

## One Step Closer to Success

### Scholarships awarded for continuing education

Over 100 Foundation scholarships were presented to a myriad of San Bernardino Valley College students who attended the Scholarship Awards Celebration on May 12, in the SBVC auditorium. Hearing about students who are facing adversity, or who are just trying to gather enough funds needed to reach their educational goals, is quite inspiring.



This group of students was no different, as they shared that this trying economy has made it even more difficult to attend school, and has created a challenge for them to stay on track with their goals. Many students struggle with securing funds for books, paying for the gasoline needed to get to campus and the various other expenses required to assist them in obtaining their degree. Still, they press on

and continue to demonstrate strong character, will and determination.

The students were selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and faculty recommendations. The scholarships are funded by private donations to the SBVC Foundation.

Equally inspiring as the students' tenacity, was the presentation given that evening by alumnus, Mark Seay who is currently Stater Bros.' community representative and is no stranger to adversity. Seay shared, among other things that, "Perseverance pays off. Between your willpower and perseverance, you can accomplish your goals." If anyone was equipped to share that message it was Seay, who shielded and saved his niece from a bullet that flew into the home where he and his family were celebrating Halloween in 1988. Mark eloquently described how he came to realize that even this event would not stop him from trying to achieve his goals. He



Mark Seay

later went on to develop an outstanding career in professional football. He also completed a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice from CSUSB and graduated from in 2008 from SBVC's Extended Basic Police Academy.

## "A World of Thanks" to Our Donors

Saying thank you is one of the most important things you can do in life. In fact, saying thank you goes a long way toward forging the relationships that can turn into opportunities. With this thought in mind, a special reception was held on Wednesday, May 26 to thank the donors of the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation for their support.

The highlight of the reception was hearing from two students who had an opportunity to say thank you for their scholarships. Daisy Garcia shared how she just completed her first year at San Bernardino Valley College because of the Valley-Bound Commitment Program. Valley-Bound Commitment is a new program which provides not only a free year of education for eligible students, but also components designed to make the students successful. Daisy will continue her education at SBVC in the fall. Ruben Bautista, a 2010 SBVC graduate, then thanked the Foundation for the scholarships he received over the last few years. These scholarships helped him get his associate's degree and will help him as he progresses to the University of California, Riverside this fall.

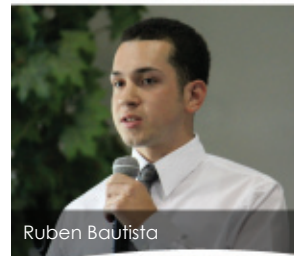
The Jazz Junkies provided live entertainment that afternoon, giving everyone an opportunity to socialize and reminisce. But most importantly, it was a time to extend "a world of thanks" to those who help make a difference in the lives of our students.



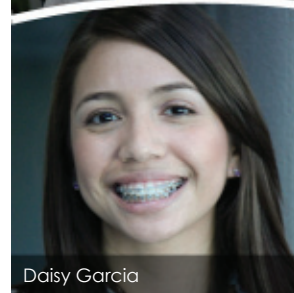
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Ruben Bautista



Daisy Garcia

## 2010 Graduates Celebrate

by Craig Petinak

Under the brightness of a sun-drenched morning, an even brighter future was unlocked for 450 graduates at San Bernardino Valley College's 83rd Annual Commencement held on the morning of Friday, May 21st in the SBVC Football Stadium.



The largest graduating class in over 15 years (1,299) showed up en masse (450) in celebratory caps and gowns and overflowed the dedicated student seating section before their names were read and they walked victoriously across the commencement stage.

Eighteen year old commencement student speaker Brittany Singleton-Faz lived

up the crowd with a celebratory message about how the challenging times of the economic environment aren't tough enough to keep graduates from pursuing their dreams. Before she received her degree, Singleton-Faz reminded her fellow graduates that success is a journey, not a destination.

Flanked by the SBCCD Board of Trustees and chief administrators, SBVC President Dr. Debra Daniels presided over the ceremony. Dr. Daniels delivered a commencement address that recognized eight former Japanese-American students who were forcibly removed from SBVC during World War II due to then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066. The former students were honored in absentia as part of the California Nisei Project that was established in October 2009 after passage of Assembly Bill 37 in the California State Assembly. Her message about how "choice not chance" revealed how many of those students went on to achieve great lifetime accomplishments was met with a standing ovation from graduates and guests alike.

## A New Look for San Bernardino Valley College

Have you been to Valley College lately? If not, you're sure to find something new as a lot has changed with recent demolitions and new construction. Due to the San Jacinto fault line, SBVC has undergone a lot of change..take a look at what's new!

### 1996

In an attempt to replace North Hall, it was discovered that the San Jacinto fault runs through the campus. Seven buildings were being compromised and deemed needing to be replaced because of the 200 foot wide fault zone:

- Administration • Library • Life Science
- Campus Center • Art Gallery
- Art Building • Medical Arts

FEMA allocated \$34 million to demolish the 7 buildings and construct the 5 new buildings. The State also contributed \$11 million, plus another \$6.7 million for seismic upgrades.

New buildings:

- Library • Health/Life Science
- Administration/Student Services
- Campus Center • Art Center/Gallery

Steven Ehrlich Architects and Thomas Blurock architects were chosen to design the new buildings.

### 2002

Groundbreaking for the new Library occurs and the District pursues general obligation bond to help offset construction costs. Measure P, \$190 million general obligation bond, passed in November, 2002. A Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was also created.

### 2004

The Library/Learning Resource Center opened in September.

### 2005

The Health & Life Science and the Administration/Student Services buildings were dedicated on May 13th and demolition of the "classic" buildings began.

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Media & Communications



Clara & Allen Gresham Art Gallery



Child Development Center  
Dedication Ceremony



Demolition

## 2006

SBVC's Campus Center was dedicated on May 3, 2006.

## 2007

The Art Center and the Art Gallery were completed in April and the Child Development Center was completed in May.

## 2008

The Student Health Services Center was completed.

## 2009

The Maintenance and Operations (M&O) building was completed in March.

## 2010

The Media & Communications building and North Hall Replacement are complete and ready for classes to start in fall. The new Media & Communications building will house a media broadcasting center (KVCR) as well as an education building which includes studios, program stage areas, assembly area, meeting rooms, library/tutoring rooms, and offices.

North Hall Replacement includes classrooms, offices and a multi-purpose room.

There are many more changes to come to San Bernardino Valley College, including a new parking structure, a renovation of the Business Building and a new Athletics Complex. Keep your eye out for future issues of *Movers & Shakers* to watch the progress.



Campus Center



Health & Life Science

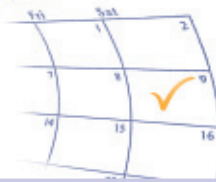
## Save the Date

### Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame & Distinguished Service Awards Dinner

October 2010

Details coming soon!

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### Retired PERS/STRS Employee?

If so, did you know you could set up a monthly payroll deduction marked for a donation to the SBVC Foundation? Contact Donna Hoffmann at (909) 384-8987 for more information.

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## Cross Country "4-peat" Winners!

This May, SBVC Cross Country team members were honored in a ring ceremony, in part for their participation in San Bernardino Valley's fourth consecutive state championship, in the sport, and the twelfth in any sport since the school was founded. Led by two returners from the 2008 state championship team, San Bernardino steamrolled through the Foothill Conference and Southern California Regional meets before posting a 66-point victory in the state meet in Fresno. The 66-point victory over their nearest opponent, Orange Coast College, is 39 points higher than last year, and is 54 points higher than in 2007.



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