

Clearance Sale on Auditorium Seating!



The SBVC Foundation is revitalizing the “Adopt-a-Seat” program with the aim of selling out! Back in 2000, the Foundation offered alumni and community members the opportunity to adopt a seat as part of the Auditorium refurbishing project. At that time, seats were priced at \$250, \$150 and \$100. In order to slash the inventory of “unadopted” seats, the Foundation is offering the remaining seats at \$100 each.

This clearance sale provides a great opportunity to honor someone close to you or leave a lasting legacy of your affiliation with SBVC. There are even blocks of seats available if you want to recognize your entire family!

This beautiful facility was recognized as an official California historical landmark by the Native Sons of the Golden West in 1987, and has hosted a number of celebrities, including Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.

Yes, I want to adopt a seat!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ \$100 for 1 seat      Name on seat plate: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 for 10 seats      Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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SBVC Commencement Speaker Michelle Jones Proves Age Is No Barrier, Redirects Economic Downturn Into College Success



Michelle Jones, 2013 SBVC Student Commencement Speaker

When she walked across the stage at SBVC’s 2013 Commencement on May 24th, Michelle Jones was receiving her second noteworthy recognition of the year.

“One of my friends pointed out how most people don’t get the chance to receive their AARP card in the same year as their college degree,” Jones said.

After decades of well-paying jobs in human resources, finance, and management, Michelle found herself facing an extended period of unemployment in 2010.

“I was always in the right place at the right time—when one job ended, there was another great opportunity waiting for me and I never missed a paycheck,” Michelle said. “I have always been a good employee, was progressively gaining experience, and was making more money than people around me with advanced degrees. I couldn’t see what a degree was going to do for me.”

But, during the economic downturn, no jobs were waiting in the wings after another layoff, and she decided to enroll at SBVC at the age of 53. Starting as a teenager growing up in Indiana, Michelle took a few classes over the years, but never applied herself to pursue a degree.

Despite managing million-dollar budgets at her previous jobs, Michelle’s assessment results placed her into basic arithmetic classes—creating an uphill climb to reach her goal of an associate’s degree in accounting.

“I had already enrolled in a class at Valley right before I was laid off, but couldn’t mentally bring myself to get to the campus and actually take the class,” said the resident of Highland.

After discussing matters with her husband and family (all of whom had already graduated from college), she committed herself to become a full-time student and adjusted the family’s spending habits accordingly.

“Every time hot dogs would go on sale for 99 cents, I was there,” Michelle admitted. “I wouldn’t be able to cook for the family as much but knew that even if we had cereal and hot dogs, we would be okay.”

Some of those savings went to hiring a tutor to help get through math classes, but Michelle soon discovered a free resource available to all students.

“I tried stopping in at the Student Success Center and met a tutor named Andrew. He was so patient and really helped me out for two hours every week,” Michelle said. “Before our sessions, I would always do my homework first so that in our limited time together I could ask a lot of questions. I couldn’t have gotten through Algebra without him.”

After starting in the spring of 2011, Michelle proceeded to earn a 3.0 grade point average every semester—including taking a whopping 12 units in the summer of 2012. Despite her full schedule, she still found time to volunteer at her church and with local charities while also preparing her 2-year old granddaughter for her collegiate future.

“I remember when my granddaughter was only a few months old and I wanted to read to her, but I had to keep studying, so I read to her from my economics textbook,” Michelle said.

Michelle’s career aspirations are to get a job as an office manager where her skills of creativity, time management, and organization can keep everything going smoothly in the organization. She is even considering some additional coursework in human resources at CSU San Bernardino.



Five generations of her family—including her 93-year-old grandmother and her 2-year old future economist granddaughter—watched Michelle walk across the stage as a college graduate.



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# Scholarship Awards Ceremony Highlight of the Year

Every year, the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation celebrates the awarding of its private scholarships to current SBVC students. This year’s celebration was on Wednesday, May 8th, where over 100 students and their families gathered in the Auditorium to be recognized.

Foundation President Richard Beemer greeted the audience with these words, “We’re here this evening because of the generosity of our donors, including alumni, business leaders, community members, faculty, support staff and administrators. We are awarding over 100 scholarships totaling more than \$100,000 this year because of the generosity of our donors”.

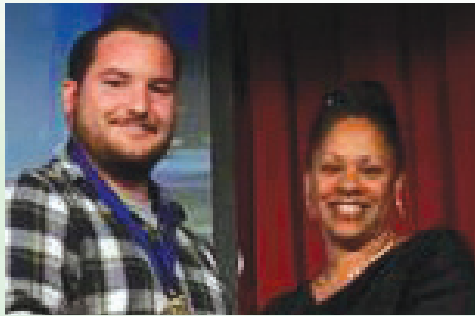
“These scholarships are going to students from diverse backgrounds, with a variety of educational goals, but all of them have proven they have what it takes to succeed. Their stories are inspiring and I congratulate them all,” he concluded.

Keynote presenter Jesse Venegas then wowed the crowd with his inspiring story of his passion for math, and his fortitude in gaining an education. Jesse started at San Bernardino Valley College in the Valley-Bound Commitment program in 2010. Even though his high school teachers said he was brilliant, he didn’t believe it. Now, he’s attending California State University, San Bernardino on a full-ride scholarship from the National Science Foundation Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, and will be working with NASA this summer.

In addition to students receiving scholarships, the Honors Graduates and Alpha Gamma Sigma members were recognized.

A highlight of the evening was the surprise selection of ten students to receive \$100 SBVC Bookstore gift cards. The names of all scholarship recipients were placed in a bowl, and names were selected throughout the program.

For a complete list of the scholarship recipients, visit the SBVC Foundation website at [www.sbvcfoundation.org](http://www.sbvcfoundation.org).



Robert Shields receives the SBVC Honors Program scholarship



Deanna Becker receives the Harold Chandler Memorial, the Dr. Raymond F. Ellerman Memorial, and the Schools-First Textbook Scholarships.



Jonathon Cruz-Carrera receives the J.W. McDaniel Memorial Scholarship



Lisa Motley receives the Phoenix Award, established by adjunct faculty member Stan Brown.



Melissa Mora receives the William S. Hellyer Memorial Scholarship.



Yesenia Saldivar, receives the Nora Parker Coy Memorial Scholarship.



Noe Nava receives one of the SBVC Foundation Memorial Scholarships.



Daniel Ramirez, a nursing student, receives one of the Kenneth & Pauline Hunter Memorial Scholarships.

## A WORLD OF THANKS - Donor Appreciation Reception

Dr. Donald F. Averill. Richard Beemer. Lois Carson. Stephanie Cereceres. Chuck and Shelby Obershaw. Dr. Robert Percy. Stephen and Ruth Sandlin. Linda Savage. Nori and Alice Sogomonian. Judith Valles. Faun White.

These are just a few of the donors who turned out for the SBVC Foundation Donor Appreciation Reception on Wednesday, May 8th, immediately preceding the Scholarship Awards Ceremony. The reception is an opportunity for the SBVC Foundation Board of Directors to recognize their supporters.

A highlight of the event is to hear from a scholarship recipient, helping to cement the importance of giving. This year’s scholarship recipient was Bonnie Quintero, who was also a Valley-Bound Commitment Program student. Since Valley-Bound Commitment is funded through donations and grants to the SBVC Foundation, it was especially poignant for this audience to hear her testimony.

Bonnie shared her story of growing up with five siblings and a single mom. Times were difficult; they spent four years living in a garage before they moved to a mobile home. But Bonnie’s mom always knew education was the key to success. Bonnie proved that to her this year as she told everyone at the reception that not only would she be graduating from SBVC in the next week with Honors, she had been accepted to UC Berkeley for the fall semester. This is just what members of the SBVC Foundation want to hear—that their work is paying off and spreading throughout the community.



As an added bonus to the evening, Mark Turner, who established a new endowed scholarship with his uncle, Bob Percy, shared a tribute to his mother, Marvelyn Mae Hawley-Turner, of whom the scholarship was named (read about her on the back page of this newsletter). Those at the reception were touched to learn about this special woman and what an impression she made on her son. The first recipient is a nursing student at San Bernardino Valley College and would be receiving the scholarship that very evening.

The Donor Appreciation Reception is also an opportunity for the SBVC Culinary Arts students to show off what they learned that year. There was quite a spread of delicious goodies that were truly appreciated by all who attended this special event.

Bonnie Quintero thanks Faun White, representative from San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, for their support of the Valley-Bound Commitment Program.



## MARVELYN MAE HAWLEY-TURNER, R.N. NURSING SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED FOR SBVC STUDENTS

### Endowed Scholarship Awarded at 2013 Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Marvelyn Mae Hawley-Turner was beloved by everyone who ever knew her. Her deep compassion and consideration for others led her to nursing, and her proficiency at nursing endeared her in the hearts of hundreds even to this day—decades after her untimely death at the young age of 43. A simple childhood sore throat at the age of 5, which today would be casually treated with antibiotics, lead to Rheumatic Fever, resulting in serious heart valve damage. As with so many millions in the age before heart surgery, she faced a very uncertain future, but Marv never let that restrain her spirit.

She was born in Lemmon, SD in 1924. She received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Montana State College in 1947, and began her calling at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. She was married to Victor Turner in 1950. They moved to Oxnard in 1951 where she worked at St. John’s Hospital, often in the emergency room. Because of Marvelyn’s heart issues, there was more than one occasion where a police car would be used as an ambulance to transport Marvelyn to the hospital.

Marvelyn passed away on December 20, 1967 leaving two small boys, Mark and Jimmy; her husband, Vic; sister Janet and brother Roger.

Nurse Marvelyn is remembered fondly to this day by everyone she helped, served and befriended. According to her son, Mark, “This scholarship is wholly consistent with her passion for giving, and she would be pleased and humbled.”

The scholarship is intended for second year, female nursing students with a minimum 3.25 grade point average. The scholarship was endowed by Mark Turner and his wife Mie, and Mark’s uncle, Dr. Bob Percy and his late wife, Janet Hawley-Percy (both alumni of SBVC).



Mark Turner shares his mother’s story after announcing the creation of a scholarship in her name.