

PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community



TAKING FLIGHT:
SOARING WITH PARTNERS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

GOAL 1

ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO STUDENT ACCESS & SUCCESS.

GOAL 2

BE A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, & ANTI-RACIST INSTITUTION.

GOAL 3

BE A LEADER & PARTNER IN ADDRESSING REGIONAL ISSUES.

GOAL 4

ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY.

SBVC SOARS INTO 2024 WITH SPOTLIGHT ON DISTRICT & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

To kick off the Spring 2024 semester, the college celebrated and highlighted key community and district partnerships crucial for supporting student success. Opening Day, held on January 12th, showcased some of the college's most impactful partnerships, including Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) and the San Bernardino Community College District office. The special guest speakers were Patricia Nickols-Butler, CEO of CAPSBC and Dr. Nohemy Ornelas, SBCCD Vice Chancellor of Educational & Student Support Services.

Ornelas emphasized the importance of partnerships between the college and local school districts, universities, and employers to promote student retention. She talked about the significance of identifying factors that might lead students to discontinue their educational pursuits and actively seeking solutions to address the challenges they're facing.

Nickols-Butler, who has been working in the community for decades, began with emphasizing her personal connection to the college. She shared her upbringing in San Bernardino, surrounded by a large family with siblings and other relatives who attended the college. She then highlighted how CAPSBC supports the local community, our students and their families beyond academics.

CAPSBC is a major supporter of the Valley360 Resource Center and has provided the mobile shower service for students that was launched in Fall 2023. Once a week, registered San Bernardino Valley College students can utilize mobile shower services offered on campus through this collaboration. The three shower units, including one that is ADA accessible, will be located by Student Parking Lot #8 on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., excluding holidays and campus closures. Students are also provided with a towel, soap, and hygiene bag.

"The college is constantly looking at innovative ways to serve students through collaborative partnerships," Basic Needs Coordinator LaCretia Smith said, and the plan is to have "services for a year with an option to expand if student need is present."

The future is looking bright for students at SBVC. Opening Day served as a reminder of how crucial community is within our campus when it comes to student success and paved a blossoming start to the spring semester.



SBCCD Chancellor Diana Z. Rodriguez (top) and Vice Chancellor of Educational & Student Support Services, Dr. Nohemy Ornelas (middle), speak at Opening Day.

Patricia Nickols-Butler, CEO of CAPSBC (left) receives a commemorative plaque from Dr. Linda Fontanilla as appreciation for CAPSBC's partnership with SBVC.

Patricia Nickols-Butler and CAPSBC's management team attend Opening Day.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

MARGARET WORSLEY

Margaret Worsley is keeping the music alive at SBVC. She became full-time Associate Professor of Music at San Bernardino Valley College in 2020 and since has become faculty chair and academic senate vice president. She teaches Applied Clarinet at California State University San Bernardino and is Principal Clarinetist of San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra. Worsley usually plans many of the recitals and concerts held at SBVC, including the first-ever Learn to Sing & Sign Our Alma Mater! Workshop where students had the opportunity to learn the song's melody, text and sign language.

Worsley also hosts the KVCR show "Musically Speaking" that shines a spotlight on the Inland Empire's classical music scene, connecting fans with musical artists. "We're promoting music by the people and for the people," Worsley said.

She has been an active substitute for the Riverside Philharmonic Orchestra, Redlands Symphony Orchestra, the Fresno Philharmonic, the Las Vegas Philharmonic, and the New World Symphony in Miami; as well as a soloist with the Dana Point Symphony, Corona Symphony, the Cal State Fullerton Wind Symphony, the Cal State San Bernardino Symphonic Band, and the Mt. San Antonio College Wind Ensemble.

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SBVC STUDENTS ENGAGE IN REAL-WORLD REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE IN RIALTO WITH BIRTCHER DEVELOPMENT

In a novel collaboration aiming to merge education with real-world experiences, Tomorrow's Talent partnered with San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) and Birtcher Development, a prominent family-owned industrial real estate development firm.

Over 30 SBVC students were welcomed at the Rialto located Birtcher Logistics Center in October to witness the intricate process of concrete wall panel raising. More than just observing, these students engaged directly with real estate experts, obtaining insights into the multifaceted world of entitlement, planning, design, development, construction, project management, and engineering.

Ginger Ontiveros, CEO of Tomorrow's Talent, spoke about the significance of such events. "Birtcher Development inspires us. They're opening up their entire development process to create unique learning experiences for students, and we are honored to help make them happen," Ontiveros remarked.

This partnership is a testament to the commitment of both organizations to fostering a more vital link between academia and the industry. Brooke Birtcher Gustafson, President of Birtcher Development, shared, "This is our second on-site educational event we've hosted for students in partnership with Tomorrow's Talent. We believe strongly in the great work they do to engage with the next generation and provide pathways for career development and awareness for students."

As educational institutions and businesses continue to find ways to collaborate, the students of SBVC are getting a firsthand experience of the myriad of opportunities that await them in the workforce.



Photos by Birtcher Development: San Bernardino Valley College Students join in roundtable discussions with real estate professionals.



Students from San Bernardino Valley College pose with real estate professionals at Birtcher Logistics Center Rialto.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ALESSIA RAMOS

SBVC student Alessia Ramos, 18, is a self-described “wildcracker.”

“I do the most crazy stuff like rock climbing, skydiving, etc.,” she says, “and I’m not scared of it.”

The Rialto-area native has a clear vision for her future, one full of excitement and intrigue. She plans to attend San Bernardino Valley College and then transfer to San Diego State University, to complete her degree in Criminal Justice. Eventually, she would like to earn her Master’s degree, and then pursue a degree with the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Despite her adventurous nature, the thing that really scared her was the prospect of having to work while in college. Thanks to the Valley-Bound Commitment (VBC) program, which covers the first year for area high school graduates entering college, Alessia can focus just on her studies. The program, now in its fifteenth year, is generously supported by the San Mañuel Band of Mission Indians and supports graduates from more than 20 local high schools.

Alessia says that students thinking about attending SBVC should definitely take the plunge. “SBVC has always been so welcoming and nice,” Alessia says. “There are counselors who help you through your journey and let you know about opportunities available to you.”

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OVER 10,000 TOYS DISTRIBUTED AT CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD EVENT AT SBVC

On December 16th, the spirit of giving came alive at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) during the “Christmas Around the World” event organized by Sista’s Making a Difference. The event, lauded for its blend of holiday cheer and community upliftment, distributed over 10,000 toys and provide crucial job opportunities.

In collaboration with San Bernardino County Workforce Development, Ronnie Miller, a pivotal organizer and workforce development manager for the Black Chamber of Commerce Inland Empire, emphasizes the event’s unique blend of celebration and empowerment. “We are not just offering a handout, but a big hand up,” said Miller. “With live entertainment, including Tommy the Clown and various vendors, our goal is to grow and sustain our community economically.”

Tommy the Clown, known for creating a dance group by engaging street-involved youth, graced the stage for the second consecutive year, showcasing the transformative power of art and community.



Ronnie Miller, the main organizer for Christmas Around the World, spread festive cheer at SBVC alongside Santa Claus.



Thousands of toys were distributed for the holidays.

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EVENTS

Feb 15

Grad Check

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Feb 20

Spring Club Rush

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Feb 22

Free Tax Preparation

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Feb 29

Umoja Program Cultural Celebration

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