

RAMS MONTHLY



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VVC Provides Hands-on Experience for High School Students During Annual Construction Event

Construction Summer Program Will Be Offered On Campus

21 teams from 7 local high schools competed by building a dog house to specific specifications under a time limit. (Cover and featured photo source: FB/swrcccareerconnections)

VICTORVILLE - Students from numerous high schools around the High Desert had the opportunity to compete in an annual Construction Competition, hosted by VVC.

This year's task required students to build a dog house, demonstrating their creativity, teamwork, and technical skills.

Such a competition challenges students to build not only for functionality but appearance as well. The opportunity for local schools also lets students show off their carpentry and roofing skills.

Competitions of this nature not only provide an engaging and fun activity for students, but can also help promote animal welfare. Senior Instructional Assistant for Construction Technology, Ryan Atkins says that VVC hosts this event every year in collaboration with

Mountain Desert Career Pathways, "It has been a reliable source of outreach for VVC and construction tech." Atkins also says that an event like this gives students a good overview on potential opportunities through Construction Tech at the college. "These students must learn time management, Teamwork and what it takes to complete a project. It is all extremely exciting."

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In total, 21 teams from 7 local high schools (Apple Valley, Alta Vista, Adelanto, Hesperia, Lucerne, Sultana, and Victor Valley) competed by building a dog house to specific specifications under a time limit.

Judges for the competition came from the Southwest Carpenter's Union. First, second, and third place teams received trophies for their schools, and sets of carpentry tools for team members. Each student who participated in the event takes construction classes at their high schools.

This Summer, VVC will hold its annual Construction Program. Atkins says that students in the construction program learn basic skills like electrical, framing and roofing. Every student that completes the program gets a free set of tools. They also go through their CPR and first aid. They also get their OSHA 10 card which all these things combined will help students on their journey into the trades.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

"Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields."

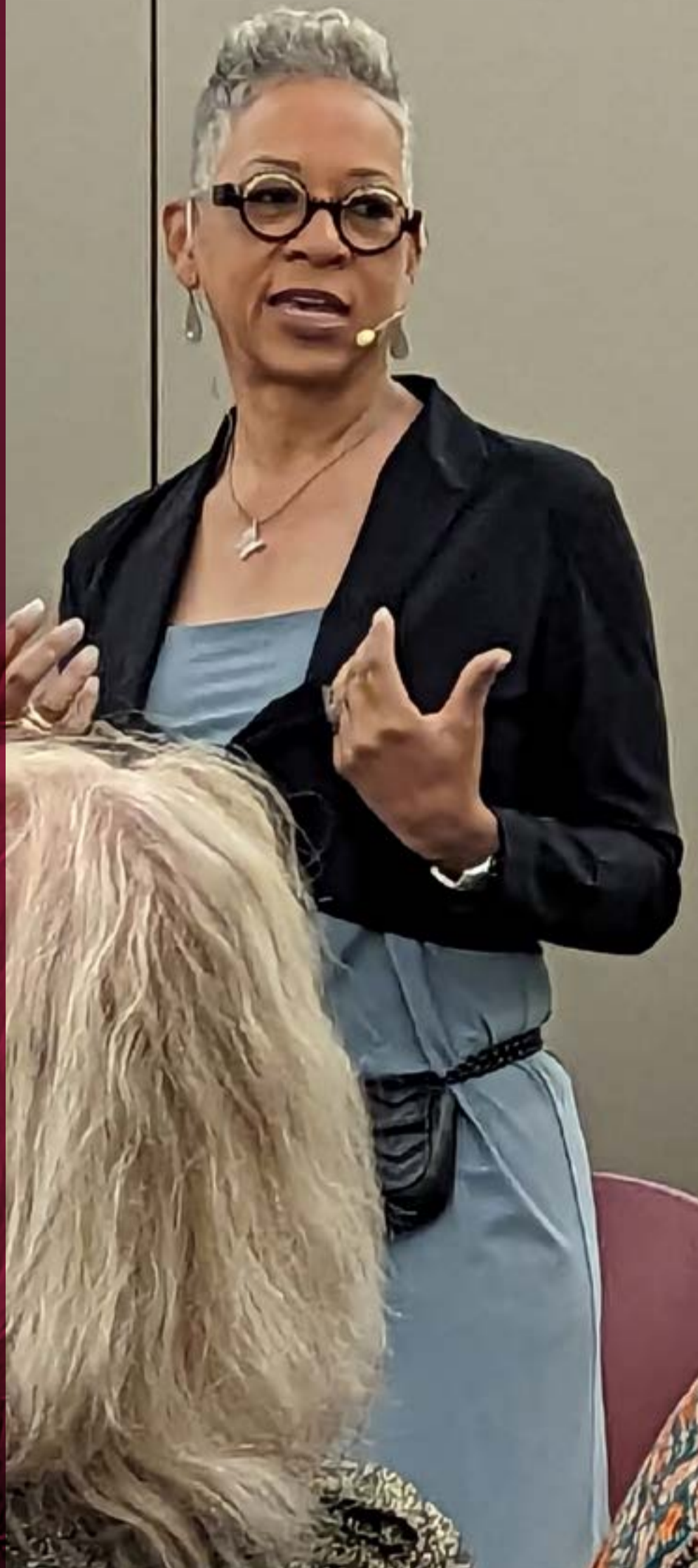
Victor Valley College
Library

Source: National Women's History Alliance

(Right) Tennis legend Katrina M. Adams speaks to community members at Victor Valley College about the importance of leadership in her career.

In addition to many accolades, Adams is the first African American to lead the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

Image Source: Andrew Caravella



RAM STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Olivia is a dual enrollment student who also attends AV High School.

APPLE VALLEY -- Olivia Hernandez, a student at Apple Valley High School has been enrolled as a student also at Victor Valley College. Hernandez aspires to follow her career goals of becoming a successful Marine Biologist.

Hernandez gives a good portion of credit for her journey and success to her mother who helped her realize that there's much more to life than just showing up and grazing by.

“My mother. She is my biggest supporter and helper in my entire life.”

Hernandez goes on to say that her mother helped her learn that how important it is to be ahead and do more than the bare minimum.

Hernandez does have valuable advice for students also on their own journey. She says “My advice is to not doubt yourself and your abilities. You are always of doing so much more.”

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MARCH 14, 2023 HAPPY PI DAY!

DID YOU KNOW?

Pi Day is on March 14, and any day that combines fun, education, and pie is a day worth celebrating! Pi, also known by the Greek letter “ π ,” is a constant value used in math that represents the ratio of a circumference of a circle to its diameter, which is just about 3.14....15...9265359... (and so on). Not only that, but the fourteenth of March is also Albert Einstein’s birthday, so all together it’s nothing short of a mathematician’s delight.

“The only source of knowledge is experience.”
-ALBERT EINSTEIN

To learn about pi, we need to go back a few thousand years and learn about this elusive number. The value of pi was first calculated by Archimedes of Syracuse (287–212 BC), one of the greatest mathematicians of the ancient world.

However, it was first baptized with the Greek letter as its name when William Oughtred called it as such in his works dating back to 1647, later embraced by the scientific community when Leonhard Euler used the symbol in 1737.

But how did Pi Day end up in a country-wide phenomenon? For that, we need to travel to the Exploratorium in 1988 San Francisco, where it was thought up by physicist Larry Shaw.

Shaw linked March 14 with the first digits of pi (3.14) in order to organize a special day to bond the Exploratorium staff together, where he offered fruit pies and tea to everyone starting at 1:59 pm, the following three digits of the value. A few years later, after Larry’s daughter, Sara, remarked that the special date was also the birthday of Albert Einstein, they started celebrating the life of the world-famous scientist.

SURVEY SAYS: VVC Seeks Student and Faculty Input on Textbook Future

Open Educational Resources continue rising popularity

The VVC Affordable Materials Committee (AEMC) is reaching out to students for input regarding the importance and cost of textbooks. The VVC Student Textbook Use Survey is currently circulating in emails asking several key questions that can help benefit the future of student success at VVC. The AEMC wants to address student textbook costs through the use of Open Educational Resources (OER) and Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) options for VVC faculty and students.

Student Success Librarian Teresa Lupe Grenot says that "Past surveys tell us that students need their textbooks and course resources to do their best and reach their goals."

Currently, students who do not have a textbook can borrow a Course Reserve textbook (two-hours, within the library only) for their studies, if a professor has placed in on Course Reserve available at the library. However, these books are for library use only, and have a two-hour time limit because these textbooks need to stay in the library for other students to use.

Grenot shares says that the Student Textbook Use survey is important because it shows how students feel about textbook costs and how those costs impact their course success.

The OER movement in support of student access and success has been around for a little over 10 years in California education. Four-year institutions like Cal Poly Pomona say that educators and learners, as well as learning institutions are driving its development. OER is on the leading edge of providing alternatives to the rising costs of educational resources and textbooks.

Moving forward, OER at VVC provides flexibility for faculty members to customize educational resources according to their course goals and the needs of VVC students. Additionally, OER promotes collaboration and sharing of information among faculty members and students, and innovative and efficient teaching and learning practices.

FREE GIFT CARD?

VVC's Associated Student Body will be rewarding randomly selected students with gift cards on March 28th.

Students interested sharing their input and in completing the survey can scan the QR code or find it [here](#).



Some educators are using OER as a way to get students more involved, using the OER process as a way to collaborate with them on content creation.



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7TH ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION SUMMER PROGRAM



WHAT
**18 Days of Hands-on,
Project-Based Classes CT 90/91**
Earn 5 college credits!
Upon Completion: Receive a Starter Set of Tools

WHEN
Jun 19th—Jul 27th, 2023
8am - 5pm



WHERE
Construction Tech, Bldg 65
Lower Campus
18422 Bear Valley Rd. Victorville, CA 92395

LIMITED ENROLLMENT: Register Early

FEATURING Tours/Representatives from the following unions •
**IBEW • Carpenters Union • Pipefitters/Plumbing Union • Cement
Masons Union • Sheetmetal/HVAC Union • Operating Engineers**

MAIN PROJECT

**96 sq ft Storage
Building:**
Foundation
Frame
Sheet
Wire
Roof
Trim
Paint



NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!

**Earn OSHA-10
MC3 Certification
CPR**

**Learn construction
fundamentals**

**Explore construction
career options**

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