

Student Services Newsletter

May 2024



Upcoming Events

President's Honor Roll Ceremony



Volunteers are needed to help with the President's Honor Roll ceremony.

Date: Friday, May 10, 2024

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Student Services Courtyard

Lunch is included!

Please contact Candee Gyll (ccgyll@pipeline.sbcc.edu) or Christopher Johnson (ckjohnson2@pipeline.sbcc.edu) to volunteer for any of the following roles:

- * Diploma covers
- * Certificates
- * Usher
- * Setup and/or Cleanup

Commencement 2024



Date: Friday, May 17, 2024

Time: Ceremony begins at 5:00 pm

Location: La Playa Stadium

The student speaker for this year’s commencement is Miriam Martinez Gutierrez. The special guest singer is Ernesto Hermosillo Guzman, who will sing the national anthem. A special addition this year is that there will be a color guard.

The Order of the Day:

- * Breakfast: 9:00 am – 9:45 am for students who are graduating. La Playa Stadium
- * Commencement Rehearsal: 10:00 to 11:30 am.
- * Student Line-up: 3:30 pm (Meet in parking log 2B in front of the PE building)
- * Faculty Line-up: 4:15 pm (Sports Pavilion – gym)
- * Ceremony: 5:00 pm
- * Clean-up: 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Tasks and responsibilities for volunteers:

- * Assist with information booths
- * Student line-up
- * Distribute gold tassels
- * Reader cards
- * Faculty line-up
- * Field chaperones
- * Distribute Spanish translation headsets
- * Diploma covers
- * Walkway Guardians
- * Distribute program/rack cards
- * Setup or Cleanup

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Other Events Happening in May:

- * **TAP Ceremony:** Sunday, May 5th from 12:30 to 3:00 pm, Campus Center Cafeteria (by invitation)
- * **“Coming Out of 2 Closets”:** Tuesday, May 7th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, CESJ H.U.B. Mixer afterwards by the AAPI Mural. Keynote Speaker: [Yosimar Reyes](#)
- * **Chumash Sign Unveiling:** May 8th at 9:30 am, West Campus Meadow
- * **EOPS Graduation:** Wednesday, May 15th, 5:00 to 7:30 pm, Campus Center Cafeteria (by invitation)
- * **Raíces Reventón Event:** Thursday, May 16th, 5:00 to 7:30 pm., Garvin Theatre

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Promise Registration Rally, a Rousing Success!



On Friday, April 19th, 560 high school seniors were bussed from high schools in the Santa Barbara and Carpinteria Unified School Districts to partake in the college's first SBCC Promise Registration Rally. Held on both the East and West campuses, students received a free SBCC t-shirt, resources, lunch from Jersey Mike's, and were divided into registration groups depending on their selected career and/or academic pathways (CAPS).



Dozens of volunteer staff, faculty, Board members, and administrators helped out at the event, from the moment students arrived on campus to the minute they boarded back onto the bus. Here are some comments volunteers made after the event:

Peter Georgakis: "I loved this event! I can't believe how hard registration is for students and I don't know how they do it on their own."



Kim Monda: "It was SO GREAT to see so many of you at Friday's SBCC Promise Registration Rally, and it was INCREDIBLE to meet so many of our incoming students for Fall!"

Sandrine Krul: "Chantille, who ran the classroom I was in was top notch! It went so well and Chantille was patient and engaging, which made for such a great experience for me and the students! Great great job!"



Julie Samson: "The Promise Registration Rally was amazing! Thank you to you and your team for your hard work in orchestrating the event. The morning and afternoon sessions I volunteered for went VERY smoothly and it was a pleasure to work with colleagues to rally around these incoming students. Thank you!"

Photos for this and other events, courtesy of the Office of Communications

Bill Cattoi Retires at Age 96!

The EOPS department held a luncheon on Wednesday, April 3rd, in honor of Bill Cattoi, long-time beloved EOPS tutor and former NASA engineer. At 96 years young, Mr. Cattoi made quite an impact on staff and students alike throughout his years here at SBCC. In fact, many current staff members had Mr. Cattoi as a tutor when *they* were students in the EOPS program. Thank you, Mr. Cattoi, for your many years of service!



1st Thursday/Pride Flag Raising Ceremony



Students, faculty, and staff were invited to the combination First Thursday Coffee and Conversation gathering/Pride flag raising ceremony held on Thursday, April 4th on the

Luria Library patio. Superintendent/President Dr. Erika Endrijonas and Selena Martinez, Student Program Advisor for the Pride Program, spoke at the well-attended event.

Basic Needs Fair Held on April 3rd!



Over 400 people (367 students 30+ staff and faculty) attended the Basic Needs Fair on April 3rd. During the event, 220 students signed up for the new Basic Needs software system ([TBH](#)). Over 30 different tables with various resources from SBCC and the community were on hand to provide students with information about their services. Lunch was served, and a fun time was had by all who attended.

Said Basic Needs Coordinator, Miguel Cruz, “Moving forward, we want to be intentional about providing basic needs that include belonging and building community with all the wonderful people at SBCC.” He thanked everyone who “came out to support or to be part of our event.”



[Video Montage of BASIC NEEDS FAIR](#): A shout out to Juan Quesada (Basic Needs Coordinator at the School of Extended Learning) for the drone footage!



In Loving Memory



Theater Arts student Benny Schurmer and Psychology student Jorge Benitez were memorialized at two separate flag lowering ceremonies in April. Jason Walker, SBCC's chaplain, conducted the ceremonies, which were held at the flag poles on West Campus.

Both Benny's parents and Jorge's mother, were presented with honorary degrees for their sons by Superintendent/President Dr. Erika Endrijonas, who spoke at both ceremonies.

Family and friends were able to share memories at both of these ceremonies, leaving even people who had never met them, feeling like they knew them deeply. Santa Barbara City College is better for having had these two remarkable young men here, and they will be forever in our hearts and dearly missed.



*Benny Schurmer's photo courtesy of his Facebook page.
Jorge Benitez's photo courtesy of the family's GoFundMe page.*

Events Held During May as Part of Mental Health Month by SBCC Student Health Mental Health Counseling Department

Throughout May, there are various events and initiatives to raise awareness, encourage self-care, and connect you with resources.

These initiatives include:
At SBCC:

- Starting May 2nd- Visit us at the WELL (ECC21 across from Basic Needs) to enter into a RAFFLE for Mental Health prizes!
- May 9th- WAG WELL BE WELL- Dog therapy event on West Campus Lawn- Time TBD
- May 13th-16th- DESTRESS WEEK at The WELL (ECC21)
- Increased Mental Health Awareness on campus
- Mental Health Counseling is available for students by calling 805-730-4098 or stop by at Student Health SS-170
- The WELL is a safe and supportive wellness space for students visit us ECC21 or at www.thewellsbcc.com



May 2024

Regular hours M, T, R: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm;
W: 8:30 - 6:00 pm; F: remote-only 8:30 am - 1:00 pm (***see exceptions below**)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17 * In-person and remote hours: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
20	21	22 * No evening hours	23	24
27 Memorial Day - Campus Closed	28	29 * No evening hours	30	31

Commencement is at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 17, 2024 at La Playa Stadium.