Lowe's and SkillsUSA, a unique campus improvement and training program project called the Incredible Edibles Culinary Arts Garden and Design Project broke ground in April of 2010.

A joint venture between the Architecture and Environmental Design and Culinary Arts programs at SBVC, the program consists of a campus design, construction, beautification and ongoing educational project highlighted by a 1,500 square foot raised sustainable garden that will be located adjacent to the Campus Center.

SBVC Campus Welcomes Four New Buildings

The SBVC campus celebrated the completion and dedication of four new buildings in 2010—including two new classroom buildings opening in time for the Fall 2010 semester. Supported by the voter-approved Measure P in 2002, and bolstered by state funding, these facilities will serve the campus and student needs well into the 21st century.

Completed in 2009, the Custodial and Maintenance and Operations buildings are helping to support the infrastructure and operations of the campus.

Rising three stories and spanning 50,00+ square feet in the heart of campus, the new North Hall building is now the home for Criminal Justice, Music, Social and Consumer Sciences and Modern Languages.

On the southwest corner of campus near the corner of Mt. Vernon and Grant Avenues, the Media & Communications building is the new home of KVCR and the SBVC Radio, TV and Film program. More than 18,000 square feet of instructional and office space is highlighted by the latest and greatest technology in the electronic media industry.

Currently, a 56,000+ square foot Science building is under construction with plans to open in Summer of 2011. This facility will be the first LEED-certified structure on campus and will precede the vacating of the current Chemistry, Physical Science and old North Hall building.



The new Multiple Activity Center (MAC) inside the new North Hall building was the site of the ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicating all four new buildings. Pictured from L to R: Bruce Baron (SBCCD Interim Chancellor); James Ramos (SBCCD Board of Trustees President); Damaris Castillo-Torres (SBVC Associated Student Government President); Dr. Debra Daniels (SBVC President).

Future projects on campus will be funded by the voter-approved Measure M and will include the first parking structure, Business building renovation, and major overhauls to the athletic and physical education facilities.

Maintenance & Operations – Opened 2009



Media & Communications – Opened 2010



Custodial – Opened 2009

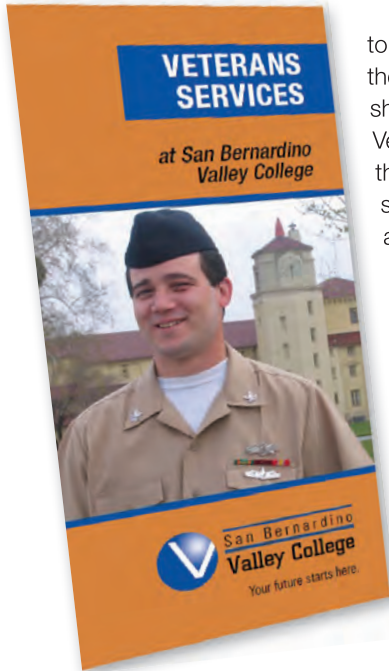


North Hall – Opened 2010

2009

In 2009, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges reaffirmed SBVC's accredited status through the year 2014. Commendations were given in the areas of student learning outcomes, diversity, active dialogue, the Middle College High School Program, facilities and leadership.

Veterans Welcome at SBVC



SBVC's commitment to helping veterans reach their educational goals is showcased by the arrival of a Veterans Services brochure that highlights the following services: Priority registration, a dedicated Admissions representative, a Veteran Students Club on campus, and more.

The "Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet" Job and Resource Fair was held in the summer of 2009 at the National Orange Show

where dozens of employers, career training groups, and educational institutions met with hundreds of veterans. Along with the SBVC Outreach & Recruitment Department, representatives from the Veterans Club and Career Services (pictured above) helped promote the Fall class schedules along with the new Veterans Services brochure.



Online Access to Financial Aid

With more than 80% of SBVC students accessing Financial Aid to make their SBVC dreams a reality, the busy Financial Aid office has taken steps towards streamlining what can be an arduous process for many students.

The launch of the online WebAdvisor program provides 24/7 access to student accounts that previously required waiting in line to speak with a staff member. Many additional features will be added in 2010-2011.



Students Create PSA For Congressman

The Radio, TV and Film Media Academy students at SBVC completed a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) at the request of the office of U.S. Congressman Joe Baca (43rd District).

The PSA subject was the 2010 Census and the entire project served as a strong example of production house experience since it was written by a student in RTVF 104, produced by students in RTVF 240, acted in by students in RTVF 134, and edited by a student in RTVF 131. The video is currently available for viewing on YouTube by searching for "Census PSA 2010 SBVC."

Student Profile

Mother & Daughter Attend SBVC Together

Rhonda Roberson tried attending college in the Fall of 1994 but couldn't make it work. Fifteen years, three children, and many jobs later, Rhonda was laid off from her latest secretarial position and didn't know where to turn next.

It was at this life intersection of opportunity and timing that Rhonda decided to re-ignite her educational future. After earning her GED at Adult School, Rhonda enrolled at SBVC in January of 2009 at the age of 37.

Even on her first day, Rhonda knew SBVC was the place for her. "I liked being on the campus and felt comfortable even after being away from school," she said. "It excited me to see all these kids motivated to go to school."

The evening after her first day back in college, Rhonda immediately began a campaign to convince her 20-year old daughter Ashley Martin to seriously consider attending college.

"My mom would tell me how smart I was, and ask me why I wasn't planning on going to college," Ashley said. "I just wanted to make it through high school, but my mom kept bugging me about it."

As if she needed more incentive, Ashley's Native American roots meant that her tribe, the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, would pay for all her school expenses. As her mother predicted, Ashley started strong at SBVC in Fall 2009 and enrolled in 13 units for Spring 2010.

As for Rhonda, her career goal of becoming a social worker or clinical therapist is well underway as evidenced by the positive impact she's had on her immediate family.

"I'd like to share my story and go back to talk to students at the Adult School since I enjoy talking with people and helping people by listening," Rhonda said. "I have an 18-year old whom I also want to bring to college."

Campus Raises \$10,000 for Valley-Bound Commitment

Thanks to the generosity of SBVC faculty and staff, a grand total of \$10,058 was raised to support the Valley-Bound Commitment at the annual President's Holiday Gathering held in December.

An impressive array of appetizer foods and holiday treats were prepared by Chef Stacy Meyer and her Culinary Arts students where thirty-seven creatively-stuffed and donated gift baskets were given away in a raffle drawing to employees who purchased tickets.

Departments around the campus and the District office utilized themes such as: Dog-Gone Goodies, Casino Night, That's Amoré, Essence of the Orient and Lakers Fanatic.

As she did last year, Dr. Daniels challenged the campus to support the event by promising a personal donation to match the total ticket sales. The funds raised covered the expenses for six students to attend SBVC for free as part of the Valley-Bound Commitment.



Never Giving Up, Always Giving Back

From supermarkets to the Super Bowl, the bond between the CEO and the wide receiver goes deep.

Although their time on the San Bernardino Valley College campus was separated by nearly 50 years, the deep friendship of Mark Seay and Stater Bros. Supermarkets Chairman and CEO Jack Brown is rooted in the San Bernardino area. Both men's lives have been filled with stories of overcoming challenges. Their shared values of education and community service are an inspiration to the more than 13,000 students currently attending classes on the same Mt. Vernon Avenue campus where they studied.

The SBVC Years

After attending local schools—including San Bernardino High School—a young Jack Brown was ready to take a football scholarship to San Jose State University, but he didn't have the necessary grade point average.

"Valley was a great first choice for me—and, in some regards, it was my only choice too," Brown said.

While at SBVC in the mid-to-late 1950's, Jack's early interest in leadership began to take form when he became a president for the first time—as the leader of the first-ever fraternity at SBVC—the Beta Tau Omega.

"It was the first time I was ever elected president of anything and I quickly found out there was a responsibility that goes with being a president," Brown said. "You have to work on being a good leader and that became the basis for much of my career. I realized that it was about getting others to want to follow our leadership."

Since the fresh-faced college years on Mt. Vernon, he's been named the president of many organizations and has been recognized with countless awards that underscore his vision, leadership and generosity. In the nearly 29 years at Stater Bros., he's helped the organization become a Fortune 500 company and one of America's largest supermarket chains. With over 19,000 employees at 167 supermarket locations, Stater Bros. Supermarkets is the largest employer in the Inland Empire.



A friendship that has lasted decades—through good times and bad—has led to more than 250,000 children hearing Mark's inspiring story of determination.

single game in five years.

On that same field where Brown tossed the pigskin with his buddies years earlier, stood a quiet, yet very attentive young student-athlete named Mark Seay who was likely wondering what it would take to win at least one game in his high school career.

"Mark would always stand in the back and watch this older guy show him the moves. But, you could see in his eyes that he had a burning desire to know more," Brown said.

"I really remember this one day when he brought a Stater Bros. bag full of things that showed us how he played right here on the same field as us," Seay said. "He pulled out his uniform, one-bar helmet, high school sweater and high top cleats. That's when I first made a connection with Jack."

To Mark, Jack was no longer a businessman—he now grasped that the game and the school he loved had produced this man in the brown Cadillac.

"We all enjoyed it when we saw that Cadillac pull up because Jack never came empty-handed, even bringing Sony Walkmans for the players," Seay said. "We were a really close team. Those high school years were probably my best times playing football—more than in college and more than the NFL," Seay said.

"I wish I could go back and say thank you for believing in me—even more than I believed in myself."

Long before Jack became the President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board at Stater Bros., SBVC professors played a significant role in his development as a person and a businessman.

"There were so many teachers, counselors, instructors and professors who all wanted us to succeed. But, when we were young, we didn't realize it as I thought there was one professor who had it in for me," Brown said. "But, in reality, they were pushing me based on a potential they saw in me. I wish I could go back and say thank you for believing in me—even more than I believed in myself. Many of my memories have to do with the quality of the professors and their encouragement of me—both professionally and personally."

The Wide Receiver And The Cadillac

It was 1982 when Jack Brown returned to his old stomping grounds of San Bernardino High School to volunteer as an assistant football coach to help a struggling Cardinal program that hadn't won a

From Tragedy To Touchdowns To Degrees

An unthinkable night of horror took place in 1988 when a gang member's bullets shattered more than the windows of the home where Mark was enjoying Halloween night with family. The bullets pierced his chest and nearly led to the end of his life, his educational dreams, and a football scholarship.

With support from his family and Jack, Mark defied the doctors' prognosis and returned to the football field. With a bullet still lodged only three inches from his heart, Seay went on to spend five years in the NFL—including the career highlight of playing in the 1995 Super Bowl with the San Diego Chargers.

Although time had expired on his football career by 1999, Mark's impact on the world was far from complete.

"I made a bunch of promises to people that I would complete my degree, including my parents, Mr. Brown and some of my coaches including George Allen (his Hall of Fame Coach at Cal State University, Long Beach). It was something I always knew I would do, but just didn't know when," Seay said.

Years after his football career had ended, Seay returned to college and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, San Bernardino. In 2007, he enrolled in the San Bernardino Valley College Extended Police Academy. He graduated in 2008 and is awaiting the right opportunity to jump into a career in law enforcement.

"One of the reasons I chose the SBVC POST program was because it was a comfortable pace for me as both a father and a caretaker for my mother," Seay said.

The deep friendship between Seay and Brown is built on an appreciation of each other and their commitment to similar values. It is also evidenced by their commitment to sharing the importance of character, giving back and never giving up.

"After Mark received his first big NFL check, the first thing he bought was a handicapped-accessible van so his dad could travel to see him play in San Diego since his father had never seen him play," Jack said. "That's when I knew the measure of Mark's character. I could see that he would be successful and a tremendous example to others because of his patience."

Teaming Up In Education, Business And Life

After the NFL, Jack Brown and Mark Seay teamed up to help share their experiences in patience and persistence with children. Based on the lessons they both learned growing up, they began encouraging children not to give in to challenges and barriers that will eventually play a pivotal role in strengthening them personally and professionally. As Stater Bros. Community Relations Representative for the past ten years, Seay has spread that inspirational message to more than 250,000 youths in the southern California region.

"I never thought that what I went through would be of value to others. I didn't see it until Jack started having me speak with students on behalf of Stater Bros.," Seay shared. "We all go through situations for a reason and I never thought that 15-20 years later, I'd be sharing with kids how important it is to get an education, have goals, and fight hard to resist negative peer pressure."

In 2007, Stater Bros. consolidated 22 facilities into one massive campus that is the

largest under-one-roof food distribution center in America on the site of the former Norton Air Force Base. Inside the sprawling 200 acres are state-of-the-art facilities that include dedicated classrooms where San Bernardino Valley College classes such as Bookkeeping, Human Resources Management, Marketing and Retailing are aimed at continually improving the skills and expertise of the nearly 1,000 Stater Bros. employees who are enrolled.

"I go down there regularly and visit and talk with the classes. It gives them a chance to see somebody who is hands-on in their management style," Brown said. "I want to let them know that my dreams started on these campuses too and that it's a journey, not just about short trips. They have made a commitment, and we're proud to offer our facilities to share in that educational experience."

Part Of The Community

Brown lives the organizational mantra of "We don't just do business in the community, but rather we are part of the community." That humble mindset comes from being an only child, losing his father at age 8, and supplementing his mother's \$12.50 per week dress sales income with earnings from his first job as a 12-year old grocery store box boy. "My mother was an orphan so she and I grew up together as I had no grandparents. My mom instilled the idea of college into me and it was that mother's love and prodding that kept me interested in getting an education," Brown said.

Brown's self-described journey "from the back room to the board room" is not so dissimilar from the first stages of dreams of today's SBVC students.

"The success I've had is because others wanted me to be successful. Their support made me more successful than my own talents," Brown admitted. "I want people to say that 'he really cared and he really tried.' I believe that before there can be equal opportunity in life ... there must be equal educational opportunity for all."

Brown's words of wisdom to new graduates of SBVC include examining how they were able to reach their educational goals.

"To help another young person get an education is probably one of the most important things. Whether it's with a scholarship, financial contribution, or just giving their time to mentor somebody, it's a very challenging time in America with the impact on young people without available jobs in the work force," Brown said. "I would say give back. Give back to those who helped you get your education so that others will have that opportunity."

--By Craig Petinak (Photos by Abril Flores)



SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels with SBVC alums Jack Brown and Mark Seay on the Mt. Vernon campus.



SBVC Foundation President's Message

These are challenging times. As I look around our community, I see many displaced workers and foreclosed homes. I know we're not alone, but San Bernardino has been hit harder than many other cities. It is especially obvious at community colleges, including San Bernardino Valley College, where enrollments have skyrocketed. This tends to happen when unemployment increases and people want to go back to school to improve or change their skills.

It's during these times that the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation plays such a vital role. While our philanthropic efforts are always important, the ability to provide additional financial support to SBVC students this past year often determined whether they would be able to continue their education.

As president of the Foundation, I'm proud to share in this report some of the highlights from this past year. We continue to grow our signature program, the Valley-Bound Commitment Program, thanks to support from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. We also continue to give thousands of dollars in scholarships, thanks to donors just like you.

As we approach another year, the SBVC Foundation will be honoring alumni and community partners at the Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service Awards dinner. This is a special opportunity to recognize our supporters and is the best part of my job as president. I hope to see you there!

Stephanie Cereceres
President



SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels, Chairman James Ramos, and CHC President Gloria Harrison.

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Receives National Award for Support of Local Colleges

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians received the 2009 Council for Resource Development (CRD) Benefactor Award at the national awards ceremony on Friday, November 13, 2009, in Washington, D.C. The Tribe was recognized for their support of the San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College Foundations.

The Region IX Selection Committee, comprised of CRD members from Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam, and Trust Territories considered the important contributions and leadership demonstrated by the more than 58 nominees and selected the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians as the national award recipient. As it has for the past 16 years, CRD also recognized benefactors from the other nine regions throughout the United States.

Representatives from San Manuel, San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College attended the Benefactor Awards Banquet where Tribal Chairman James Ramos accepted the award on behalf of San Manuel.

"Across this nation, community colleges are serving a critical function by making needed training accessible to those who serve and protect the community," said San Manuel Chairman James Ramos. "As a Tribal Government operating in an area prone to natural disaster, we place a high priority on preparing our emergency service personnel and have found a partnership with the San Bernardino Community College District to be mutually beneficial."

San Manuel's donation to San Bernardino Valley College supports the Valley-Bound Commitment Program, providing a free year of education to eligible students in our district.

Mission of the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation

The mission of the SBVC Foundation is to strengthen student success by matching community resources with the needs of the SBVC students, faculty and college facilities. The mission rests on the premise that education is central to the preservation of society and the enhancement of the human spirit. The Foundation's mission directly supports the college's mission to provide accessible, quality programs that enable students to achieve their educational and career goals.

\$1,000 Scholarships Awarded to Ten Students

Ten students who demonstrated financial need, participation in outside activities, and who overcame challenges to achieve accomplishments were selected for 2009-2010 California Community College/Osher scholarships at San Bernardino Valley College.

This scholarship is intended to help students reach their educational goals and can be applied toward any education-related costs, including textbooks, lab fees, uniforms, and any other fees associated with their studies.

Fifty-one eligible students applied for the Osher Scholarships at San Bernardino Valley College. The scholarship is \$500 for the Fall semester and \$500 for the Spring semester for full-time students.

The ten recipients were: **George Alcalá**, from San Bernardino, whose goal is to transfer to a four-year institution for a degree in Recreational Administration. While homeless, George continued attending San Bernardino Valley College, making the Dean's List. **Christopher Day**, from Running Springs, is a widower with a special needs child. His goal is to earn an associate's degree in Automotive Technology and then open his own automotive shop. **Tracie Foster**, from Rialto, is a single mother of five who finds time to volunteer at Loma Linda Hospital while she pursues her associate's degree in Human Services. **Marissa Lynn Hernandez**, from San Bernardino, plans to transfer to UCLA to become a music teacher. She is active in a number of clubs on campus, in the Honors Program and made the Dean's List. **Claudia Herrera**, from San Bernardino, is pursuing her Nursing degree. A single mother, she volunteers at Loma Linda Veteran's Hospital, does her clinicals at Ballard Hospital and participates in clubs on campus. **Richard Lopez**, from San Bernardino, is a Gulf War veteran, single father of three children, and is pursuing his associate's degree in Psychiatric Technology. He has been on the Dean's List. **Anthony Payne**, from Rialto, works with at-risk youth, and participates in student clubs on campus. His goal is to be a therapist. **Richard Phillips**, from San Bernardino, overcame

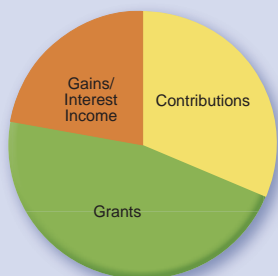


Osher Scholarship winners for San Bernardino Valley College include: (Back row, left to right) Richard Phillips, George Alcalá, Daryl Richard Raymond, (Front Row, left to right) Tracie Foster, Marissa Lynn Hernandez and Sanni Shukurat.

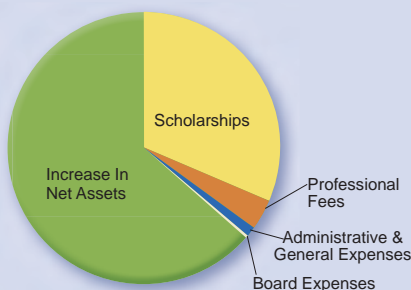
drug addiction to attend college. He has won two gold medals in Machining at the SkillsUSA competition. He plans to transfer to a four-year institution. **Daryl Richard Raymond**, is a single parent who overcame his addiction to be a role model to his son. He volunteers with the Salvation Army while pursuing his associate's degree in Business Logistics and Distribution Management. He plans to transfer to CSUSB. **Sanni Shukurat**, originally from Nigeria, is working two jobs so she can afford an education. She is also active in campus clubs and the Tumaini Program. Her ultimate goal is to attend U.C. Berkeley to receive her doctorate in Mathematics and then become a math professor.

2009-2010 Financials

Revenue=\$638,940



Expenses=\$638,940



California Community College Scholarship Endowment Provides Great Opportunity

In May 2008, the Bernard Osher Foundation pledged a gift of \$50 million to launch the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment (CCCSE). When asked what motivated him to make such a significant and transformational gift, Mr. Osher shared that his decision was based on a great deal of research. "I was impressed with the sheer size of the system—serving 2.6 million people on an annual basis," he said, "and with the range and importance of its educational offerings."

San Bernardino Valley College students benefitted from the CCCSE last year with ten \$1,000 scholarships. We have the opportunity to increase the number of scholarships given because with every dollar contributed to the Endowment, the Osher Foundation will contribute 50 cents, helping increase the impact your contribution has on the lives of SBVC students. For example, a contribution of \$13,334, with the Osher Foundation's match of \$6,667, will result in a \$1,000 scholarship each year, forever.

What's more, 100 percent of your donation will directly fund scholarships, ensuring the greatest possible support for our students.

For more information on how you can contribute and receive matching funds, please contact the SBVC Foundation at 909-384-8987.





Allen Gresham and Don Averill

Saying “thank you” is one of the most important things you can do in life. In fact, saying thank you goes a long way toward forging the relationships that can turn into opportunities. With this thought in mind, a special reception was held on Wednesday, May 26 to thank the donors of the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation for their support.

The highlight of the reception was hearing from two students who had an opportunity to say thank you for their scholarships. Daisy Garcia shared how she just completed her first year at San Bernardino Valley College because of the Valley-Bound Commitment Program. Valley-Bound Commitment is a new program which provides not only a free year of education for eligible students, but also includes components designed to make the students successful. Daisy will continue her education at SBVC in the fall. Ruben Bautista, a 2010 SBVC graduate, then thanked the Foundation for the scholarships he received over the last few years. These scholarships helped him get his associate’s degree and will help him as he progresses to the University of California, Riverside this fall.

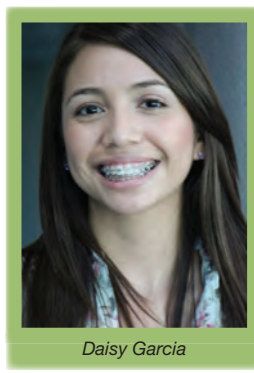
The Jazz Junkies provided live entertainment that afternoon, giving everyone an opportunity to socialize and reminisce. But most importantly, it was a time to extend “a world of thanks” to those who help make a difference in the lives of our students.



Lois J. Carson, SBVC Foundation Board Member



Ruben Bautista



Daisy Garcia

President’s Circle Supports San Bernardino Valley College Students

The President’s Circle is comprised of an elite group of individuals dedicated to supporting the mission of San Bernardino Valley College, and thus, increasing educational opportunities to members of our community. Members of the President’s Circle provide the annual resources that enable the SBVC Foundation to support academic and vocational programs, student services, scholarships and a wide variety of other college priorities.

BENEFITS OF YOUR \$1000 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

- ❖ Invitation to special events (President’s Holiday Gathering, Foundation Spring Gala)
- ❖ 2 tickets to a fall SBVC Theatre production
- ❖ Art exhibition openings at Allen & Clara Gresham Art Gallery
- ❖ Annual breakfast with the President and President’s Circle members
- ❖ Monthly reports from the President on college activities
- ❖ SBVC Travel Mug
- ❖ Recognition in publications

If you are interested in joining the President’s Circle, please contact the SBVC Foundation Office at 909-384-8987.

SBVC Foundation Awards Over \$75,000 in Scholarships



Mark Seay

Over 100 Foundation scholarships were presented to a myriad of San Bernardino Valley College students who attended the Scholarship Awards Celebration on May 12, 2010 in the SBVC auditorium. Hearing about students who are facing adversity, or who are just trying to gather enough funds needed to reach their educational goals, is quite inspiring.

This group of students was no different, as they shared that this trying economy has made it even more difficult to attend school, and has created a challenge for them to stay on track with their goals. Many students struggle with securing

funds for books, paying for the gasoline needed to get to campus and the various other expenses required to assist them in obtaining their degree. Still, they press on and continue to demonstrate strong character, will and determination.

The students were selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and faculty recommendations. The scholarships are funded by private donations to the SBVC Foundation.

Equally inspiring as the students’ tenacity, was the presentation given that evening by alumnus Mark Seay who is currently Stater Bros.’ community representative and is no stranger to adversity. Among other things, Seay shared that, “Perseverance pays off. Between your willpower and perseverance, you can accomplish your goals.”

(See cover story, pages 6-7, for more on Mark Seay.)



President Dr. Debra Daniels and Tribal Chairman Ramos with Valley-Bound students.

textbooks, parking, student fees and more). Graduating high school seniors from the Class of 2009 at 11 different local feeder high schools were supported by the second gift from San Manuel. This is an increase of 53 students from the first year and was accomplished with a \$150,000 donation from San Manuel last year. The goal for 2010-2011 is to fund 150 students for this unique program.

At a special event announcing the gift, Tribal Chairman for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, James Ramos, sang a celebratory song and honored several former Valley-Bound Commitment students who were on track to graduate in May 2010. In addition, he encouraged students to recognize that they are not alone in their journeys--that the challenges they are facing have been experienced by many along the road to succeeding in college.

After introductions from SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels, SBVC students Andrea Galicia (Valley-Bound Commitment 2008-2009) and Jesse Venegas (Valley-Bound Commitment 2009-2010) shared how involvement in the program has changed their lives.

San Manuel Gives \$200,000 to Fund Valley-Bound Commitment in 2010-2011

The San Bernardino Valley College Foundation received a gift of \$200,000 from San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to help fund the 2010-2011 Valley-Bound Commitment. The Valley-Bound Commitment program provides a free first year of college education to eligible high school students from the district's feeder high schools (including picking up the cost of

SBVC Receives \$100,000 for Scholarships from Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison (SCE) has launched a \$1 million Green Jobs Education Initiative to fund sustainable or "green" education and job training at 10 California community colleges. SCE has given \$100,000 to each of 10 selected colleges—including San Bernardino Valley College.

Students entering the Water Supply Technology or Geographic Information Systems (GIS) programs in the Science Division are eligible to apply for the scholarships. Starting in Fall 2011, students can receive \$1000 per year for two years while attending classes that prepare them for careers in these fields.

"Green jobs are an important emerging sector in our state," said Dr. Susan Bangasser, Dean of the SBVC Science Division. "And we're excited we now have private support for two of our growing green programs."



From L to R: Beverly Powell, Southern California Edison presents a check to Dr. Todd Heibel, GIS professor; Dr. Susan Bangasser, Science Division Dean; Dr. Debra Daniels, SBVC President; Frank Ferré, SBVC Foundation, Achala Chatterjee, Water Supply Technology professor; and Stephanie Cereceres, SBVC Foundation President.

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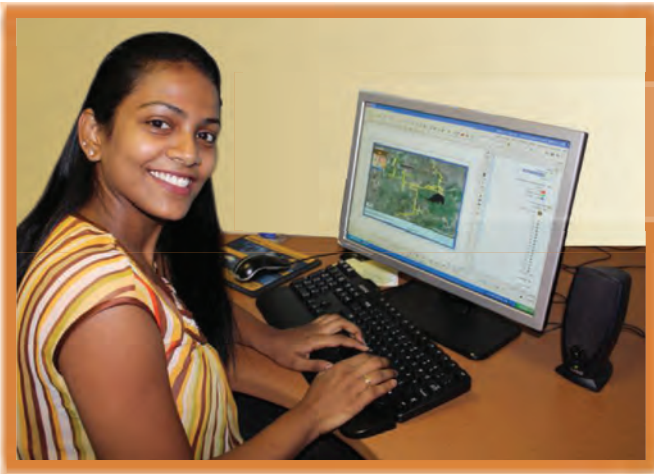
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After being out of the workforce for five years to start a family, Gayathri Alallasundaram enrolled in GIS classes and earned a paid internship before she even graduated.

In the midst of ultra-challenging economic times where jobs are scarce and the pursuit of those few available positions is fiercely competitive, two SBVC students immediately cashed in their textbook knowledge for payroll checks before even graduating.

Recent SBVC students Phenpak (Jay) Sungvornrajasabh and Gayathri Alallasundaram already established a foothold into the career field of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). GIS is a collection of computer hardware, software, and geographic data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information.

Jay was hired by the San Bernardino Community College District Economic Development & Corporate Training Division as a GIS Technician at a rate of \$20/hour. Gayathri accepted a paid

Studies Lead Directly to Jobs for SBVC Students

GIS Intern position with the Western Municipal Water District in Riverside with a starting pay of \$13/hour.

"I just started taking GIS classes at SBVC after moving from Sacramento in August 2008 and didn't know anything about it beforehand," said Gayathri Alallasundaram. "If not for SBVC Professor Solomon Nimako's expertise, I would not be in this position today."

At Alallasundaram's paid internship, she worked more than 30 hours per week editing and digitizing maps with cartography programs that are similar to what she started learning for the first time only eight months earlier at SBVC.

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"I'm now only one class away from receiving my GIS certificate—something I never thought was possible," Alallasundaram said in mid-2009. "I stopped working for almost 5 years to start a family and enrolled in this program to get back in touch with the workforce after such a long break. It's been great and I'm excited to learn and do more."

"I was working in retail when I started taking classes on Friday nights and Saturdays in August. I never imagined I'd have a job in GIS already," said Sungvornrajasabh.

5th Annual Science & Math Day Draws Hundreds

Nearly 200 local high school students descended on the SBVC campus on Friday, November 13th to participate in the 5th Annual Science & Math Day to learn the importance of science and math to their future careers.

After an introduction and presentation on financial aid and a guest speaker, students then chose their own adventures by selecting from two of eight different workshops that ranged from "The Science of Glass Blowing" to "Biotechnology—The Career Choice for the Century." To wrap up the day, students were provided with a free lunch just outside the Greek Theatre and left with an SBVC backpack and an appreciation of the importance of science and math to their future career and educational goals.



SBVC professor Tatiana Vasquez points out a surprising detail to one of the nearly 200 students who took part in the 5th Annual Science & Math Day.

Students Compete in SkillsUSA Competition

From L to R: SBVC students and SkillsUSA State competitors Richard Phillips (Machining Special Recognition), Elton Roberts (Precision Machining Milling, Silver Medal), Christian Gonzalez (CNC Turning, Bronze Medal), Brendon McCarty (Precision Machining 3, Silver Medal), Jonathan Morrison (Precision Machining Milling, Gold Medal) and Matt Harlow (CNC Milling, Silver Medal).



Eight SBVC students from the Applied Technology Transportation and Culinary Arts Division competed at the 43rd Annual Skills and Leadership State Conference in April and returned with multiple medals and special recognition.

Students competed in various levels of precision machining, as well as automotive refinishing and auto body collision skill areas. Each student was required to demonstrate their skills practically and theoretically against other students from various technical schools in California after having advanced from regional competitions earlier in the spring.

Student skills were evaluated by industry representatives who timed and evaluated students' skills related to industry certification standards from the various occupational skill area standards.

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The podium which Malcolm spoke from
 The car in which Kennedy endured that fatal shot
 The balcony where King stood
 The pen Lincoln used to sign his John Hancock
 Gettysburg where soldiers perished
 The jails that shackled Mandela's act
 Gandhi's non-violence approach
 Every war we ever fought still consumed in its aftermath
 Hitler hatred he displayed
 Jim Crow's laws exploited race
 The civil rights movements that followed
 Equality assumed its place
 September 11th we're still mourning
 As their blood still wets the sand
 Barack giving hope to the future
 But the war will never end
 Injustice will never stop
 And peace is still a distant dream
 But today we're a part of history
 And tomorrow history's relived again

Willie Gamble

Faculty/Staff Profiles

Staff/Faculty Honored at Golden Apple Awards

Pictured from left to right are SBVC employees Laura Cross, Administrative Secretary (Criminal Justice Division); Michael Mayne, Assistant Professor (Mathematics); Rick Hrdlicka, Director (Campus Technology Services); and Dr. Ailsa Aguilar-Kitibutr, Counselor/Professor and Faculty Chair (Counseling). These employees were recognized by San Bernardino Mayor Patrick J. Morris for their outstanding contributions at the 16th Annual Golden Apple Awards in April in front of family, friends, colleagues and more than 200 guests at the Hilton San Bernardino. In the late Spring of 2010, the SBVC Golden Apple Award recipients for 2011 were announced: Rose King (Tutoring Center/ACAD Lab); Lisa Archuletta (Child Development Center); Romana Pires (Anthropology/Sociology); and Kevin Kammer (Aeronautics).



Laura Cross

Administrative Secretary,
Criminal Justice Division

"Education is a joy to willing students, and willing students are a blessing to all."

In her 7 ½ years at SBVC, this quote most closely reflects what Administrative Secretary Laura Cross has witnessed and come to believe as a truism in education. With this perspective in mind, her colleagues have noted how she "operates with a heart of gold" while she describes herself as a conduit who connects students and staff with what they need to be successful.

Coming in contact with grateful students and staff is part of what keeps Laura going during those stressful times.

"When it happens, it energizes me to keep going the extra mile. While students may not always get what they want with their outcome, some are grateful just for getting help with the process," Laura said. "This is rewarding even when that's all I have to offer."

Michael Mayne

Assistant Professor,
Mathematics
Mathematics Division

Colleagues who nominated Michael Mayne for an award specifically lauded his teaching skillfulness, compassion, knowledge and ethics while maintaining high standards for himself and for his students. Others shared how his technical knowledge, strength of character and professionalism make him a model for his students and peers to emulate.

His enthusiasm, humor and kindness regularly evoke glowing comments from students who appreciate the entertainment value of his lectures along with how he weaves mathematics seamlessly into life experiences.

Michael enjoys the challenge of creating a pathway to help others achieve success in mathematics—a critical axiom that supports his belief that "teaching has not occurred unless learning has occurred." He relishes the opportunity to change lives in a positive way which not only changes lives, but can affect generations.

Rick Hrdlicka

Director,
Campus Technology
Services

Since starting as a student at SBVC in 1992, Rick Hrdlicka has seen a cavalcade of technological developments along the way. After becoming an employee, Rick's computer network expertise quickly spread through the learning laboratories and classrooms. And, one could argue that Rick's technological fingerprints are visible in every corner of the campus.

From software installation and technical support to selflessly leading student workers and chairing one of the accreditation standards committees, Rick's impact and "can-do" attitude have transcended the boundaries of his position as a technician and recently led to his ascension to a new position as the Director of Campus Technology.

Dr. Ailsa Aguilar-Kitibutr

Counselor/Professor and
Faculty Chair, Counseling
Department

Ailsa Aguilar-Kitibutr does not question the importance of her role in the lives of San Bernardino Valley College students: To help them be successful in college while guiding them towards their educational and life goals.

"The way we can assist students is to affirm them and share what we know—to show we can relate to them and instill hope in them as they strive to better themselves and drive towards a better future," Ailsa said.

"When my students come back and tell me that they are in a good job or career situation or that they are applying for medical or law school—those are the joys of being a counselor," Ailsa said. "There is meaning and purpose in what I do in that I can touch another person's life. What keeps me going is the fact that I know I can incrementally help something positive happen. I always think about the fact that I've had the opportunity to get an education, and now I can share that with other people."

Men's Cross Country Races for Fourth Straight State Title

The crown jewel of the 2009 fall athletics season, SBVC's men's cross country squad won the school's fourth consecutive state championship in the sport and the 12th in any sport since the school was founded in 1926. Led by two returners from the 2008 state championship team, SBVC steamrolled through the Foothill Conference and Southern California Regional meets before posting a 66-point victory in the state meet in Fresno. The 66-point victory over their nearest opponent, Orange Coast College, was 39 points higher than last year, and 54 points higher than in 2007. The 2009-2010 Foothill Conference title was their 19th overall and 14th straight since 1996.



The 2009 SBVC Men's Cross Country squad celebrated their 4th straight state championship in 2009 and will seek an unprecedented 5th consecutive state title this Fall.

Photos by SBVC Student Daniel Nguyen

2010 Wolverines Football Schedule

9-04	Rancho Cucamonga Chaffey	6 p.m.
9-11	@ Riverside City College	6 p.m.
9-25	Santa Monica	6 p.m.
10-02	Glendora Citrus	6 p.m.
10-09	@ Chula Vista Southwestern	6 p.m.
10-16	Mt. San Jacinto	6 p.m.
10-23	@ Compton	1 p.m.
10-30	San Diego Mesa	6 p.m.
11-06	@ Victorville Victor Valley	1 p.m.
11-13	@ Monterey Park East Los Angeles	6 p.m.



Wolverines Finish First in NATYCAA Cup Standings

SBVC finished first against other Foothill Conference teams in the final standings of the 2009-2010 NATYCAA Cup. SBVC placed 24th amongst all 104 Community Colleges with sports programs in the state. This is the best finish for SBVC in the seven years since the NATYCAA Cup was started.

SBVC Athletics produced an impressive year with a fourth straight state title in Men's Cross Country, reaching the Southern California regional finals in Women's Soccer, a state semifinals berth in Men's

Basketball, and a spot in the Southern California regional final in Women's Basketball.

The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA), in association with the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) selects a winner via a points system. A college is awarded points based on its teams' final positions in post-conference competition.



