

Board of Trustees Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

February 2019

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BOARD APPROVES SBCCD PROMISE

The San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) Promise is an initiative (building on the past success of the Valley Bound Commitment and iSEEK) which provides two years of tuition-free college for first-time, full-time students attending San Bernardino Valley College or Crafton Hills College, starting with the high school graduating class of 2019.

The mission of the SBCCD Promise will focus on increasing college attainment through a collaborative effort with K-12 schools and community partners, and through individualized academic guidance to promote student achievement and their long-term economic mobility. The SBCCD Promise will uniquely supplement Assembly Bill 19 (2017), the California College Promise, which currently allows community colleges to waive one year of student tuition. The SBCCD Promise is funded by a \$10 million investment by the SBCCD Board of Trustees providing higher education opportunities for 1,000+ San Bernardino Community College District students.

“College Promise” initiatives have been established by California Community Colleges to address the challenge of higher education affordability. Many initiatives offer one year of zero tuition to eligible students who reside in the college’s geographic area in an attempt to develop a stronger “college-going culture” and increase higher education completion rates for the students they serve. The SBCCD Promise will offer two years of free tuition to eligible students.

Additionally, the SBCCD Promise provides students an annual textbook stipend and expanded student support services so they can complete the first two years of their bachelor’s degree or earn a career training certificate within two years. In addition to other eligibility criteria, SBCCD Promise students must be high school graduates within SBCCD’s service area.

BOARD ENDORSES NOMINATION OF 2019 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Board of Trustees endorsed the nomination of Mary Valdemar for 2019 Classified Employee of the Year. Mary has been serving SBCCD since 1995, first as SBVC student leader, student assistant, professional expert, and substitute employee. She was hired as a full-time classified staff member and has served SBVC’s Child Development Department, Community Relations & Scholarship Office, Financial Aid Office, and currently in the Library & Student Support Services Department. Mary has committed her life to youth, students, and education. Her motto is “if it isn’t in the best interest of the students, then it isn’t my best interest either.”

The Classified Employee of the Year Award was established through a resolution at the May 2008 Board of Governors meeting. The Award has been given out annually since May 2009 to honor community college classified employees who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges. Recipients are nominated by members of their college/district community and endorsed by their local Board of Trustees. Award recipients are selected by representatives of the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges, the Chancellor’s Office, and the Foundation for California Community College and must have a record of outstanding performance of professional activities, as well as a record of active participation on campus and beyond.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

- After 18 years of service, SBVC President’s Office Administrative Secretary, Nicole Williams retired. Nicole’s last day of employment was 1/14/2019.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

- Erin Williams is the new secretary I at SBVC’s Admissions & Records Department effective 2/25/2019. Erin replaced A. Taylor

- Breanna Curry is the new schedule/catalog data specialist at SBVC’s Instruction Department effective 2/25/2019. Breanna replaced C. Baber.

- Dallana Lepe is the new child development assistant at SBVC’s Child Development Department effective 2/25/2019. Dallana replaced M. Tamayo.

- Blanca Cortez-Roman is the new child development assistant at SBVC’s Child Development Department effective 2/25/2019.

- Dinora Del Milagro Menendez is the new custodian I at SBVC’s Custodial Department effective 2/25/2019. Dinora replaced R. Bass.

- Jimmy Chavarria is the new custodian I at SBVC’s Custodial Department effective 2/25/2019. Jimmy replaced L. Guzman-Martinez.

- Raul Gutierrez is the new custodian I at SBVC’s Custodial Department effective 2/25/2019. Raul replaced R. Aguayo.

- Timothy Bock is the new custodian I at SBVC’s Custodial Department effective 2/25/2019. Timothy replaced L. Brewer.

- Susan Burdick is the new child development assistant at CHC’s Child Development Department effective 2/25/2019. Susan replaced B. Ibarra.