

Nomination for Honored Retiree: Ida Nunez

Ida Nunez believed that she was retiring in 2005 after more than 20 years of service. However, she has without hesitation returned to service frequently as we called for her to teach as an adjunct instructor in the Psych Tech and RN program at SBVC. From her years in nursing after graduating from the SBVC nursing program, she brings a wealth of experience to the classroom and she presents complex material in a manner that is easy to understand. Ida is very warm, positive and supportive in her interactions with students and she literally holds their hands and walks them through nursing skills and concepts in patient-care. She helps students develop self-awareness and stimulates them to think. She gives freely of her time as she assists students with personal concerns or helps them with the content of the program. Students view her as a role model and with her encouragement have expressed intent to continue with their educational goals. Students enjoy her wit and sense of humor and her professionalism speaks loud and clear in all her actions and words.

Also, when the nursing program was desperate for someone to substitute teach clinicals for a few weeks Ida was willing to step in on short notice. Her devotion to students has been demonstrated by her participation in each of the two completion ceremonies a year for the Psych Tech program. She has helped out needy students many times, such as the time when she purchased glasses for a student with no insurance or funds. In collaboration with Sandra Waters, R.N., she has encouraged faculty and the students in the Psych-tech program to give back to the community by participating in Health Fairs – doing blood pressures and health appraisals. We have all learned and benefited from the experience.

Ida balances her life with missionary trips to Central and South America assisting with healthcare and health education. She has been involved in many activities – teaching and working at Health Fairs in several of the communities surrounding S.B.V.C

We appreciate the years of committed service that Ida Nunez has given to San Bernardino Valley College since her “retirement” through contributions to the knowledge passed on to hundreds of students, the mentoring she has provided selflessly to co-workers and students, and her leadership in community service. What can you say about this woman, nurse, and educator? Her colleagues describe her as:

- Knowledgeable
- Straight-forward
- Humorous
- And inspiring

We recognize her service and nominate her for the award of “Honored Retiree of the year at SBVC.”

Sincerely,

Faculty and Staff from the Psychiatric Technician and Nursing Departments