Student Services Newsletter April 2024



Upcoming Events

Basic Needs Events by Miguel Cruz



Promise Registration Rally

This week, we invite you to visit the Food Pantry to pick up free groceries in ECC-14. Ensuring access to nutritious food is essential, and we're here to support you in every possible way! We encourage you to bring a reusable bag as we are trying to reduce our carbon footprint and not use plastic bags.

Additionally, mark your calendars for this <u>Wednesday, April 3, from 12 - 3pm for the</u> <u>Basic Needs & Wellness Resource Fair</u> on West Campus! It promises to be an enriching event filled with community connections and oncampus resources. There will be catering, music, and a food share, creating an atmosphere of commUNITY.

We encourage you to come join us for this funfilled occasion, where you can discover valuable resources and enjoy the company of your fellow students



Promise Registration Rally – Volunteers Still Needed!

The Promise Registration Rally is fast approaching on Friday, April 19th! There is still a significant need for volunteers to help with the event. If you have not done so already, please sign up with SignUpGenius

today! This is an all-campus event, and we are expecting 800+ high school students to attend!



RAISING CEREMONY THURSDAY, APRIL 4 9-10:30 A.M. FLAG RAISING: 9:45 A.M.

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Campus Pride Events

Featuring: Marco Silva, Edgar Euan, Kai Roldan, Samara Sin, Wendy Santamaria, and more Conversation for Our Wellbeing

Our first annual panel discussion and community forum on the status of the 805's LGBTQ community, and where we go from here.

Friday, April 5th

Reception at 5:30pm, Panel at 6:30pm Fé Bland Forum, SBCC West Campus This is a free event

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A PANEL DISCUSSION



Everyone is invited to attend the Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on Thursday, April 4th from 9:00 – 10:30 am at the flagpole area on the West Campus in front of the Luria Library. Music, food, coffee and tea will be on hand, as well as speeches from Dr. Endrijonas and members of SBCC's Student Equity and Engagement programs.

For more information on all of the Pride events, go to <u>https://www.sbcc.edu/equity/pride/</u> (SBCC Pride Virtual Center) or email Selena Martinez, SPA for the CESJ & Pride Program at <u>smartinez68@pipeline.sbcc.edu</u>.

A Conversation for Our Wellbeing

Join us for this panel discussion on April 5th, at Santa Barbara City College. Reception at 5:30pm. Talk begins at 6:30pm.



The State of Our Community: A **Conversation for Our Wellbeing**

Date: April 5th

Time: 5:30 – 6:15 pm for reception; 6:30 - 7:45 pm for panel discussion Location: Fe Bland Forum (West Campus) Click on link to reserve a spot.

This conversation on the state of the 805's LGBTQ+ community will ask us about our definition of community, where and how it exists in the region, challenges we face, successes we can celebrate, things we would put in place or changes we would make if we had a magic wand, and what people can do to bring about a place where we feel listened to, encouraged, and free.



See interactive displays showcasing the wonders of our world

- Featuring hands-on demos from local high-tech companies
- (1-3 pm in the Campus Center)



Science Discovery Day!

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Science Discovery Day, which will have demonstrations, activities, and displays for all ages! Location: in front of the Campus Center, Humanities Building and Science classrooms

Date: Saturday, April 6 Time: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

This fun, FREE event is sure to entertain the whole family! Contact Virginia Estrella from the MESA and STEM Transfer Program for questions at estrella@sbcc.edu or 805-730-4792.

News & Notices

Dean Christina Llerena, Latest Guest on Vaquero Voices Podcast

Latest Episode



Student Affairs Dean Christina Llerena was the guest on the latest <u>Vaquero Voices podcast</u>, hosted by Akil Hill and Hong Lieu. Tune in to learn how Christina made her way from Detroit, MI, to New York City, to eventually landing at SBCC. She also talks about her favorite local restaurants, her husband's authentic and delicious paella, music, podcasts, and even her interest in astrology, among many other things.

Angelica Contreras Selected as Senior Director of Admissions & Records and Dual Enrollment!

Congratulations to Angelica Contreras who, after having served as the Acting Director of Admissions & Records and Dual Enrollment for over two years, was selected to be the Senior Director of Admissions & Records and Dual Enrollment. The selection was announced at the March 21st Board of Trustees meeting. We wish Angelica the best in her new position!



University Transfer Resource & Guidance Fair

The University Transfer Center Hosted the University Transfer Resource & Guidance Fair, held on the Great Meadow Lawn on West Campus on April 2nd. Over 300 students attended this informative and fun event. Lunch was provided, and students left with plenty of resources to make their transfer experience smooth and successful!





Welcome New Staff



Interim Director, EOPS

Dr. Rebecca Robertson is a long-term administrator with experience in program operations as a school site administrator predominately in alternative educational settings. She also has extensive knowledge working with special populations in Student Support Services.

She holds an Associate in Arts Degree from Golden West Community College in Television and Radio Broadcasting, a Bachelors of Arts in Criminal Justice and Sociology from California State University - Fullerton, a Master's of Science in Administration and Doctoral Degree in Educational Technology from Pepperdine University.

Her most recent work experience was at Cerritos College, as the Interim Manager of the Facilities Department, where she was accountable for school operations including but

not limited to facilities management of the skilled maintenance mechanics and the grounds team. Her work in the charter arena exposed her to collaborate with various stakeholders. In addition, her work as a Coordinator for the Division of Instructional Technology Outreach for the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) provided her exposure to classroom design, professional development, and technology integration. She has collaborated with the Los Angeles County Probation Department and various districts through Los Angeles to carry out various projects servicing the marginalized student population. Her work as a Coordinator for the LACOE COVID-19 Implementation Team in partnership with the Los Angeles Public Health Department, allowed her to implement safety initiatives and protocols recommended for the safe return of students and staff to educational institutions. Her advocacy for equality is something she is extremely passionate about and continues to see that DEIAA practices are implemented and carried out within the educational environment.