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*“Enhancing Your Life With Quality Education”*

## From the Chancellor

March 2nd is a very important day. Why? Because it's the deadline for submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and GPA verification form to receive a Cal Grant.



**Donald F. Averill**

If you are considering going to college, or your child or grandchild is, be sure to investigate financial aid. While community college fees are only \$20 a unit, one of the lowest in the nation, you may still qualify for financial aid to cover fees, books and living expenses.

The FAFSA can help you determine if you're eligible for the Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver (BOGW), Federal Pell Grant, the Cal Grants, and a variety of loans or work-study programs. California Community Colleges financial aid programs serve over a half a million students each year with aid totaling nearly \$900 million—you could be one of them.

In fact, over 80 percent of the students attending Valley College and Crafton Hills College receive some kind of financial aid. Plus, there are a variety of scholarships available at each college.

Our financial aid offices are ready and willing to help you apply for financial aid. You can call Crafton Hills College Financial Aid Office, 389-3223 or San Bernardino Valley College Financial Aid Office, 384-4403. You can also find a wealth of information online. You might want to start at [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com).

But please, don't forget March 2nd.

Donald F. Averill, Ed.D.  
Chancellor

## The San Bernardino Community College District Seeks Business Partners

You can make a difference in the economic development of this region by partnering with the new Applied Technologies Training Center (ATTC). In 2005, our existing training facility, the Professional Development Center (PDC), served over 8,000 local residents and employees by providing training classes and customized skill upgrades. The new ATTC, which will open in July 2007, will allow the San Bernardino Community College District to provide an enhanced pipeline of technically-trained workers for our businesses!



We are currently seeking funding and/or equipment donations such as CNC and Rapid Prototyping machines, computers, and CAD/CAM software for the ATTC. Our flexible training rooms and laboratories have been designed to serve the changing workforce needs of our local employers. These smart classrooms and high-tech labs allow us to deliver any training services for your employees.

While any amount of cash or in-kind equipment donation is welcome, **organizations or individuals that contribute \$25,000 or more in funds or equipment for the ATTC will receive the following benefits:**

- The opportunity to sit on our ATTC Advisory Board helping to shape the direction of technology training in the county
- Recognition by displaying their company name and logo on a plaque placed at the new ATTC facility
- Discounts on future training courses and customized business solutions

In addition, **a smart classroom or a high-tech laboratory may also be named after a company or individual that makes cash or in-kind contribution of \$200,000 or more. The Inland Empire needs your support and assistance.** Join us in our economic development efforts.

*For further information, please contact:*

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## Says You!

### National Radio Show Host Comes to Redlands

Do you enjoy Richard Sher and the clever ensemble of *Says You!* radio show heard on KVCR-FM 91.9 Tuesdays and Sundays? Do you find yourself trying and sometimes succeeding, at answering the questions asked on the show? How would you like to play the game with Richard Sher and KVCR local FM hosts Erin O'Toole and David Fleming... or to be part of the audience as we play a home version of the game?

KVCR is hosting a dinner with Richard Sher as our guest of honor and we invite you to be a part of the fun as we play *Says You!* -- Inland Empire style! You can join Richard Sher, the host of NPR's *Says You!* and the KVCR-FM staff for dinner and an evening of wit and wordplay on Monday, February 19, at 6:00 pm.

The Farm Artisan Foods Restaurant in Redlands will facilitate the delightful dinner event for our KVCR guests. Owner and chef Roberto Argentina is pleased about the opportunity to prepare a very special meal in their brand new location while supporting public radio at the same time. Argentina plans to focus on foods made in-house for the event. "Wherever you see something described as 'Farm,' it means that we make that product," he says. "I think this makes for an interesting meal presentation."

The multi-course dinner will likely include fresh salad greens with "Farm" cured meats, seafood risotto, "Farm" sausage and pancetta over cannelloni beans, "Farm" lamb-filled pasta, short ribs Wellington, and seasonal desserts. During dinner our guest, Richard Sher will talk about *Says You!* and what goes into hosting and producing a live weekly radio show in front of a studio audience. Following dinner, we'll play the "KVCR version" of *Says You!* KVCR television's Evening Edition crew will be at the event to capture the evening's fun and games.

You can be part of this special dinner, either as a diner only or by playing the game with us! If you would like to play, let us know when you call to order tickets. We will place the names of those interested in a hat and determine the contestants by random drawing.

Tickets are available online at [www.kvcr.org](http://www.kvcr.org), or by calling (909) 384-4350. Tickets are \$100 per person for KVCR members and \$125 for non-members. If you get a recorded message PLEASE leave your contact information including the best time to reach you.

**KVCR-FM News 91 is your source for news and in-depth reporting in the Inland Empire.**

**KVCR**  
Vision for the Future



**Richard Sher**

## SBVC President Denise Whittaker Announces Retirement



Paul B. Rubalcaba (Thu, January 11, 2007)

San Bernardino Valley College President Denise Whittaker has announced that she will be retiring this summer to spend time and tend to the needs of her family on the East Coast. Her announcement was made with "mixed emotions" and a heavy heart at her monthly meeting with managers.

"It saddens me to inform you that I will be leaving my position," wrote Whittaker in a letter to her staff. "I am committed to SBVC and my goal was to stay here and retire from here years from now. Life's circumstances prevent me from doing so and I am blessed that I am in a position of being able to retire at this time."

Whittaker will be completing her 35th year in higher education and was appointed the 12th president of SBVC in July 2003, by the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees. She came to SBVC from Fairmont State College in West Virginia where she was the Vice President for Grants and Contracts. Previously she had held administrative positions at both El Camino College in Torrance, Oxnard College in Oxnard, and Citrus College in Azusa.

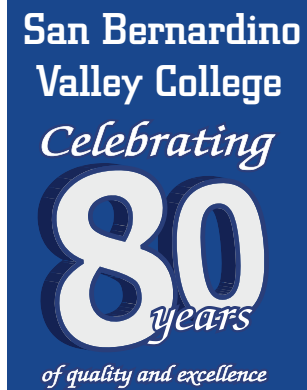
Whittaker said that she announced her retirement at this time to give the SBCCD sufficient time to hire a new president, "allowing for a smooth transition" and to eliminate the need for an interim president.

During her four-year tenure, Whittaker is most proud of working closely with talented and dedicated faculty, staff,

and fellow managers in creating a dynamic educational environment that is solidly based on trust and integrity. Highlights of her leadership at SBVC include the completion of the 1938 Auditorium renovation project, the conversion of the interior landscape plan from a thoroughfare to a park-like setting, the implementation of the Applause Caring Hands Employee Recognition program, the solidification of a meaningful collegial consultation process, the advancement of local K-12 partnerships, and providing for smooth transition strategies to minimize the stress for students and employees associated with the major construction projects, to name a few.

Susan Bangasser, chemistry professor and president of the SBVC Academic Senate, said "I am saddened to learn that SBVC is losing its president. Denise believes in collegial consultation and always pursued consensus. This is the first time that faculty, management and classified staff were all on the same page working toward pursuing excellence. She works hard and leads by example."

Don Averill, chancellor of the San Bernardino Community College District said that "Denise Whittaker has been a breath of fresh air for Valley College over the past three years. It has been a joy to work with Denise and watch her grow as a president. In addition to building collegiality on the campus, Denise has been instrumental in bringing several grants to the college and building stronger relationships with the feeder districts and the community. She will be missed as a friend and a colleague."



who will demonstrate traditional music and birdcalls; and Pauline Murillo, author of *Living in Two Worlds*. "History is best learned from those who lived it," says Gomez, "not from books written by historians."

An exciting aspect to this course for Gomez is the multi-cultural make-up of the class. The students represent a variety of ethnic backgrounds, including American Indian, Hispanic, Asian and Caucasian. "I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to share the history of the Serrano Indians with cultures that aren't aware of it. That is really the goal of the course," says Gomez.

*History 110: Serrano Cultural Studies is being offered M&W mornings this semester and will be offered again in fall 2008. For more information, contact Ed Gomez at [egomez@sbccd.cc.ca.us](mailto:egomez@sbccd.cc.ca.us).*

## History in the Making

San Bernardino Valley College is offering the first ever history class devoted to Serrano Culture. With the rich history of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians right in our own backyard, it is a natural fit for this community college.

History Professors Colleen Calderon and Ed Gomez initiated the course and a partnership with San Manuel several years ago. "I believe it's just common decency and being respectful to learn your local history," says Professor Gomez. And education is critical to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, as is evident in the number of educational events they offer in the region and the support they provide to area colleges and universities.

Gomez is teaching this historic class which features a textbook, *The People of San Manuel* by Clifford E. Trafzer. San Manuel has agreed to purchase the textbook for each student and is also supplying a CD, *People of the Pines*. Of most value to the students though, will be guest lectures by San Manuel tribe members including Ernie Siva, who will share the Serrano Language; James Ramos (an SBCCD Trustee),



## Leave a Legacy and Support Education

**A** Charitable Gift Annuity is an agreement between a charity and a donor or donors. A gift annuity enables you to transfer cash or marketable securities to the charitable organization issuing the gift annuity in exchange for a current income tax deduction and the organization's promise to make fixed annual payments to you for life. When you die, the residual will be donated to your local community college of choice for scholarships and other student educational support services.

Both Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College offer this special program. Here are some significant benefits it may offer you:

**Security For Life**—The rate in effect when you establish your Gift Annuity will not change for you, even if Gift Annuity rates are modified in the future. Our contractual obligation to make payments to you for life is backed by the assets of our organization.

**Partially Tax-Free Income**—A portion of each payment to you is considered "return of principal" and, therefore, is not taxed as income to you...it is essentially "tax-free!" This unique feature serves as a multiplier for your return rate and gives you an even larger effective rate of return than the published rates.



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**Capital Gains Tax Savings**—When you fund a Gift Annuity with appreciated assets (before the sale), current tax law allows you to avoid much of the capital gains tax you

would pay if you sold the assets yourself. In addition, any remaining capital gain that you incur is spread over the remaining years of your life, thereby reducing today's tax liability.

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**A Larger Gift**—When you make charitable gifts from your income each year, the size of your gift is limited to that resource. A Gift Annuity allows donors to give assets rather than income, often making it possible to give the major gift they had only dreamed of.

In exchange for your gift of cash, appreciated stock, or other assets, we agree to pay you a fixed income for the rest of your life or the lives of both you and your spouse. (A minimum contribution of \$10,000 in cash or negotiated securities is required.) The percentage income you receive is determined by your age. The older you are when you establish your Gift Annuity, the higher rate we can offer you. The chart to the right gives some examples of the current Gift Annuity rates.

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70	6.5%
65	6.0%
60	5.7%

We voluntarily subscribe to the rates recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities. \*Rates for Two-life Annuities are slightly lower.

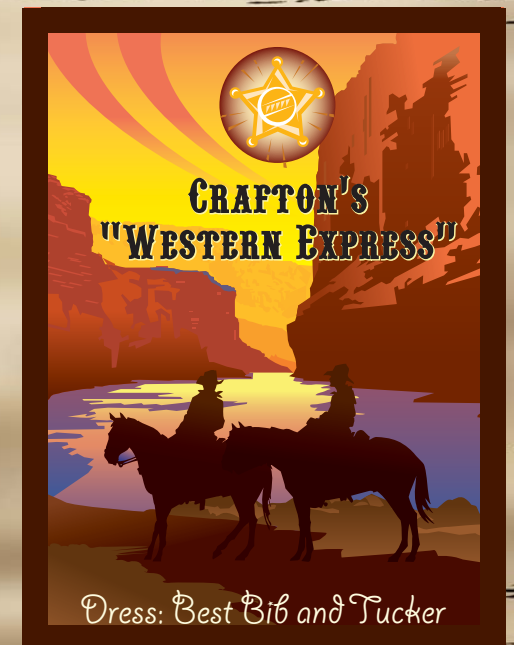
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- How much you will receive for the rest of your life;
- How much of your income will be tax-free;
- How big your income tax charitable deduction will be.

Please call Cheryl Bardowell at Crafton Hills College, 389-3260 or Gary Kelly at Valley College, 384-8987.

## Crafton Hills College 35th Anniversary Gala Crafton's "Western Express"

Please Join Us  
Saturday, March 31, 2007  
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\$50.00 per person  
\$500.00 per table for 10  
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