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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Happy New Year and welcome back to campus!

I trust that you had a chance to rest, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. I am confident that you are ready to kick off 2017, filled with renewed purpose to make a difference in the lives of our students and our community.

As I visit our campuses and speak with you – faculty, staff and students – I am convinced that this year presents us with all the ingredients necessary to make it a historic, watershed moment in the life of the San Bernardino Community College District – a real “game changer.”

Just consider all the innovative ideas and best practices for student success emerging from our campuses. New and improved facilities are going up, more community outreach is happening, and we’re growing our partnerships with employers and businesses to train highly-skilled workers.

Your efforts are truly making a difference.

I am also pleased with the high confidence that taxpayers and lawmakers have placed in us as the community’s college.

In a [recent report](#) by the Public Policy Institute of California, the Inland Empire was the highest ranking region in California to say that college is important. Almost 60 percent of your neighbors consider that college is necessary to be successful in today’s work world.

Governor Brown also believes in the critical role community college plays to help young people prepare for rewarding careers.

In his proposed state budget for 2017-18 released days ago, Gov. Brown announced that he’d like to allocate \$150 million in one-time grants for community colleges to develop “Guided Pathway” programs. This is good news for us and our students. The funds could be used to design, “academic roadmaps and transfer pathways that explicitly detail courses students must take to complete a credential or degree on time.” The goals of the pathway programs would be, among other things, to raise college completion rates, reduce the time it takes to earn a degree and reduce students’ debt loads. [Learn more about the Governor’s budget here.](#)

We are gratified by California’s continued investment in higher education. And while the state budget won’t be completed until this summer, SBCCD looks forward to continuing working with faculty, staff, students, community members and lawmakers alike to expand college access and success for more students in our region.

I invite you to email me at bbaron@sbccd.edu to continue this chat by sharing an idea or comment.

Onward,

Chancellor Bruce Baron



By the numbers: Increasing student enrollment and success at SBCCD

SBCCD's Office of Business & Fiscal Services monitors and prepares enrollment progress reports for SBVC and CHC on a weekly basis. Both colleges have prepared enrollment management plans for the remainder of the current fiscal year and continue to be optimistic about reaching their established goals.

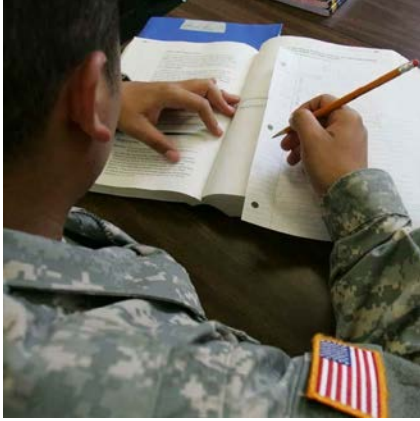
[See the latest report](#)



SBCCD Trustees Applaud CCC Board of Governors Safe Campus Resolution

At the January 19th board meeting, the SBCCD Board of Trustees applauded the California Community College Board of Governors for unanimously [approving a resolution](#) declaring all 113 community colleges as “open, safe and welcoming to all students, regardless of immigration status.” The resolution is consistent with SBCCD’s commitment to providing resources and opportunities for all students, from all backgrounds, to achieve their academic potential.

[Read SBCCD's statement](#)



New education law will benefit SBCCD veteran students and their families

During his last days in office, former President Barack Obama signed into law a bipartisan bill by Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Corona) intended to eliminate delays for veterans who take classes at more than one college in the same community college district. Previous rules required each college to write letters to the other colleges in the district to verify that classes met regulations before benefits could be dispersed. "This will be very beneficial for that special population of heroes," commented Carla Thornton, Crafton Hills' veterans coordinator, to the Press-Enterprise.

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You're invited: Swearing-in of SBVC alumna Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes

As a proud alumna of San Bernardino Valley College, Eloise Gomez Reyes will return to her alma mater to be sworn-in as State Assemblymember. Reyes was elected in the November 2016 election and will represent Bloomington, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Muscoy, Rialto and San Bernardino in the California Legislature. The ceremony will take place Saturday, Feb. 4 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the SBVC auditorium with an outdoor reception to follow. The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, contact Assemblymember Reyes' office at (909) 381-3238.

[Register online](#)

Enrichment Opportunities

Be More Effective and Innovative: Equity Certificate Series

Starts Jan. 26; Multiple dates

Crafton Hills College - Cafeteria

As a teaching and learning environment, innovative thinking happens when we bring people around us who have diverse experiences. You're invited to this professional development opportunity to learn more about the students you work with every day, helping you to become a better instructor, administrator and colleague. Workshop topics include: race and ethnicity, ability and disability, socio-economic status, LGBT students, veteran students and foster youth. You must attend [5 out of 7 sessions](#) to earn a certificate. Open to all SBCCD employees.

[>> Request more info](#)

The Cool Things You Can Do With Canvas

Wednesday, Feb. 1

12 to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.

Crafton Hills College - LRC 110

You've heard about [Canvas](#), now this is your chance to see what it looks like from the instructor's view and the student's view. Brush up on your tech skills -- we will also have a brief introduction to the Rich Content Editor. You won't want to miss this.

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SBVC is Hiring Adjunct Faculty: Job Fair

Saturday, Feb. 4

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

San Bernardino Valley College - Business Conference Center B100

Teaching career opportunities are available at San Bernardino Valley College in the areas of automotive, culinary arts, electronics, theatre arts, music, American Sign Language, Spanish, business administration, radio/tv/film, biology, child development and more. We'll offer you screening sessions with department deans, workshops on career pathways in California Community Colleges, and faculty and staff will be available to answer your questions. Don't miss this opportunity!

[>> Download flyer](#)

Get Trained To Be Part Of A Hiring Committee

Monday, Feb. 13

1 to 3 p.m.

SBCCD Professional Development Center - Room 103

Help us identify qualified candidates to join the SBCCD family. But before you can be part of a hiring committee, you'll need to understand Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). EEO training includes legislations and policies, fictitious and real-world scenarios and settlements, how to prevent discrimination and harassment and effectively handle the situations should they arise. The workshop will also cover workforce diversity, affirmative action and accommodating employees who need alternate work arrangements.

[>> Request more info](#)

About San Bernardino Community College District

We serve 22 cities in the heart of Inland Southern California and create new opportunities for 25,000 students each year through our two fully-accredited campuses: Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College. We cultivate minds and transform our community through our Economic Development & Corporate Training division and KVCR, the region's National Public Radio (NPR) and Public Broadcasting System (PBS) television station. Through our day-to-day educational enterprise, SBCCD generates \$621 million in local economic activity each year. [Watch our video.](#)

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