

Student Services Newsletter

March 2024



Upcoming Events

Promise Registration Rally



Date: Friday, April 19th

Where: Various locations around the “Cliff Drive” campus

Time: Throughout the day from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm

Needed: Many more volunteers are needed for this campus-wide event. There are 455 volunteer slots, and only 107 have been filled!

Even if your department intends to help out at the event, please sign up individually with [SignUpGenius](#) so we will have an accurate idea of who is volunteering and what areas still need volunteers. It will also help with upcoming emails and training. Deadline to sign up: March 20th. Expecting 900+ students. Area leaders are also needed. Email Vanessa Pelton for more details.

Breakfast and lunch are provided. Gift cards and SBCC swag will be awarded to the volunteer teams with the highest percentage of volunteer hours.



Student Affairs Administrators to Attend 2024 Chief Student Services Offices (CSSO) Association Conference

VPSA Paloma Arnold, Dean Christina Llerena, and Associate Dean Christopher Johnson, will be attending the 2024 CSSO Conference in San Francisco from March 12 – 15. Michael Medel will be the Administrator in charge from 3/12 to 3/14, and Elizabeth Imhof will be the

Administrator in charge on 3/15.



Black Student Success Week

As a reminder, the 2024 Black Student Success Week is scheduled for ***April 22-26, 2024***. This year's theme is ***Building a Better Future Together: The Urgency is Now***. Below are some updates and reminders on the Black Student Success Week's Activities, The Black Hour, The Student Hour, Black Student Success Week Merchandise, and Black Student Success Week Sponsorship Opportunities. Be sure to check the blkstudentsuccess.com website regularly for updates. **Black Student Success Week's Activities** • Daily webinars hosted from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., called ***The Black Hour*** • Daily small group discussion forums from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., called ***The After Party*** • A virtual advocacy day on ***Thursday, April 25, 2023***, called ***The BlackOut*** • Daily student-centered webinars hosted from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., called ***The Student Hour*** Please note all Black Student Success Week activities will be held virtually.

News and Notices

New TEO Homepage! by Liz Giles

The Transcript Evaluation Office is pleased to announce that we have launched a new, streamlined homepage! Visit us at sbcc.edu/teo

A huge **Thank You!!!** goes to Barbara Smith and Hong Lieu for making this happen. Another shoutout goes to the Luria Library folks - we took a leaf from your book on the page design (sorry, couldn't resist a little fellow librarian humor).

Highlights of the new homepage:

- Deadlines are prominently displayed.
- Direct links to online forms are in the **red box** - no more clicking through multiple pages to get to them.
- "Contact us" and form instructions also have direct links.

[The Staff/Faculty Resources](#) link is still available at the bottom of the homepage - go here to submit forms on behalf of your students!

Promise Seniors Flock to SBCC Application Workshops

by Sara Volle



The Enrollment Services team, along with partners from Academic Counseling, the Dream Center, DSPS, Dual Enrollment, EOPS, Financial Aid, the Foundation, Raíces, and Umoja, have been busy traveling to local high school campuses to help Promise seniors apply to SBCC.

Thanks to these efforts, **over 730 local seniors have completed the SBCC application.** The Enrollment team and campus partners continue to assist local students through monthly visits to each high school campus and “SBCC Wednesdays,” where students can come to SBCC on Wednesdays between 3:30 and 5:30 pm for registration help in the DSPS assistive technology lab. These application workshops have been in preparation for Friday, April 19, when all local Promise students will be bussed to the SBCC campus to register for their Fall classes in the first-ever “Registration Rally.” **Special shout out to Argelia Aguilera**, who has stepped up to lead all local high school outreach visits this Spring.

McKinley School Students of the Month



Once a month, a collaborative effort between McKinley Elementary School and SBCC takes place, usually on the fourth Thursday of the month. This is when McKinley School “students of the month,” from Kindergarten – 6th grade, take a trek from their school to the SBCC cafeteria, where they are treated to a free lunch, followed by a mini tour of the campus.



During the tour, the children first walk with their chaperones (teachers, aides, and the principal) and “tour guide” Becky Saffold, through the CESJ, where they are enthusiastically greeted by staff and students. They then walk around the Campus Center admiring the murals on display. A walk through the landscape garden caps off the tour, as they slowly work their way back to the entrance to the campus. Usually there is someone working in the garden who gives a brief and interesting talk about what they’re doing. The children are extremely bright, curious, and charming, and it is a highlight for us to have them on our campus.



SBC SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

FINANCIAL AID FEST

Do you need help with you FAFSA or Dream Act Application? We can help!



WHO:
 ✓ SBCC's Financial Aid Office welcomes all college students to attend!

WHAT:
 ✓ We want to support students in completing their FAFSA and Dream Act Applications. Expert specialists will be available to help you with your application!

WHEN:
 ✓ Wednesday, February 28 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

WHERE:
 ✓ Eastern courtyard of the Student Services building

WOO:
 ✓ FREE BURRITOS!

QUESTIONS?
 ☎ Phone: (805) 730-5157
 🌐 sbcc.edu/financialaid

Fun-Filled Financial Aid Fest


The Financial Aid department worked tirelessly to put on the Financial Aid Fest, held on Wednesday, February 28th. There have been many changes to the new “simplified” FAFSA, and the Financial Aid department was there to help students navigate it. The Financial Aid department aims “to show our students that we are available and ready to assist them,” said Financial Aid Advisor, Yesenia Garcia. The department helped over 100 students who stopped by to get help with their financial aid application during the three-hour event. KEYT was on

hand, too, and interviewed some of the staff, including Director Maureen McRae Goldberg. Kudos to the Financial Aid department, and in particular, Megan Ortega and Yesenia Garcia for their hard work coordinating the successful event!

Photos from the Financial Aid Fest!







Responding, Reporting, & Supporting Students

Grab & Go Lunch Provided

Thursday March 7th, 2024

8:30am-11:30am

Garvin Theatre

*No Food/Drink Allowed
Water Only

Increase your understanding of campus resources and their roles in order to effectively navigate and utilize procedures and systems that support all students:

- Build your toolkit to respond to distressed students
- Increase your awareness of Campus Safety, Title IX, Health & Wellness, and the Behavioral Intervention Team
- Strengthen a community of care
- Respond and report concerns to help better support and care for our students

Responding, Reporting & Supporting Students Training

Student Services staff and faculty participated in a training provided by the Behavioral Intervention Team on Thursday morning, March 7th in the Garvin Theater. Topics such as Basic Needs Resources, Title IX and mandatory reporting, filling out a Report a Concern, and much more, were covered during this three-hour presentation. A Question-and-Answer period was held at the end, prior to participants receiving a delicious “grab and go” lunch from the South Coast Deli, paid for by the SBCC Foundation. A BIT mug was also given to all participants.

Welcome New Staff



Nicole Ramirez is the newest addition to the Student Finance/Cashiers Department as a Student Finance and Accounts Receivable Technician III. She started in August of 2023 and has made a huge impact for the department and our students. Nicole's main role is third party contracts and billing, assisting departments such as SBCC Promise, EOPS, Dream Center, Veterans and many others to cover student fees. Nicole is a Santa Barbara local who attended SBCC and received her Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. Nicole was a preschool teacher at several different preschools where she also did administrative work for the billing offices. She began working for the

Cashier's office as an hourly worker where she developed her passion for higher education. When she is not working, you can find Nicole at the beach, going on walks, reading books, swimming or hanging out at home with her husband and "son" (cat, Remi).

In Memoriam: Dave Morley by Dr. Erika Endrijonas



Dave Morely was a beloved EOPS counselor at SBCC from 1999 to 2018, having served as a full-time Counselor until 2010 and then "retiring" and

continuing to serve EOPS as a part time counselor until 2018. Dave will be dearly missed as he impacted the lives of thousands of students, and many SBCC colleagues as well.

In the words of former EOPS Director, Marsha Wright, “Dave’s counseling, mentoring, and friendship to thousands of students went far beyond his photo-lined office walls-to children’s birthday parties, student’s weddings, university graduations. . . this list is endless. If a student was in need, Dave was there. Dave epitomized the EOPS mantra 'Above and Beyond'.”

And, in the words of a former EOPS student, “Dave’s unwavering faith in me changed my life. . . he encouraged me when I had no faith in myself. . . and he kept his promise to me of not giving up on me.”

Dave always had a candy jar full of candy, decorations for every occasion, pranks and practical jokes to no end, and was the first one in the office and always the last one to leave. He drove the SBCC van to every EOPS and Counseling conference and could even be found driving the SBCC flatbed for countless CARE Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaways.

In sharing the news of Dave’s passing with others, some of the words being used to describe Dave include "... mentor, friend, role model, one of the very best people I have ever known."

Dave is survived by his three daughters, three step children, including Trevor Hess, Dave’s stepson, in academic counseling, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Marsha Wright and Dave's daughters are working on setting up a scholarship for EOPS students in Dave's honor.

Note: Dave Morley’s memorial is scheduled for Sunday, May 26th at 3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church on 21 E. Constance Ave., Santa Barbara

If you have items for an upcoming newsletter, please email rmsaffold@sbcc.edu.