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San Manuel Gives \$100,000 to SBVC Foundation to Fund Valley-Bound Commitment in 2011-2012

by Craig Petinak



Chairman Ramos presents check to President Daniels and Valley-Bound Commitment students

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has given \$100,000 to the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation to support the Valley-Bound Commitment that provides a free first year of college for local high school students. The third gift in as many years brings the total to \$450,000 in donations that have already provided a free first year of college to 275 high school graduates from the San Bernardino region and will allow the program to be offered again to graduating high school seniors from the class of 2011.

"The Valley-Bound Commitment is a program that provides access, opportunity and upward mobility to help these students succeed in life and contribute to the future prosperity of the Inland Empire," SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels said. "Since we launched the program, San Manuel has been an integral partner in helping increase the college-going rate in our area; their support means this program will continue and contribute to a more educated work force for tomorrow as 70% of our graduates remain in the area after receiving their degrees."

"As a greater community we are all tied together and have a stake in the future of this region," said San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Chairman James Ramos. "Today we are making an investment in an educated workforce to move this region forward on the path to success and economic sustainability."

The program began in 2008 with 28 students from Colton High School. In 2009, the program expanded to 89 students from all 12 feeder high schools in the area. In 2010, the program expanded again to include 150 students.

Results from the first two years of the program reveal how Valley-Bound Commitment students are:

- Performing at a higher level of success (significantly higher GPA and year-to-year persistence rates)
- Reaching their goals of transfer and graduation more rapidly (first Valley-Bound graduates received degrees in May 2010 as full-time students undeterred by having to work to pay for college)
- Improving their community (In 2009-2010, Valley-Bound Commitment students donated over 2,200 hours of community service)
- Creating a new trajectory for their future and that of their family (Siblings of previous Valley-Bound Commitment students are now enrolling. Of the 150 students in the 2010-2011 program, 130 are first generation college students whose parents haven't attained any type of college degree)

Valley-Bound Student Committed to Collegiate Success

Daisy Garcia takes full advantage of unique opportunity

Since the first grade, Daisy Garcia says she's been fortunate to have mentors who have encouraged her to do well in school and to attend college. It was "a given" that she would go to college; for as long as she can remember, Daisy has been striving to continue advancing her education.

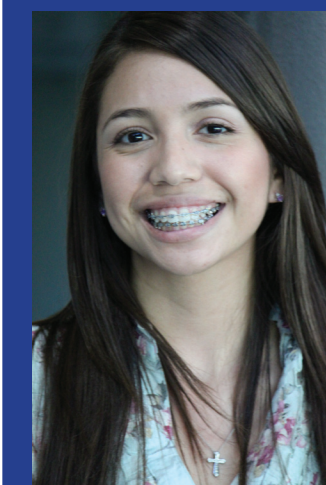
As a first generation college student, Daisy wasn't too sure where she would attend college, however, once she learned about the Valley-Bound Commitment program at San Bernardino Valley College, she says the decision was easy. "I had a lot of high school friends that were attending other prestigious schools," said Daisy, "but I realized that it really didn't matter where I went, as long as I would be happy, and Valley-Bound made attending school stress-free for my first year. I knew that was going to be a big help. It was an opportunity I couldn't refuse, and I am so grateful that I took it."

Daisy describes herself as being from a low-income family, and is grateful that Valley-Bound afforded her the opportunity to attend college without having to work, or stress about finding funds for books, parking and other necessary supplies, during her first year.

Daisy is majoring in Communications and plans on attending California State University, San Bernardino to complete her degree, as she is confident she wants to reside and work locally. Daisy shared, "I want to give back to the community, to other students; just like my teachers in grade school, high school and at SBVC."

Daisy commented that she wants to encourage other students to "stick with school and to be grateful and to not waste their opportunity." Her mentors, specifically Mrs. Urea, her first grade teacher and lifelong family friend, have been a big influence on her positive outlook toward achieving her academic goals. Daisy has maintained a 3.5 GPA at San Bernardino Valley College and remains disciplined with her time management, leaving herself free time to enjoy the weekends.

Daisy is already sharing the news about Valley-Bound with current seniors at Colton High School and at Bloomington. She encourages them to "expand their vision and to take a look at Valley-Bound." She's an advocate for the program, and hopes that every eligible senior will take advantage of the assistance available at SBVC. Daisy Garcia hasn't any doubts about her future. She shares her enthusiasm about education openly and is driven to help others along with their journey.



Daisy Garcia

Wolverines Football Team Earn Conference Championship Bowl Spot



SBVC's 2010 football season was tumultuous. The team experienced some exciting wins as well as some interesting losses to longtime rivals. The Wolverines resumed its rivalry with Chaffey, Citrus, Riverside, Southwestern, and Santa Monica in their non-Conference schedule. The Mountain Conference added East Los Angeles to the Conference slate, keeping Mt. San Jacinto, Compton, San Diego Mesa, and Victor Valley.

SBVC hadn't played Chaffey since the 2007 season. After playing this game close, SBVC lost in the final minutes. Even though the Chaffey Panthers gathered over 115 yards in penalties, they won 28-27.

The Wolverines could only shake their heads in bewilderment as RCC totaled up 536 yards of total offense, in another one-sided Bell Game, which saw SBVC fall 28-64. The return of "The Bell Game" came in 2008, after a six year hiatus. Now, in the three games since the renewed rivalry, RCC has dominated. The last time SBVC defeated RCC was in 1996.

Tides turned when SBVC sank the Santa Monica Corsairs for their first victory of the season on September 25, 37-17. The defense played extremely well, creating three fumbles and grabbing two of them, and snagging the Corsairs quarterback seven times for a total loss of 50 yards.

During the game when SBVC flattened the Citrus College Fighting Owls 57-44, sophomore SBVC running back Kristin James (San Bernardino H.S.) ran for a school record 327 yards on 21 carries. Thanks to a dominate offensive line, James not only set a school record for most yards gained in a single game, but also scored four touchdowns. The last time a running back had run over 300 yards was in 2004.

On October 9, SBVC missed two field goals during their match against Chula Vista, which proved costly. The Jaguars came from behind to take the game, 42-45. But during the next week's game against Mt. San Jacinto, SBVC continued their dominance on the ground with 114 yards from sophomore running back Kristin James and in the air with 288 yards passing including five touchdowns from sophomore quarterback Roman Neville in the opening game of conference play, blowing out the Eagles 56-31.

SBVC trumped the Compton Tartars, putting its foot on the offensive gas pedal and not letting off until they handed the Tartars another one sided loss, 49-10 and taking a 2-0 lead in Conference.

At San Bernardino Valley College's Homecoming game on October 30, they rolled through the San Diego Mesa Olympians, defeating them 41-7.

In their last Conference game, SBVC opened a 14-0 lead into half time and cruised on to a 40-21 victory over the host Monterey Park East Los Angeles Huskies. The victory guarantees SBVC their first bowl bid since 1997 and their first perfect Conference season since 1993.

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“Mover & Shaker” Alumni Mark Seay

A 2008 graduate of SBVC’s Extended Basic Police Academy and former NFL player, Mark Seay is a Community Relations Representative for Stater Bros. Markets. He has delivered motivational speeches to over 250,000 students and community members on the importance of perseverance and education.

← Mark Seay and President Debra Daniels



Distinguished Alumnus Wilmer Amina Carter Assemblymember, 62nd Assembly District

Assemblymember Carter has served the community as an elected Assemblymember, a member of the Rialto Unified School District and as a staff member for the late Congressman George Brown. Carter’s legislative focus includes transportation, job creation and education.

← Wilmer Amina Carter and President Daniels



Distinguished Alumnus Dr. Claudia Peyton

Dr. Peyton is a 1974 graduate of SBVC and transferred to Loma Linda University to study Occupational Therapy. She is credited with leading the development of the first clinical doctorate in the field; the OTD and was initiated as a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association. She is a founding member of the Inland AIDS Project.

← Claudia Peyton and President Daniels



Distinguished Athlete Monica Hayes-Trainer

Currently the head volleyball coach at Riverside Community College and previously the assistant coach at UCR for 23 years, Monica Hayes-Trainer was selected Assistant Coach of the Year by AFLAC in 1999, and was recognized as one of the University of California’s Outstanding Coaches in 2000. She attended SBVC in 1976-77, before competing in professional volleyball leagues in Switzerland and Italy.

← Monica Hayes-Trainer and President Daniels

SBVC Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame & Golf Tournament

The San Bernardino Valley College Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame & Distinguished Service Awards took place on October 29, 2010 at the Hilton San Bernardino.

Honored that evening were one “Mover & Shaker,” three Distinguished Alumni, three Distinguished Athletes, an education partner, a community partner and a corporate partner.

A golf tournament preceded the awards gala and took place at the San Bernardino Golf Club. Proceeds from the Golf Tournament, which was sold out to over 100 philanthropic golfers, will benefit the SBVC Athletic program. Those who were at the golf course shared they had a great time and that the course was a lot of fun. “We weren’t expecting the contests and the play to be so fun,” said Aubrey Vena of Kitchell CEM, “and it was nice to meet some of the student athletes.” Student athletes from the various teams volunteered

their support for the day, as they unloaded golf bags, sold opportunity chance tickets and assisted with registration.

Over 150 guests attended the dinner and awards ceremony. The ballroom was adorned with the school colors, royal blue and silver, and classic trophies, which had been won over previous years by SBVC athletes and teams, served as centerpieces and a reminder of the excellence and success our athletes have accomplished.

The dinner also provided an opportunity to introduce the Valley-Bound Commitment program to SBVC alumni, many who made donations that night to support the program. Eight Valley-Bound students attended the dinner, volunteering to help with set-up and clean-up.

San Bernardino Valley College is currently celebrating its 85th year, which will culminate in an 85th Gala next fall.



Gordon “Robby” Robinson

1948 graduate from SBVC, who traveled from St. Louis, MO to attend.

Distinguished Athlete Richard Dauer

In 1972, Dauer was a star on the SBVC’s baseball team, hitting a .365 in league and .340 overall. He later went on to help USC win the College World Series before playing professionally with the Baltimore Orioles. Dauer also managed the San Bernardino Spirit, and coached third base for the Kansas City Royals, the Milwaukee Brewers, and currently for the Colorado Rockies.



↑ Fernando Rodriguez and family

Distinguished Alumnus Fernando Rodriguez

A 1971 graduate of SBVC, Fernando Rodriguez held a career as an electrician for 38 years and has been very active in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He taught first year apprentices for 10 years. He is very involved in coaching, including junior All-American Football, softball and t-ball.



Master of Ceremonies John Husing

flanked by Larry Sharp (left)
and John Longville (right)

Distinguished Partner Andy Coady

Mr. Coady was honored for his partnership with the SBVC Water Supply Technology Program. He was instrumental in collaborating with faculty at SBVC to develop the Wastewater Plant Operator Training Program. The OIT program provides students the necessary training for a career as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

Andy Coady and his fiancée before accepting his award →



Distinguished Corporate Partner Southern California Edison

SCE gave a \$1million gift to the California Community Colleges earlier this year to support scholarships and green education. The gift included a \$100,000 grant to SBVC for its Water Supply Technology Program and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program. These scholarships will be awarded in perpetuity to students in need.

John Kennedy and President Daniels →



Distinguished Education Partner Alliance for Education

The Alliance for Education was honored for their work over the last four years with the SBVC Mathematics Department to address the needs of our community in the area of math and science education. The Alliance’s mission is to produce an educated and skilled community that provides a qualified workforce for the continued economic well-being and improved quality of life for all residents.

Dr. Gary Thomas, Superintendent of San Bernardino County Schools and President Daniels →



Distinguished Athlete Steve Smith

In 1969, Steve Smith was hired as the SBVC baseball coach—the youngest baseball coach in the history of the California Community Colleges. He coached until 1983 and then moved to administrative positions of Athletic Director and Dean of Students. He is credited with maintaining the longest winning streak for the SBVC Indians, and later went on to manage the San Bernardino Spirit.

Steve Smith and President Daniels →



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