



Message in a Bottle

February 2019 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Coffee Talks with President Bell
Tues., February 26
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
SSC Conf Room

Meet & Eat with President Bell
Wed., March 13
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
RSVP to Join

Coffee Talks with President Bell
Wed., March 20
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Financial Aid
Computer Lab

Campus wide Budget Presentation
Thurs., April 4
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
PAC

Coffee Talks with President Bell
Tues., April 23
8:30 am to 9:30 am
SCI Conf Room
332/333

Meet & Eat with President Bell
Tues., May 7
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
RSVP to Join

President's Message

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Did you know that Black History Month is observed in Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, the UK and the USA? Black History Month was born from Negro History Week created by Carter G. Woodson. He chose February because it coincided with the births of Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Woodson, a noted educator, created this observance as a way for remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Please join us for a presentation of the budget on Thursday, April 4 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm in the PAC. Vice Presidents Cathy Bojorquez and Damien Peña will join me to provide an overview of campus wide allocations and program review priorities funded this year. We will also share the current status of our SEA funding and our plans moving into next year.

AB 1887 TRAVEL BAN STILL IN EFFECT

As you make your professional development and conference travel plans, please be cognizant of California Assembly Bill 1887 that prohibits state agencies from approving state-funded or state-sponsored travel to states that have enacted laws that discriminate against the LGBT community. Restricted states currently include Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas. The president's office will not approve travel requests to an AB 1887 restricted state, regardless of the funding source, unless it meets specific exemption status. For more information about AB 1887 and its implementation, please see the Attorney General's AB 1887 webpage at oag.ca.gov/ab1887.



Go Pirates!!!

Ventura College Athletics Fall 2018 GPA's

Men's Basketball	3.459
Women's Basketball	3.250
Men's Cross Country	3.217
Women's Cross Country	3.371
Football	3.001
Soccer	3.175
Volleyball	3.216
Men's Water Polo	3.017
Women's Water Polo	3.384

This is on top of our athletic successes, including but not limited to:

Women's Volleyball clinching its first Western State Conference (WSC) title in 13 years! (Pictured Right)

Women's Cross Country finishing 8th in the State with a 3rd place individual finish!

Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Women's Water Polo and Cross Country Teams qualifying for Southern California Championships!

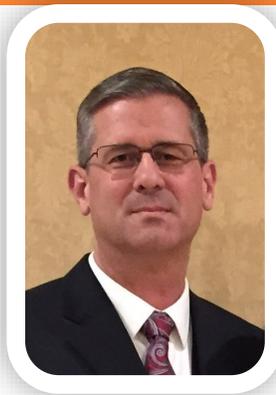
Football winning its first ever Southern California Football Association Championships and qualifying for our first ever California Community College Athletic Association State Championship!

Steve Mooshagian named National Football Coach of the Year!

Steve Hoffman and **Brad Lyans** named WSC Coach of the Year!



Coach Steve Mooshagian



Welcome On Board! Dr. Allan Knight
VC's New FT Computer Science Faculty!



Ventura College Symphony Orchestra Concerto Night

Featuring Ventura College Outstanding Students

-A continuing celebration of Miriam Schwab's vision to support our artists.

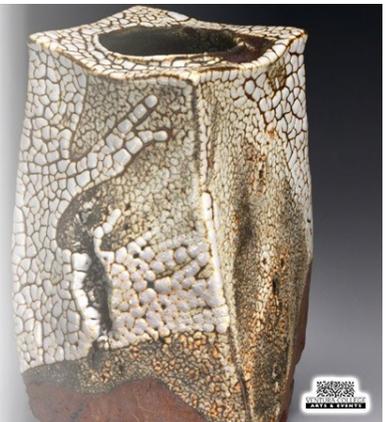
March 2nd, 2019 @ 7:30 PM
Ventura College Performing Arts Center
Helen Yunker Auditorium



Peter Callas

Workshop: March 7th - March 8th

Lecture: Thursday, March 7th
3:30 - 4:30 PM in ASC-150



Happy Valentine's Day!

-Kim





All Campus Guided Pathways Retreat—February 8th, 2019
Student Photographer: Sandra Grotzky

VC Guided Pathways Progress Summary

- ⇒ SAIL Steward Team (cross-functional team) was created with 9 faculty members, 9 classified staff, 5 administrators, and 9 students. The team meets every other week to help lead VC Guided Pathway efforts.
- ⇒ Common terminology has been developed using VC traditional [nautical themes](#).
- ⇒ Two (2) retreats and four (4) roundtable discussions have been held to support campus understanding of Guided Pathways.
- ⇒ A Guided Pathway Webpage was created to improve communication and sharing of information.
[Link to VC web page.](#)
- ⇒ Currently, VC has identified eight (8) discipline clusters that are still in the process of being vetted by the campus.
- ⇒ The majority of VC outreach efforts are in the process of being coordinated through a single department.
- ⇒ Marketing materials for enrollment were simplified to assist students and to assist employees with communicating a consistent message.
- ⇒ Stewards are working with faculty to apply VC course sequences to the Program Map Templates.
- ⇒ Career Center services have been expanded:
 - ✓ The center was moved into a new and more prominent space in the Student Services Center.
 - ✓ Several of the VC Counselors were certified in the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator.
 - ✓ The First Year Experience Program requires that students take the MBTI and participate in workshops to review their inventory results related to career/major selection.
- ⇒ The Counseling department has made major changes to their Group Counseling Sessions. The sessions are now themed and will correlate with our Guided Pathway clusters once adopted.
- ⇒ English and Math faculty have made significant strides to comply with AB705 and streamline pathways for student success into transfer level courses.
- ⇒ English and ESL discipline were combined to increase collaboration and are working to revamp ESL courses.



Congrats to the amazing Financial Aid Team and areas within Student Affairs for meeting the needs of over 140 families during our rainy Cash 4 College event last Saturday. We would **love** to have you join us at VC East Campus on February 23rd from 9am-1:30pm for the next one!



Besides the Food Pantry, we offer various resources to meet the basic needs of our students, including our Foster Youth students. **Want to get involved?** Contact [John Ruff](#) in Basic Needs or [Danielle Rodriguez](#) in Financial Aid for Foster Youth

We have 300 high school students ready to visit Ventura College next month for **Pirate Fridays 2019!** Let's welcome them aboard the Pirate Ship and bring your club or dept. to the resource fair at lunch! [SIGN UP HERE](#). This will be an opportunity to spotlight areas of our #VCPiratePride and help develop the plans of our incoming students. We will need to know who will be representing your area, program and/or department by Feb 22, 2019.

BONUS FACT: 1,725 NEW Pirates have applied to VC so far for Fall 2019

VENTURA COLLEGE
STUDENT SUCCESS DAYS
 February 26 10am-1pm
 February 27 4pm-7pm
MCE/MCW QUAD
 February 26 4pm-6pm
VC East Campus
FREE FOOD & GIVEAWAYS!

VENTURA COLLEGE
 www.ventura.college.edu

VC Student Success Days are coming up **February 26th & 27th**! This event provides students with the opportunity to connect with VC Depts. & Services. Tuesday will be a resource fair and a great time to promote your program to students and the community. Wednesday we will be going around campus as Student Success Agents and offering snacks, giveaways, and information to our evening students. Please [sign up](#) and have your department represented during one or both days.

Financial Aid has awarded over \$16 Million in Student Aid this year!

CLASS OF 2019

VENTURA COLLEGE PIRATES
2019
Pirate Fridays
 March 1, 8 & 15 2019

ASVC VENTURA COLLEGE
STUDENT LIFE DAY
 THURSDAY, FEB 7, 2019
 9 AM - 1 PM
 LRC LAWN

Was that a Human Foosball Game? #VCPiratePride YES
 Over 36 clubs and services participated in **Student Life Days 2019**



Congratulations to our recently CERT-certified Pirates! The Safety & Wellness Group, in conjunction with the Ventura County Fire Department, provided Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to 17 staff, faculty and students. Participants attended three all-day classes in January with the fourth and final day culminating in a full-scale drill replicating an emergency situation. If you are interested in participating in future CERT classes, please contact [Mary Jones](#) at extension 6147.

SAFETY UPDATES

- Thank you for participating in our campus-wide evacuation drill on January 30th! We are committed to holding emergency preparedness drills *at least* once per semester.

- The Emergency Operations Team has begun to meet on a regular basis at the relocated Emergency Operations Center (ASC 122).

- Have you signed up for the RAVE Panic Button yet?** Emergency notifications are sent via the RAVE Smartphone Application as well as through Blackboard Connect. RAVE is available to ALL faculty and staff. If you have not done so already, please send an email to [Grant Jones](#), including your smartphone number, to receive instructions on how to download and activate this important safety measure for Ventura College.

Watch this 3-minute overview to learn more—
[RAVE Video](#).



Campus-Wide Evacuation Drill, January 30, 2019



Dr. Bell in the Public Address room, preparing to sound the alert