



San Bernardino  
Valley College

## ***President's Board Report*** *November 17, 2011*

### **Gala Celebrates 85th Anniversary, Recognizes 85 People of Distinction**

Over 350 people joined San Bernardino Valley College in celebrating its 85th Anniversary on Friday, October 21st at the National Orange Show Events Center. Thanks to corporate sponsorships and the silent and reverse auction, more than \$30,000 was raised for the Valley-Bound Commitment Program at SBVC.

In addition to celebrating SBVC's rich history in the community, 85 People of Distinction were recognized—all alumni and friends of San Bernardino Valley College (current trustees were not eligible). Mayor Pat Morris welcomed the honorees and guests on behalf of the City of San Bernardino and Carleton Lockwood, Jr., President of the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees, acted as emcee.

The 85 People of Distinction join the long list of notable alumni from SBVC, including the 75 People of Distinction recognized ten years ago. In addition to a special performance by San Bernardino Valley College's vocal group, Voci Soli, the Gala included a KVCR-produced video featuring alumnus representing the last eight decades, and recognition of the 85 People of Distinction. For a glimpse of the full list of SBVC's 85 People of Distinction, go to [www.sbvcfoundation.org](http://www.sbvcfoundation.org).



**Row 1** (seated from L to R): Katherine Zaharopoulos, Richard Beemer, Dr. Kenneth Cox, Chief Joseph Paulino, Kent Hayden, Beverly Powell, Marta Maciás Brown, Gloria Maciás Harrison, Frank Ferré, Dr. Charles Terrell, Jr., Dr. Sherrie Guerrero, Tobin Brinker, Bob Rippy,  
**Row 2** (standing from L to R): George Zaharopoulos, Dr. Frank Bruno, Ida Nunez, Dr. Louie Fuerte Rodriguez, Judith Hampton Berry, Danny Tillman, Earleen Ferguson-Dudley, Donna Cooley, Clara Gresham, John Lorei, Curtiss Allen, Barbara "Bobbie" Leonard, Dr. Tom Miller, George Gorian, Dr. Sharen Jeffries, Debi Stephens, Joan "Jody" Scott, Robert Botts, Kevin Goodly,  
**Row 3** (on stage from L to R): Rikke Van Johnson, Daniel Christopher LeRoy, Gene Stull, Dr. Mike Stull, George Schnarre, Gerald Newcombe, Paul Shimoff, Gordon Robinson, Gene William Schmidt, Dr. Julie K.A. Kasarjian, Leonard Corbett, Bobby Hosea, Samuel Cereceres, Stephanie Cereceres, Dr. Barry Kayrell, Evelyn Wilcox, Roger Anton, Jr., Cheryl Brown, Mark Ulmer, Margaret Ortiz, Nick Cataldo, Robert Martinez, Dr. Kim Armstrong, Wayne Kelly, Dr. Theodore Vick, Martha Green, Judge Arthur A. Anderson.

## Transfer Fair Attracts Dozens of Schools from Around the World

The SBVC Annual Transfer Fair was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dozens of colleges from around California, the United States and even international destinations sent representatives to meet with SBVC students seeking their next educational home after SBVC. Organized by The SBVC Transfer Centers, the goal of the event was for students to make correct decisions when selecting a university. At the event, students had the opportunity to explore their transfer options with 31 university representatives that attended the fair.



Participating schools:

Academy of Art University  
Ashford University  
Azusa Pacific University  
Brandman University  
Cal Baptist University  
Cal Poly Pomona  
Cal State Los Angeles  
Cal State Northridge  
Cal State Sacramento  
Cal State San Bernardino  
California Institute of Integral Studies  
Cambridge College  
Colorado State University, Eblo  
Columbia University, School of General Studies  
DeVry University  
Humboldt State University

International University of Nursing, St. Kitts  
La Sierra University  
Loma Linda University  
National University  
New School of Architecture and Design  
San Diego Christian College  
The Art Institute of California  
The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise  
The University of Arizona  
University of Alberta  
UCLA  
UC Riverside  
University of La Verne  
University of Phoenix  
University of Redlands

## Extended Police Academy Sees Extension of Certification

The Extended Academy underwent its routine audit conducted by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) February 15 – 17, 2011, and the final report was received October 7, 2011. The POST Basic Course Certification review team recommended the continued certification of the Regular Basic Course presented by SBVC Law Enforcement Academy. The academy has maintained continued POST certification since 1991.



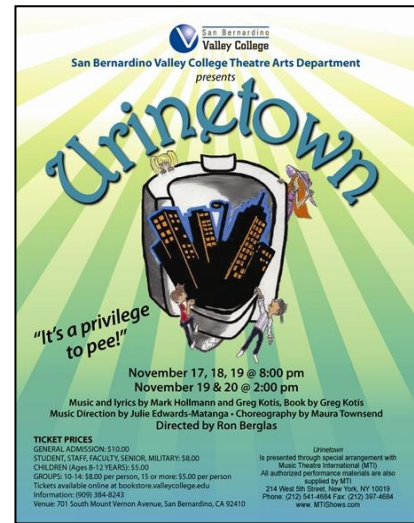
## SBVC Theatre Arts to Present *Urinetown*

From November 17-20, the SBVC Theatre Arts Department will present five performances of the Broadway musical, *Urinetown*, in the historic SBVC Auditorium.

SBVC Faculty Member Ron Berglas will direct an SBVC production for the first time and took a break from the busy teaching and rehearsal questions to provide a preview of the production and introduce himself to the community.

Berglas answered a few questions about his experience below; a full-length Q & A interview with Berglas is available on the front page of [www.valleycollege.edu](http://www.valleycollege.edu):

**SBVC:** You've been involved in many productions in your career on the small screen, big screen, and stage. How have those experiences prepared you to direct *Urinetown* at SBVC this fall?



**RON BERGLAS:** Acting is a rich mix of imagination, creativity and discipline. After being out of the business for the last ten years during which I went from driving 18-wheelers to subbing and then full time teaching, it's kind of nice to be calling on those bits of me that made me an actor. Hopefully I can communicate to the students those qualities I have that they can learn from in order for them to enjoy their experience in *Urinetown*.

**SBVC:** Beyond the delivering of lines and performance chops, what can community college students learn from being part of a theatre production?

**RON BERGLAS:** The value of working in the theatre is invaluable for any student, even if they have no plans to make it their profession. To be able to accept yourself as you are and then present yourself clearly to a body of people with supreme confidence, enthusiasm, and professionalism is a quality that can be used in almost any profession. Memorizing, collaborating, hard work, discipline, and passion for what you do are qualities so badly needed in the workspace and yet sadly lacking in most areas of academia. It is a tragedy that so many drama courses are being cut from the curriculum when they are so badly needed. It is to the credit of SBVC that they are not only determined to keep the theatre department alive, but they have long term plans to make it even better.

## Puente Program Recognized by UC President

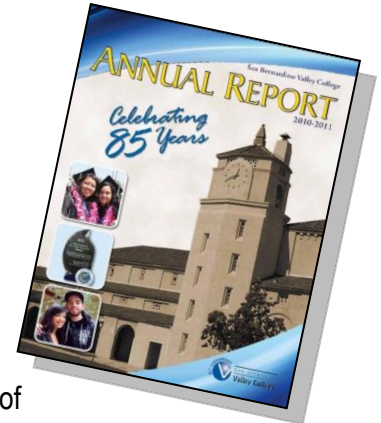
In celebration of Puente's 30 years statewide, awards were given by the University of California Office of the President and received on behalf of San Bernardino Valley College for completing 27 years of having the Puente Project. An award was also presented to Laura Gomez in recognition of her 20 years of excellent service as a Puente team member and her dedication to ensuring student success in the state of California."



## 2010-2011 Annual Report Released

Highlights of the 2010-2011 Annual Report compiled by the SBVC Foundation Office and the Office of Marketing & Public Relations include:

- Cover story featuring a variety of alumni stories in honor of SBVC's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Event recaps, activities and program updates from across the campus from the 2010-2011 academic year
- SBVC Foundation news, reports and donor recognition



Designed and printed by SBCCD Printing Services, the report was mailed to: Donors, local high school principals, members of the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce, elected officials, the bond oversight committee, all 112 California Community Colleges, and a host of community and educational partners.

## Updates from the Tumaini Program

The Tumaini Program hosted "A Family Affair" on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> in the Sunroom. The event gave family members of the students who are participating in the Tumaini Program an opportunity to see what is happening in the program. In addition, the Tumaini Club has begun "Speak Your Soul" which is an opportunity for SBVC Student Life to participate in poetry reading, dance and music. The first event was held on October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Library Viewing Room and was well attended, the club plans to continue the event throughout the semester.

The Umoja VII Conference at Sacramento Community College will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Willene Nelson, Tumaini Coordinator, Sandra Blackman, History instructor and Alma Lopez, English instructor along with the Tumaini Club President, Erik Jordan Cox and Tumaini Club Vice President, Ashley Dial will attend the conference and participate in various workshops.

Many of the Tumaini Honor Program students will attend the Transfer Alliance Program Conference on the UCLA campus, Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The students will have the opportunity to interact with various faculty and staff at UCLA and attend many workshops throughout the day.

## M.E.Ch.A. Club Events and Activities Celebrate Indigenous People

Throughout October, a variety of activities and events were organized by the M.E.Ch.A. club at SBVC: Indigenous People's Film Festival as part of Indigenous People's Day Celebration, Police Brutality Awareness Day, Farm Worker's Food and Clothing Drive, Outreach Activity with Cooley Ranch Elementary, Boys and Girls Club Outreach, and a Dia de los Muertos celebration in Redlands.

## SBVC Class of 2011 Alum Takes Perfect 4.0 GPA to US Riverside



After graduating from SBVC in 2011 with a “towering” 4.0 GPA, Micah Tasaka's journey to a bachelor degree has continued at UC Riverside. Micah Tasaka didn't realize until several days before Commencement that she would be the only student graduating May 27<sup>th</sup> with a 4.0 GPA. She wasn't there because of previous plans to attend a concert in Seattle. But Micah, 21, is still proud of her accomplishment.

“It wasn't really my goal,” said Micah, who earned an Associate's Degree in English. “It kind of just happened.” Micah lives in Colton with her parents, Peter and Deborah, and sisters Bethany 23, and Danielle, 17. She graduated from Bloomington Christian High School in 2008 and was salutatorian of her senior class but said she didn't earn perfect grades growing up.

Her parents have always been very supportive of her workload at SBVC. “If I went to them and said it's too much, they would tell me to lessen my hours at work or help me if I needed money,” she said. Most semesters, Micah would take 12 units. One semester, in fall 2009, she pushed herself and took 13 to 14 units. She also took five Honors classes in English, Biology, Sociology, Religion and Child Development, from fall 2009 to spring 2011.

Micah said she realized she had to set some limits. “There were a couple of English classes in there that I wasn't sure I was going to keep up,” she said.

Micah, who wants to be a writer, had one assignment that really challenged her in her Honors English class. She wrote an essay on equality in marriage. Micah got a B. “Up until that professor, I was used to getting A's,” she said. No matter the challenges, Micah said she likes school, even if she gets stressed. When she does, she knows who to turn to. “I go to friends or family,” she said.

Along with school, Micah works 20 to 25 hours a week as a cashier in customer service at Target in Redlands. Students maintaining a 4.0 GPA may face stressors in life such as caring for children or parents, said Dr. Ailsa Aguilar-Kitibutr, Faculty Chair of SBVC's Counseling Department. They also may put personal pressure on themselves to achieve, she said, and they need to manage their time so they can complete their work.

“I've never met a student who says it's easy,” said Aguilar-Kitibutr.

Micah has enrolled at the University of California, Riverside, to start on her Bachelor Degree. After that, she wants to earn a Master of Fine Art in creative writing.

She won an Honorable Mention for her poem, "Do Not With Ease Give Way," which was published in Phineas, SBVC's literary magazine.

"One of my main goals is to publish my own book of poetry," said Micah.

## Dedication of ITV unit for Big Bear Program



*(Top Left) Professor's view of Big Bear Students*

*(Top Right) Big Bear Students' view of SBVC classroom*

The new ITV unit for the Big Bear Program was officially dedicated on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Board of Trustees James Ramos, John Futch, John Longville, and Jess Vizcaino all came to the reception in one of the new classrooms of the Physical Sciences Building. The Trustees were welcomed and thanked for their support of the program and were able to experience use of classroom technology during a geography class. Joining the board members were Lisa Schmidt, the adjunct faculty teaching geography that evening, and her Geography 110 class. Also participating were Dr. Todd Heibel, Faculty Chair of Geography, Geology, Oceanography, and GIS Department, Rick Hrdlicka, Director of Campus Technology, and Jonathan Flaa, Media Specialist. Todd, Rick, and Jonathan were all instrumental in setting up the ITV units in the new campus buildings and in mentoring the faculty using them.

At the Big Bear site, Liz Harris, former mayor of Big Bear and Councilwoman, Jeff Mathieu, City Manager, Kurt Madden, Superintendent of Bear Valley Unified School District (BVUSD), Walter Con, Assistant Superintendent BVUSD, Randall Putz, Board of Trustee BVUSD, and Kevin Amburgey, Big Bear program coordinator, joined the students in the geography class for the high altitude reception.

## Former TECH PREP Initiative Becomes New CTE Transitions

SBVC hosted over twenty teachers and administrators from high schools and ROP programs on October 27<sup>th</sup> with another meeting scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of these meetings is to develop course articulation agreements, commonly identified as 2 + 2. Students have the opportunity to complete the equivalent first level course at their high school and then apply to the college and receive college credit an incentive to continue their education. This program has been in place for several years and was well known as TECH PREP. The new statewide title for the same effort is CTE Transitions.

Over fifteen course articulation agreements were reached by the close of the event. Agreements become official when the faculty and administrator at both sites are satisfied the course content is comparable and the final exam is testing for the same student outcomes. The first meeting was devoted to the articulation of courses in Child Development and Computer Information Technology. The November 10 meeting will host teachers and administrators representing Culinary Arts, Automotive Technology, Architecture, Pharmacy Technology, GIS, Radio and Television and Welding.

## Music Department Faculty Perform Annual Concert



The Music Department held its annual faculty concert on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Faculty members who performed included: Matie Scully, Chris Berry, William Beuche, Julie Edwards-Matanga, Rick Hoggund, Alex Lavruk, Shawn Valcarcel, and Choon Yoon.

Additionally, SBVC's student ensemble, *Voci Soli*, performed a tribute to Professor Denise Dales Jacobs with Eliazar and Danea Robelo as featured dancers.

## Tasty Donation Received By SBVC Library

Thanks to Chef Stacy Meyer's generous donation of several hundred books on culinary arts, the great collection already held by the SBVC Library is now a rocking collection of cookbooks and culinary arts titles that would make any reader's mouth water! The books are varied enough to interest first-time cooks, experienced chefs, and everyone in between. The SBVC Library now has new books on individual foods and food groups, wines, breads, appetizers, main courses, desserts, and even the artsy side of kitchen cutlery.

"We're very excited to see that our collection has grown to include a wide range of new and classic titles devoted to everything food, from growing edibles in your garden, preparing and eating them, and all the way through to composting leftovers to grow more food," said Marie Mestas, Dean of Library & Learning Support Services. "The SBVC collection already had many titles devoted to ethnic cuisines and popular chefs, and this donation has certainly 'beefed' it up."

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## Red Ribbon Week Celebrated Across Campus

During the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>, more than 1,800 red ribbon pledges were made by students who committed to be alcohol and drug free for the week. This was just one of the activities that were sponsored on campus by the Human Services Department/Club and Associated Students.

On Tuesday, the students moved into the Library Viewing Room where information regarding treatment services from over 15 different agencies in the community was available. Several adjunct faculty participated--including Cynthia Wilhite, Maria Lozano-Cox (former Director of County of Riverside Alcohol and Drug Services), and Gary Atkins (Program Manager for the County of San Bernardino Alcohol and Drug Services).



Several of the presenters from the agencies were graduates of the Human Service Program and were able to share their experiences with students on how to be successful in attaining a career in alcohol and substance abuse counseling. On Wednesday evening, the "Celebration of Life" event featured guest speakers from the Native American Resource Center and a local Pastor from the House of God congregation. The guests spoke about having hope for the future and honoring those who have lost their lives in the past. This took place beside a wrecked car which had been displayed all week on campus. The accident the car was involved in was a local fatality which had occurred within the past year, and involved the loss of four young lives, some former students here on campus.



## Child Development Center Holds Harvest Celebration



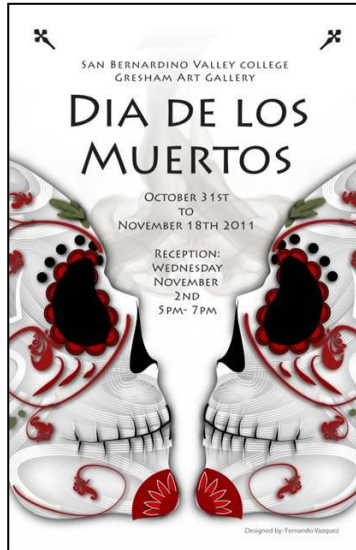
It has been a very busy time at the Child Development Center (CDC). The new year has begun and is off to a great start. The resource and lending library is open two days a week where children are treated to puppet shows, sing-a-longs and stories read to them by special guests. The children of the Child Development Center celebrated harvest, October 31, 2011, by parading in costumes for parents, finding a pumpkin in a pumpkin patch and attending small parties in their classrooms. The CDC is very grateful for all the candy donations provided by the staff and faculty of San Bernardino Valley College.

## Student Government Hosts Community Halloween Event

As a safe, family alternative to trick or treating, SBVC's student government leaders organized a free haunted house and Halloween party for the entire community. Held on Halloween from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., hundreds of children in costumes ranging from princesses to zombies arrived in the SBVC Women's Gym for the event. Free admission and no-cost activities included: Candy, jump houses, haunted house, costume contest, and face painting. SBVC student clubs provided food and drinks for purchase.



## Art Gallery Features Art Department Faculty and Dia de los Muertos Exhibit



*(left) Mary Sue Anderson, former faculty chair*

*(Right) David Lawrence, former faculty chair, gallery director and division dean.*



The Art Department held its annual Faculty Art Exhibit during October, with a reception on October 18<sup>th</sup>. More than 25 current and former SBVC Art Faculty shared their work which represented a variety of media. In addition, the annual Dia de los Muertos exhibition opened with a reception on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. That show will run through November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Save the Date

**Thursday, November 17-20, 2011 – (times vary):** Theatre Arts Department presents “Urinetown”

*Previously showcased on Broadway and in national touring shows, the storyline in this satirical musical comedy centers on a city forced to charge people to use the restroom in order to control water consumption. For more information call 909.384.8243.*

**Friday, December 9, 2011 – 11:00 a.m.:** SBVC Annual President’s Holiday Gathering-Campus Center

*Elaborate gift baskets, tasty treats, holiday spirit, and thousands of dollars for student textbooks will highlight this popular event for staff and faculty. For more information contact the Office of the President at 909.384.8573.*