

# SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE

2011-2012 Annual Report



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**Valley College**

Your future starts here.



Thank you for taking the time to let us share a few of the highlights that have helped shape student success at San Bernardino Valley College this past year. Student demand continues to grow dramatically and the college has responded with valuable new orientation and assessment services focused on improving student completion rates and retention. Thanks to generous new grants and Foundation contributions, the college has increased the number of tutors, skills lab hours, and counselors dedicated to providing support in the core science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields central to both transfer and career training students. With a renewed focus on academic excellence, SBVC is emerging as a premier destination for higher education in the Inland Empire, providing the foundational skills and career readiness training for the 21st century workforce.



**SBVC Interim President  
Dr. Larry Buckley**



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## STUDENT SUCCESS

More than 70 tutors logged over 25,000 hours in the new Student Success Center that opened in August 2011 in a dedicated space inside the new Physical Sciences building. Student tutors receive regular training to help other students by walk-in or appointment in every subject from Algebra to Spanish and everything in between.



## STUDENT SUCCESS

A two-time Iraq war veteran, a blind student, and four scholars with perfect 4.0 grade point averages were among 1,145 students in the class of 2012 who were transformed into college graduates at the 85th Annual SBVC Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at the SBVC Football Stadium.

Jobless and without direction in life, Paul Prado didn't even know how to change the oil in his car when he enrolled in the Truck and Bus Technology (Diesel) program at SBVC. He figured that learning how to become a mechanic like his dad might give them something around which to bond as father and son.

Only two years later, Paul has advanced from a \$12/hour apprenticeship to a \$20/hour full-time diesel technician job with benefits at a national trucking company in Fontana and was the first in his family to graduate from college in 2012.





A nerve-related birth defect may have prevented Jasmine Kotsay from ever seeing, but it did not prevent her from graduating from SBVC in May 2012. Over the last four years, Jasmine has navigated the ever-changing landscape of the construction around campus and is already enrolled in her second quarter of classes at California State University San Bernardino. Because of the positive impact that teachers had on her life as a child, Jasmine's goal is to earn liberal arts and special education degrees to return the favor for future generations.



## PARTNERSHIPS

With the shared goal of increasing the college-going rate of local high school students, dozens of high school principals and counselors were equipped with the latest updates from SBVC at two separate events in April. The Counseling & Matriculation Office held an all-day training on April 20th in the Sunroom for dozens of representatives from high

schools in the area. Updates on instructional programs, financial aid, and learning communities highlighted the event. On April 27th, more than a dozen principals and assistant principals engaged with SBVC for similar updates to take back to their campuses.





After the Omnitrans “Go Smart” pilot program racked up a total of 300,000 free bus trips and an increase of student bus use by 500% from August 2011 to June 2012, SBVC students voted to assess themselves a \$7.50 transportation fee each semester to continue free rides for the next five years with a valid SBVC identification card. Beyond an inexpensive alternative to getting to school that also eases parking strain on campus, estimates show that 20 pounds per day of carbon emissions are eliminated with each student rider—totaling 35 tons of emissions eliminated by SBVC students every semester.

After an internship with the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD), SBVC Water Supply Technology Program students Victor Corrales and Mark Lemus have found full-time employment in the water supply industry with benefits and wages exceeding \$18 per hour.

In cooperation with SBVC, the SBMWD developed the Operator in Training (OIT) program to provide the necessary hands-on experience for potential wastewater treatment plant operators taking courses at SBVC. Interns must work 2,080 hours to complete the OIT program over two years while taking water supply technology courses at SBVC.

## PARTNERSHIPS





## MILESTONES

The Psychiatric Technician Program at SBVC was recently recognized by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians as the top-ranked school in percentage of students passing their licensing exams after completing their college coursework.

Twenty-two graduates from the fall 2011 Psychiatric Technician Program took their exams in early 2012 and all 22 passed. The 100% pass rate is the highest success rate of any school in California. The Psychiatric Technology (Psych Tech) program is a one-year certificate program that prepares students to monitor, provide care, and participate in the treatment of mentally and developmentally disabled clients.



## MILESTONES

The brilliant glow of the gleaming white uniforms could not surpass the excitement and beaming smiles of the 36 graduates at the San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Nurse Pinning Ceremony held in the historic SBVC Auditorium on Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Faculty from the SBVC Nursing Program honored each of the graduates with flowers and the cherished nursing pin that signifies the completion of the rigorous SBVC Nursing Program—one of dozens of California community college programs that train 70% of California’s nurses.





## MILESTONES

The last year at SBVC has seen a quantum leap forward in terms of grant projects approved and awarded by federal, state, and private agencies. The Office of Grant Development and Management has brought in more than \$6.6 million in a 12-month period.

Many more grants are in the pipeline awaiting approval—including projects in the areas of international education and foreign language, student mental health, an individual Title V grant and a state Chancellor’s Office grant for Career Technical Education.

In 2012, SBVC's Police Science programs graduated 45 students from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in intensive, extended, and modular formats. Nearly half of all graduates were already in the process of finalizing full-time employment at the time of their graduation in March (Intensive/Full-Time) and July (Extended/Part-Time). Instructors in the program feature a variety of local law enforcement agencies—including a critical partnership with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

## MILESTONES



# THE DEN

Opened in the fall, SBVC's new coffeehouse, The Den, is fulfilling campus cravings for a java jolt and morning snack with everything from ice-blended raspberry mocha treats to fresh-baked breakfast sandwiches.

Located adjacent to the Library entrance, The Den is run exclusively by culinary arts students and serves as a real-life apprenticeship opportunity for those pursuing a culinary arts certificate or degree.



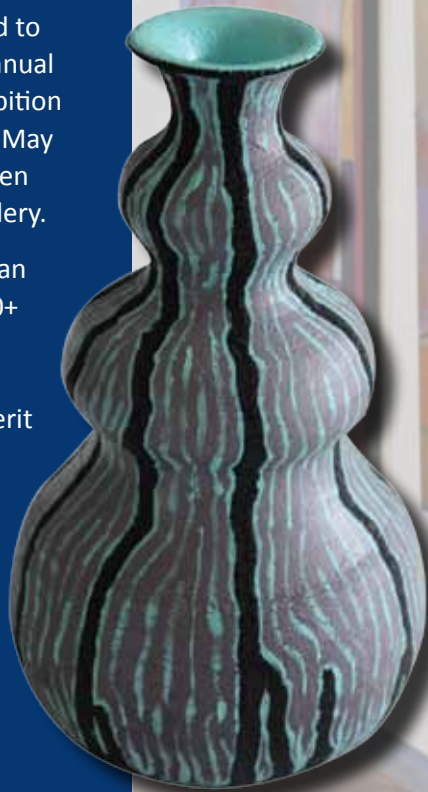
"We are learning all aspects of how to operate a coffee shop," said Ian Webber, manager of The Den and an SBVC student taking culinary arts classes. "This experience is furthering my education by showing me what it's like beyond just the teaching in the classroom."

As manager, Ian's day begins at 6:00 a.m. and includes taking inventory, stocking supplies, and ensuring the baked goods are prepared and delivered on time (all baked goods are prepared the night before and baked at 5:00 a.m. that morning).

"Many people are surprised to know about the variety of drinks and how we bake everything ourselves each day."

Abstract self-portraits, glass-blown bowls, stunning digital photographs, exquisite paintings, and hand-crafted masks and figurines utilizing chalk, clay, charcoal, pencil, oil paints and many other media intermixed to formulate the Annual Student Art Exhibition held in April and May in the Clara & Allen Gresham Art Gallery.

Held for more than 30 years, the 250+ piece exhibition concluded with certificates of merit and scholarships awarded to the top student artists.







## CAMPUS LIFE

Health fairs, student appreciation days, transfer fairs, day of action rallies, and the popular club wars were just a few of the extracurricular activities available to enhance student life on campus throughout the year.

A unique partnership between SBVC and Southern California Gas Company employees from the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA) Local 132 has provided professional development opportunities to employees that were in the path of layoffs.

With upgraded skills and more education, employees taking the Computer Information Technology class at SBVC now find themselves eligible for advancement opportunities within the company.

“I know that the workforce and upcoming job positions will need these skills. So, when it was offered, I went for it,” said Star Valadez, a Gas Company meter reader. “I love how the professor goes step-by-step—it makes me excited to learn. I wouldn’t have been able to do this in an online class at home.”





Spring break was the culmination of a year-long preparation effort by the SBVC Cyber Defense Team. At the Western Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition in March, the team survived a three-day ordeal of sophisticated attacks from a world-class team of hackers. SBVC had the third-best record in keeping vital computer and network services running in the face of fierce and relentless cyber-attacks. They competed against four-year universities and were back in the security lab on the Tuesday immediately after the competition learning from their experiences and preparing for next year's competition.

SBVC Professor David Bastedo's expectation is that introducing Apple iPad tablets into his BIOL 260 Human Anatomy class will stimulate the brain of every student to learn in a whole new way—about itself.

Seeking an innovative way to engage his students, Professor Bastedo downloaded an app to each in-classroom iPad that allows his students to explore the various regions of their own brains.

"We can see everything more clearly because it is more interactive than the models and the textbooks," said Ogochukwu Ugochuku, a first-year nursing student. "We're actually doing it instead of just watching somebody else explore the different parts of the brain."

Opened for classes in Fall 2011, the 56,000-square-foot Physical Sciences Building was built with dozens of green-friendly construction initiatives that, once certified, will qualify for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver recognition.

In order to educate students, staff, faculty, and visitors to the green-friendly features in SBVC's largest building, 13 different 10-inch by 10-inch square signs were created with smartphone-scannable QR (quick-response) codes that instantly direct the user to the specially-formatted Sustainability Initiatives section of the SBVC website.

The image shows a screenshot of the San Bernardino Valley College website. At the top, the college logo and name are visible, along with navigation links like 'Find People', 'A to Z Index', and 'Sitemap'. Below the header is a green navigation bar with categories: 'ABOUT SBVC', 'ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID', 'ACADEMIC & CAREER PROGRAMS', 'ONLINE CLASSES', and 'STUDENT SERVICES'. The main content area features a large article titled 'Water-Saving Landscaping'. A hand in the foreground holds a smartphone scanning a QR code on a sign. The sign is titled '06 / Water Efficiency' and contains text about native planting and a QR code. To the right of the article is a vertical green sidebar with a list of sustainability topics, including 'How Old Are Those Trees?', 'Bus Service to SBVC', 'Commuting By Bicycle', 'VIP Parking for Alternative Fuel Vehicles', 'Energy-Saving Windows', 'Water-Saving Landscaping' (highlighted), 'Water-Saving Toilets', 'Soil Re-Use', 'Air Filtration Systems', 'What's That Smell?', 'Recycling at SBVC', 'Energy-Saving Lighting', and 'Energy-Saving Central Plant'.

- \* Festuca rubra (Red Fescue)
- \* Baccharis pilularis (Twin Peaks Dwarf Coyote Bush)
- \* Rhamnus Californica (Coffeeberry Bush)
- \* Cercis Occidentalis (Western Redbud)

Doctors, lawyers, judges, veterinarians, educators...the list of accomplished San Bernardino Valley College alumni goes on and on. And I was privileged to stand among them as one of SBVC's *85 People of Distinction* last fall as the college celebrated its 85th Anniversary.

I was born and raised in San Bernardino. I graduated from San Bernardino High School and received my associate's degree from San Bernardino Valley College before attending California State University, San Bernardino for my bachelor's degree.

My dedication to San Bernardino Valley College began as a child because my father, Roger Anton, was an esteemed faculty member there for over 25 years. As an adult and educator, I served on the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees for eight years.

My commitment to SBVC continues today. I have served on the SBVC Foundation Board for over 16 years, the last seven as president. As a long-time member of the San Bernardino Valley College family, I felt the same pride shown on the faces of the other *84 People of Distinction* when they were recognized at the 85th Anniversary Gala. As Jack H. Brown says, "San Bernardino Valley College is the first, and often, *best choice*" for many in our community.

I want to thank SBVC for laying the groundwork for so many successful careers. All those doctors, lawyers, judges, veterinarians and educators who started at San Bernardino Valley College wouldn't be where they are today otherwise.

Stephanie Cereceres  
President



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## SBVC Celebrates 85 Years and Recognizes 85 People of Distinction

Since 1926 San Bernardino Valley College has been educating and mentoring students from all over the San Bernardino Valley. On October 21, 2011 the college threw a grand party to celebrate its 85th anniversary. The event, held in the National Orange Show Events Center's Valencia Room, included 350 guests, fine dining and a walk down memory lane as 85 distinguished alumni and friends were honored. Each honoree told their story in the event program and had an opportunity to share their wisdom about education and memories of San Bernardino Valley College.

The night was also filled with music. San Bernardino Valley College's own *Voci Soli* dazzled the audience with solo and small vocal group performances that had guests on their feet and Maestro Robert Martinez (one of our honorees) shouting "bravo!"

The evening was also a fundraiser for scholarships. Additionally, honoree and Foundation Director Paul Shimoff led a live "auction" where instead of purchasing gifts, bidders sponsored students. With great enthusiasm the accomplished alumni and friends eagerly gave the gift of an education to current students who would not otherwise be able to reach their fullest potential. The importance of a SBVC education is something the honorees, friends and family understand very well. In the words of honoree, Dr. Sherrie Guerrero, "None of this (achievement) would have been possible were it not for the quality of education and support I received at SBVC."

You can read the biographies of San Bernardino Valley College's 85 People of Distinction at [www.sbvcfoundation.org](http://www.sbvcfoundation.org).



*Honorees Beverly Goodly Powell ('76) with her brother Kevin Goodly ('86) and their families.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Kent Hayden ('50) with Kathryn and Bob Rippy ('60)*

## San Bernardino Valley College 2011: 85 People of Distinction

Curtiss Allen, Roger C. Anton, Jr., Dr. Kim Armstrong, Dr. Charles H. Beeman\*, Richard Beemer, Judith Hampton Berry, Robert Botts, Cheryl Brown, Marta Macías Brown, Tobin Brinker, Dr. Frank Bruno, Tom Campbell, Nicholas Cataldo, Samuel Cereceres, Stephanie Cereceres, Wilma Lee Cochrane, Donna Cooley, Leonard Corbett, Dr. Kenneth R. Cox, Frank Ferré, Earleen Ferguson-Dudley, William Gable, Leticia Chavez Garcia, Kevin Goodly, George Gorian, Judge Darrell Elijah Graham, Martha Green, Dr. Sherrie Guerrero, Clara Gresham, Alice G. Eby Hall, Robert L. Hammock, Judge Arthur Allen Harrison, Gloria Macías Harrison, William Harrison, Jr., Kent Hayden, Bobby Hosea, Dr. John Husing, Dr. Patricia Janesh, Dr. Sharen Knudsen Jeffries, Dr. Arthur Jensen\*, Rikke Van Johnson, Dr. Julie Kay Armantrout Kasarjian, Barry Kayrell, Wayne Kelly, Barbara "Bobbie" Leonard, Daniel Christopher LeRoy, Geoffrey Lewis, John Henry Lorei, Dr. Michael Miller, Norine Kearney Miller, Dr. Thomas Albert Miller, Gerald Mason Newcombe, Ida Marie Nunez, Irene Obera, Margaret Ortiz, Joseph Paulino, Beverly Powell, Michael A. Ramos, Robert H. Rippy, Gordon "Robby" Robinson, Dr. Louie Fuerte Rodriguez, Edward Rothhaar, Jr.\*, Gene William Schmidt, George H. Schnarre, Joan "Jody" Scott, Paul Shimoff, Debi L. Stephens, Gene H. Stull, Dr. Michael G. Stull, Robert J. Temple, Dr. Charles S. Terrell, Jr., Eugene Thorpe\*, Danny Tillman, Mark Ulmer, Dr. Ted Vick, Neal A. Waner, Evlyn Wilcox, Eugene H. Wood, George Zaharopoulos & Dr. Katherine Zaharopoulos, Gregoria "Irma" Zamorano

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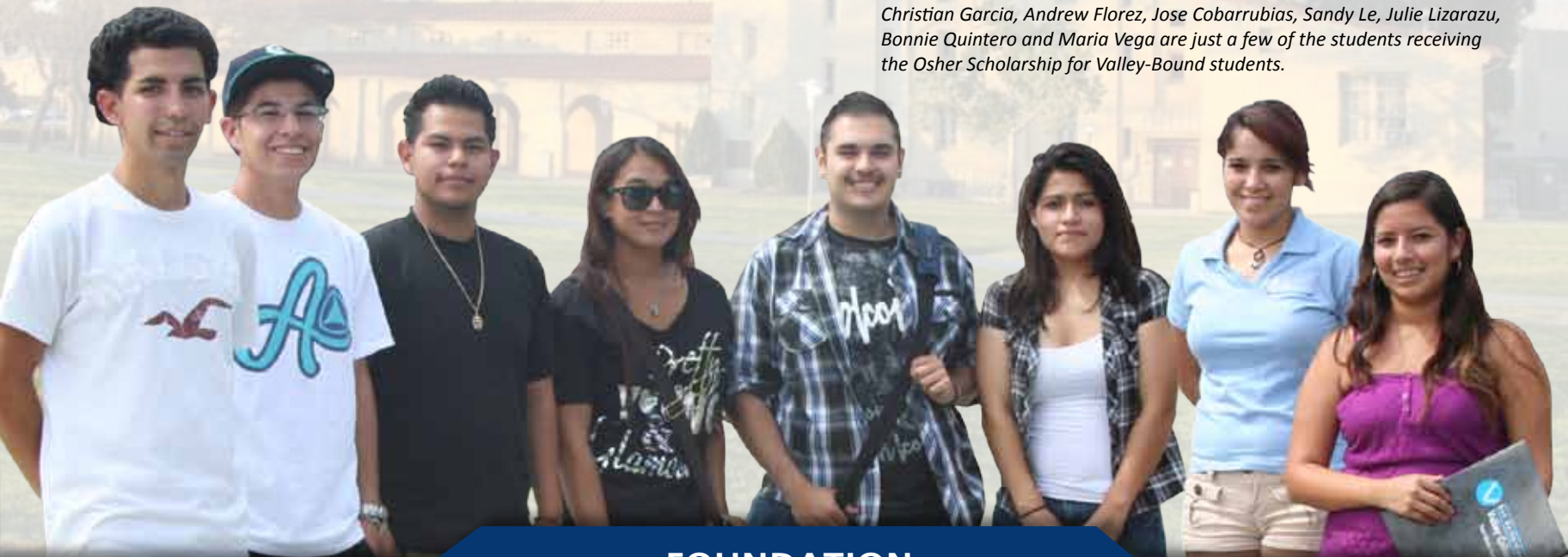
Since when does two plus two equal free? Since the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation combined two scholarship opportunities to provide two years of education virtually free to qualified students.

The award-winning Valley-Bound Commitment Program, which is primarily funded by San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, provides a first year at San Bernardino Valley College free to selected high school graduates. In addition to covering the cost of enrollment fees and books, this program provides special counseling and student success classes to ensure the participants progress after their first year, typically with a higher grade point average and in larger numbers than other college students.

The San Bernardino Valley College Foundation was concerned that these students, who were academically successful but still financially challenged, may not be able to continue their education for their second year. As luck would have it, the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment (CCCSE), a part of the Osher Initiative for California Community College Students, was established in late 2008. The CCCSE scholarships are for students who have completed 24 units, the equivalent to one year of full-time study, which would make Valley-Bound Commitment students eligible. The scholarships are for \$500 each semester, which should come close to covering enrollment fees and books for resident students.

The Valley-Bound/Osher scholarships are an example of the SBVC Foundation's commitment to increase the college-going rate in our community.

*Christian Garcia, Andrew Florez, Jose Cobarrubias, Sandy Le, Julie Lizarazu, Bonnie Quintero and Maria Vega are just a few of the students receiving the Osher Scholarship for Valley-Bound students.*





*Sgt. Ken Ditton, Riverside County Sheriff's Department; Aubrey Vena, Kitchell; Domingo Camarano, Kitchell; Jason Plotkin, Riverside County Economic Development Agency; Mike Villegas, Kitchell.*



## SWINGIN' FOR THE WOLVERINES

On a warm sunny day last September, over 100 golfers gathered at the San Bernardino Golf Club to play in the SBVC Golf Tournament. The afternoon tournament began with a putting contest and ended with a BBQ dinner and recognition of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place

teams. Special thanks go to the sponsors: Kitchell/BRj/Seville, NTD Architecture, Snipes-Dye Associates, HMC Architects, SCE, George Schnarre Realty, P2S Engineering,

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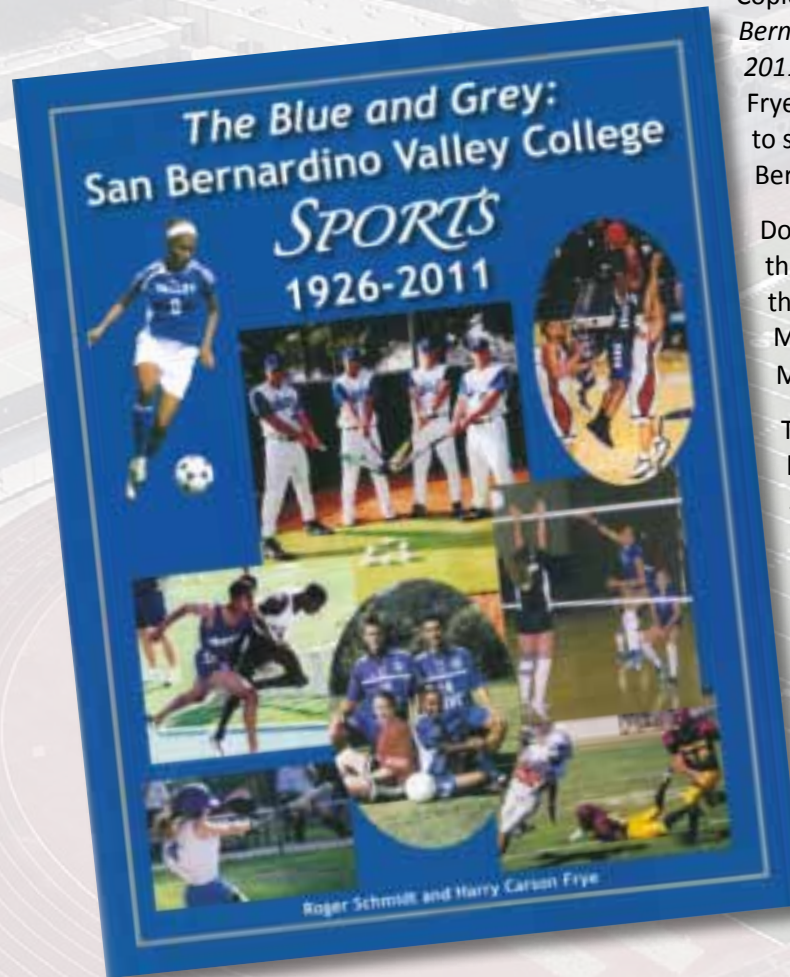
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**SPORTS HISTORY BOOK**

Copies of *The Blue and Grey: San Bernardino Valley College Sports 1926-2011* by Roger Schmidt and Harry Carson Frye are available “free” for a donation to scholarships administered by the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation.

Donations will be deposited in one of the following memorial scholarships: the George and Ada Lee Mattison Memorial or the Rollie and Cleo Schmidt Memorial.

The cost of printing the sports history book was paid for by Roger and Ann Schmidt. The publishing cost was roughly \$25.00 per book. This does not include the investment in years of research, correspondence, and writing.

Request for copies of the sports history and donations to the SBVC Foundation for scholarships may be sent to the SBVC Foundation at 701 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92410. Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible.

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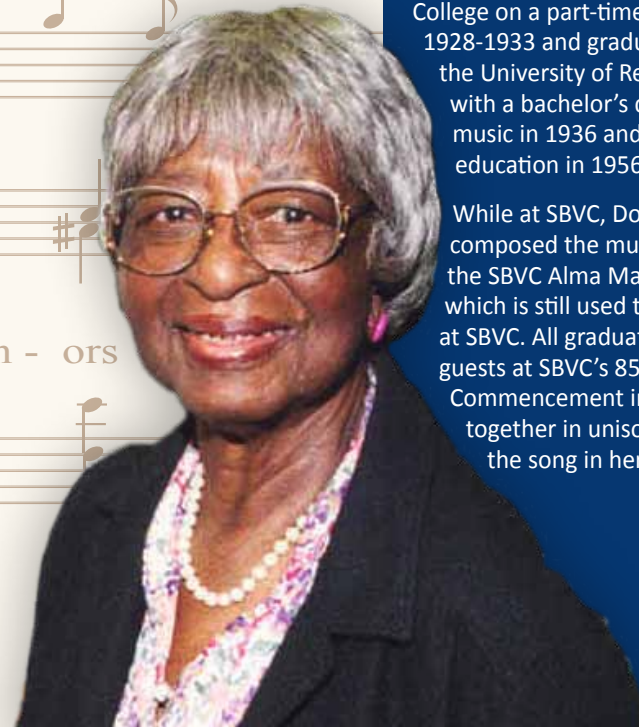
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Hail Al - ma Ma - ter, Thy col - ors un - fold;

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Hail Al - ma Ma - ter, Thy col - ors un - fold;"

Blue and thy Grey Her - ald Hon - ors

The second system of musical notation continues the piece in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Blue and thy Grey Her - ald Hon - ors"



Of all the titles that Dorothy Inghram held during her illustrious life, only her passing at the age of 106 could erase the final title of SBVC's oldest alumnus. She will forever be linked with the generations of San Bernardino area residents that were impacted by her life.

Before passing on March 14, 2012, Dorothy Inghram lived nearly all her life in San Bernardino. She attended San Bernardino Valley Union Junior College on a part-time basis from 1928-1933 and graduated from the University of Redlands with a bachelor's degree in music in 1936 and an M.A. in education in 1956.

While at SBVC, Dorothy composed the music for the SBVC Alma Mater, which is still used today at SBVC. All graduates and guests at SBVC's 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement in May rose together in unison to sing the song in her memory.



## LEGACY

Have you ever set foot inside the Observatory—SBVC's oldest building built in 1931? Thanks to the efforts of Planetarium Specialist Chris Clarke and a host of volunteers, the old Observatory reopened in early April as the newly-christened Science Museum. The exhibit features artifacts from decades of Science division classroom equipment salvaged from the last decade of campus demolition.



Former SBVC student-athlete Rich Dauer was elected to the Baltimore Orioles Hall of Fame after playing all nine years of his professional career with the Orioles. Dauer played at SBVC from 1970-1972 and was named California Junior College Player of the Year in 1972. Dauer has the rare distinction as being one of the few baseball players to have won a College World Series (at USC) and a Major League Baseball World Series. In 2010, Dauer was presented with the SBVC Distinguished Athlete Award from the SBVC Alumni & Athletic Hall of Fame.

## ATHLETICS

On Thursday, February 23rd, SBVC baseball's 10-3 victory over Mt. San Jacinto was more than just a typical mid-season conference victory. The game represented Coach Bill Mierzwik's 500th victory in 870 games over 21 seasons that has included four conference titles, three conference division titles, and 11 postseason appearances (including the 2012 team). And while his impressive accomplishment is unmatched at SBVC, he feels his greatest success is getting his sophomores placed at the university and/or professional level.

Highlighted by All-American performances of Adam Quintana (Baseball), Julian Lopez (Track & Field), and Shanice Stewart in three separate events in Track & Field, SBVC had one of its most successful overall athletic seasons in school history.

#### **Conference Titles**

Men's Cross Country (16<sup>th</sup> consecutive)  
Men's Soccer (1<sup>st</sup> in school history)  
Women's Basketball (5<sup>th</sup> consecutive)  
Men's Basketball

#### **Conference Coaches of the Year**

Wes Ashford (Men's Cross Country)  
Josh Brown (Men's Soccer)  
Quincy Brewer (Men's Basketball)  
Susan Crebbin (Women's Basketball)  
Bill Mierzwik (Baseball)

#### **Conference MVP's**

Daniel Angulo (Men's Soccer)  
Kirby Gardner (Men's Basketball)  
Adam Quintana (Baseball)

#### **All-State/Region Teams**

Stacey Howard (Football)  
Dylan Schul (Football)  
Marcus Pesquera (Football)  
Miguel Herrera (Football)  
Kirby Gardner (Basketball)  
Shanice Stewart (Track & Field)

#### **All-American Performers**

Shanice Stewart (Track & Field)  
Adam Quintana (Baseball)  
Julian Lopez (Track & Field)

## ATHLETICS







## NOTEWORTHY

Record numbers of students were accepted to UCLA and UC Berkeley in 2011-2012. Many other SBVC students transferred to institutions such as West Virginia University, Cal Baptist, CSU San Bernardino, CSU Monterey Bay and dozens more. Pictured are brothers Michael and Christopher Gray who are now attending UCLA after graduating from SBVC in May.

# The Chronicle of Higher Education

In The Chronicle of Higher Education's September 30, 2011, Diversity in Academe edition, SBVC was ranked #38 among two-year institutions enrolling the most Hispanic students in the fall of 2009. According to the figures, 7,108 of the 14,916 students enrolled in the fall of 2009 were of Hispanic descent. Among the 26 California Community Colleges ranked in the top 50, SBVC's percentage of Hispanic students was 6th highest at 48% of all students.

Twenty-five filmmakers from schools throughout Southern California showcased their student-created productions at the inaugural SBVC Student Film Showcase on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Rusty Mahmood, Assistant Director of NBC's *The Office* (pictured), served as the keynote speaker for more than 100 attendees. The second annual event is scheduled for the first weekend in May 2013.



René Gonzales (pictured at left), Executive Director of HACU (Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities), visited with SBVC in June. SBVC recently received the \$100,000 MSI Student Success Collaborative HACU-Walmart grant to assist with student success initiatives.





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