



# INSTRUCTION INSIGHTS

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Dear San Bernardino Valley College Community,

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to each of you as we embark on an exciting journey of exploration and discovery through our inaugural newsletter, "Instruction Insights." As the Vice President of Instruction, it is my distinct pleasure to share with you a closer look into the dynamic world of academic excellence that defines the core of San Bernardino Valley College.

"Instruction Insights" is more than just a newsletter; it is a platform designed to foster a sense of connection, engagement, and shared understanding among our students, faculty, staff, and community members. As we delve into the rich world of learning and teaching experiences, this newsletter aims to provide a comprehensive view of the innovative programs, outstanding faculty achievements, and helpful information.

Within these pages, you will find stories that illuminate the passion and dedication of our faculty, who tirelessly work to inspire and guide students toward success. We will showcase the vibrant and diverse academic programs that empower our students to reach new heights and make meaningful contributions to their chosen fields.

I encourage you to join us on this exciting journey as we share insights, highlight achievements, and foster a sense of community within the world of instruction at San Bernardino Valley College. Your support and engagement are vital to the success of our educational mission, and together, we will continue to create an environment where learning knows no bounds.

Thank you for being a part of the San Bernardino Valley College community. I look forward to sharing many insightful and inspiring moments with you in the issues to come.

Dr. Dina Humble  
Vice President of Instruction

## The Outcomes Compass

As we start a new semester, please remember to submitted your SLOs for the Fall semester in the SLOCloud! Last year, the hustle and bustle of faculty, students, and staff was evident as each worked towards a successful course completion. All were anticipating the glad tidings of grades. Just like the Northern Star, Student Learning Outcomes are the compass that point the way to achievement, growth, and bridging gaps. As we begin this new Spring semester, we encourage you to celebrate students by submitting outcome data to the SLO Cloud.

*New Semester, New Beginning!*

HAPPY SPRING SEMESTER FROM THE OFFICE OF  
INSTRUCTION

# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



## How the Basic Skills Committee has Transformed the ESL Program at San Bernardino Valley College

The Basic Skills Committee (BSC) plays a crucial role at the college, overseeing the implementation of the campus basic skills plan and supporting proposals that enhance student success. This news-letter showcases how Basic Skills funding has empowered projects led by Dr. Dirkson Lee, Leticia Hector, and Dr. Paula Ferri-Milligan, focusing on the ESL program's resilience during the 2020 pandemic-induced attendance decline.

To address the challenges, Dr. Lee and his team utilized BSC funding to launch a successful outreach campaign, producing multilingual mailers to inform diverse communities about ESL classes. The initiative not only revitalized interest but also prompted additional support from ESL counselors Maria Lopez and Pedro Gonzalez, leading to the introduction of a dedicated ESL counselor and clerical support, resulting in increased retention and fewer class cancellations. Expanding beyond campus, the ESL program partnered with community organizations, thanks to Basic Skills funding, establishing satellite classes at Urbita Elementary School and the Feldheim Library. This outreach effort, supported by administrators and staff, contributed to a substantial increase in course offerings, demonstrating how BSC resources positively impact projects and programs at San Bernardino Valley College.

## SBVC FACULTY CHAIRS DECEMBER 2023



## THE CURRICULUM CORNER

Curriculum approvals are well underway for the 2025/2026 academic year! The first course submission cycle for AB 928: Cal-GETC will take place in August 2024 and December 2024. If you have questions about your specific department courses, please reach out to the Articulation Officer, Janice Wilkins.

May 6, 2024, is the last Curriculum Committee meeting for the 2023-2024 academic year. Faculty will need to launch new and modified courses and programs no later than Spring Break to ensure efficient time for local committee review and approval.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Key Deadlines for Upcoming Schedules

We are actively scheduling classes for the Summer and Fall of 2024 terms. The completed first drafts are being returned as soon as they are finished (some of you may have already received drafts). If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to Breanna Lopez or Lupita Castaneda.

## SPRING 2024 IMPORTANT DATES

- 01/16/2024 - Semester Begins
- 02/12/2024 - Lincoln's Birthday
- 02/19/2024 - Washington's Birthday
- 03/18/2024 - 03/23/2024 Spring Break
- 04/18/2024 - Summer & Fall Registration Begins
- 05/06/2024 - Curriculum Deadline
- 05/21/2024 - Commencement
- 05/27/2024 - Memorial Day