

# RAMS MONTHLY



STORIES OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND LEARNING AT VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE



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*Nearly 20 clubs on campus give students expanded opportunities*

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# College Clubs Can Create Diverse Academic and Extracurricular Options for Students

Victor Valley College now offers nearly 20 clubs on campus

Victor Valley College is home to a vibrant and diverse range of student clubs and organizations that cater to the various interests and backgrounds of its student body. These clubs provide an opportunity for students to meet like-minded individuals, explore new interests, and engage in activities that enhance their personal and professional growth.

One of the most popular clubs at Victor Valley College is the Associated Student Body (ASB), which serves as the student government on campus. ASB members participate in various advocacy and community service activities, organize events and programs, and provide leadership opportunities for students.

## Gamer's Guild

Another prominent club at the college is the Gamer's Guild which creates a community of video game lovers that play and discuss video games together. The guild is also responsible for Esports teams recruitments.

Members of the club say the guild aims "to unify student gamers across different majors. Many whom wouldn't otherwise meet under a shared hobby." The Gamers Guild also says that it provides a "chill, casual environment for gamers to play and make friends in, while recruiting for an Esports program at the college."

*"...chill, casual environment for gamers to play and make friends..."*

Victor Valley College's diverse student body strives to provide something that interests them at large and help grow both academically and personally.

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## Pre-Health Scholars

Another noteworthy club is the all new Pre-Health Scholars Club. This group of individuals fosters a community for like minded students pursuing careers in the healthcare industry. Advisor email: naveen.jalota@vvc.edu

## Adventurer's Fantasy

This club's meetings is generally well-attended. That's because the purpose of the Adventure Fantasy Club is to provide an enriching and stimulating fantastical experience to any and all students at VVC as well as to use fantasy gaming and activities as a community-building



A display table from the Gender & Sexuality Alliance Club provides resources in the SAC for students that identify as LGBTQIA+

and educational tool. You'll find several Dungeons and Dragons enthusiasts inside this club.

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## Archery

Bullseye! This club has a firm focus on teaching responsibility, coordination, and maturity. The sport of archery dates back some 64,000 years ago. Some of the very first artifacts discovered by archaeologist suggests that some of the sport's origins were discovered in Sibudu Cave, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The youngest archer to ever win a medal did so at the Olympic Games in 1988. She was just 14 years old. The members of this club say that it's very calming as well as a lot of fun.

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## Base 11

If STEM is your thing then one may want to take a look at this club. Base 11 is a non-profit workforce development and entrepreneurial organization focused on creating the next generation of leaders in STEM. They promote Student Success by connecting employers, academic institutions, and entrepreneurial

opportunities with high-potential, low-resource students who have shown interest and talent, but lack the access and resources needed to realize their full potential. The ultimate mission is to build a sustainable workforce through prestigious stem opportunities.

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## Black Student Union

This club has set out to create a community and a family on campus for Black and/or African American students by providing educational, social and cultural support. Advisor email: robbie.richards@vvc.edu

## Be Your Own Creator

This is an art club that allows anyone to explore their own creativity through artistic mediums. Previously, art clubs on campus have provided students the opportunity to draw, paint, do pottery, music, and other expressive art forms. Participants in the club are not necessarily professional artists and may range from novice to expert.

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### Child Development

VVC's Child Development Club expands student knowledge on a variety of educational and career pathways. These pathways include employment in early childhood education and/or transfer to a four-year university to pursue more advanced study in areas such as K-12 Education and related fields. Additionally, the club provides opportunities for students/ members fun hands-on experiences and task to promote professionalism, advocacy, and community.

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### CNSA (CA Nursing Student Assoc.)

Did you know that VVC has one of the top nursing schools in the country? And there's also a club on campus that prepares future nursing leaders. Promoting a professional and positive image of nursing in all media relations, public media relations, public presentations, and publications. CNSA is part of a statewide community advocating the transition of students to professional nurses through leadership, education, mentorship, advocacy, activism, and stewardship.

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### Gender & Sexuality Alliance

This student club is for students that identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community. And allies are also more than welcomed too. This club positively connects students with supportive adults and peers. In general, Gender and Sexuality Alliance clubs can help address the harassment of LGBTQIA+ students, encourage dialogue about diversity and acceptance, and promote respect for all people. This club provides a safe environment.

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### Geo Science

A learning environment for anyone interested in geo science based on topics by visiting museums and cultural places. Topics of interest discussed in this club include oceans, atmosphere, rivers and lakes, ice sheets and glaciers, soils, Earth's complex surface, rocky interior, and metallic core. Geoscience investigates the past, measures the present, and models the future behavior of the planet.

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### Model United Nations

The MUN Club serves as an exciting way to learn about world affairs and international politics in true-to-life simulations. MUN provides a unique atmosphere for students to develop their skills in public speaking, teamwork, leadership and communication. Everyone gets the chance to work with a diverse group of people from around the world in international academic conferences. Students also get a chance to meet with real diplomats at their embassies and get to visit several places, including the United Nations,

Congress, and the White House.

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Photo of MUN Club on their recent Boston trip (March 2023)

### Music Club

This club spreads awareness for the music programs offered at VVC. The club also works with like-minded students to create music. FUN FACT: Music is a universal language!

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### Psychology

If one is fascinated with the mind, then this club may be the right prescription. The club introduces and explores the field of Psychology in a recreational setting where practical application can test theories and ideas.

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### Rams Real Estate

This club complements the real estate curriculum by providing educational, professional, and networking opportunities. It can benefit VVC students who have had little exposure to the real estate industry, and expand the breadth of knowledge for those students who already have professional experience.

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### Ready Rams

This longtime VVC club helps improve leadership skills by coordinating community service activities along with educational activities. The club aspires to give students positive experiences and build on skills necessary for the workforce, and helps qualify students for acceptance to universities. The Ready Rams Club was designed to help and benefit the community and students with volunteer work. The overall goal is to make a difference by developing our own ideas of events, activities and fundraisers.

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### Respiratory Therapy

The RT Club works to raise funds in order to pay for expenses related to future licensure (Kettering), and graduation materials. RT also participates in various campus-related activities through volunteering.

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### WANT TO START A CLUB?

VVC is always looking to expand its diverse student body's ideas. If someone is interested in starting or creating a brand new club on campus then here are some important steps to know:

1. Identify your club's purpose and mission. What is the goal of your club? What activities or events will your club undertake?
2. Recruit at least five interested students who share your passion for the club's purpose.
3. Find a faculty or staff member who is willing to serve as an advisor for the club.
4. Submit a new club application to the ASB (Associated Student Body) office. The application will ask for a description of the club, its proposed activities, its purpose and goals, and the names of the club officers.
5. Once your application is approved, you will need to attend a mandatory club orientation meeting with your advisor.
6. Promote your club on campus and recruit new members.

More information about starting a new club and existing clubs can be found at the ASB office on the second floor of the Student Activities Center (Building 44).

# NOW HIRING!



**PT CDL INSTRUCTORS**  
**\$50.00/HR**  
**INFO@VVC.EDU**

# Pi Day Piques Campus Curiosity, 900+ Students Attend



**(Above) A VVC student takes a moment out of their day to enjoy some delicious pie (no pun intended) and a slice of pizza. All food items served on March 14 had a circular and round-like theme. (Photo by Andrew Caravella)**

Victor Valley College celebrated the famous mathematical constant, Pi or  $\pi$ , with a fun-filled event at its ATC building. The March 14th, 2023 event saw over 900 hundred students including staff and faculty from around the campus being served an array of delicious treats, including pizza, pie, and papusas.

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-Dr. Daniel Walden

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Pi Day is celebrated globally on March 14th, which represents the first three digits of Pi, 3.14. Victor Valley College honored the mathematical holiday by organizing a vibrant celebration that included math some math puzzles, trivia, and interactive activities. Students from different departments engage in mathematical puzzles, good company and enjoyed the free food.

The celebration featured a delightful selection

of pizza, pie, and papusas, which were a big hit among the attendees. Students savored the unique flavors and appreciated the diversity in the cuisine. The event was organized by VVC Math professor Ahn Weis in collaboration with the Associated Student Body.

Weis expressed her delight about the success of the event, saying, “It was wonderful to see students from all over the campus coming out to join the Pi Day celebration. It’s great to see the students embrace math and have fun while doing it.”

“Education is the path towards unlocking our fullest potential, and at Victor Valley College, we are committed to providing our students with the tools and resources they need to achieve their academic and career goals. We call it Student Success,” said Dr. Daniel Walden Ph. D., president of Victor Valley College. The Pi Day celebration at Victor Valley College went above and beyond to create a memorable event that brought students together and reminded them of the importance of mathematics in our everyday lives.

## RAMS' New Football Coach



**VVC Athletics Director Artie Allen has announced the department’s newest addition: Rams’ Football Head Coach David Slover.**

Coach Slover comes to the Victor Valley from Chaffey College where he dedicated seven seasons on the coaching staff, five as defensive coordinator. In total, Slover has 12 seasons in the profession.

Slover played at Fullerton College as well as Western New Mexico University (WNMU). After graduating with a degree in Kinesiology with a minor in coaching, Slover was immediately offered a job at his Alma Mater, WNMU.

Furthermore, in 2015 Slover also earned a Master of Arts in Education and Educational Leadership.

Outside of Coaching, Slover has served as an adjunct professor at Western New Mexico University and at Chaffey College. His goal is to now do the very same here at VVC, teaching in the kinesiology and athletics department.

Coach Slover resides in Brea, California with his wife Valerie and their three children Joseph, Jacob, and Joshua.

“We look forward to seeing his success with our RAMS football team in the upcoming 22-23 season,” said Artie Allen.



SOURCE: PHOTO BY DRAGOS GONTARIU/UNSPLASH

## Week of the Young Child to Recognize Young Children & Families

Several activities will be taking place between April 3 - April 6, 2023 to celebrate our youngest learners and embrace our inner child

**A week long celebration of young children is going on at VVC in an effort to support early childhood development.**

Week of the Young Child has become an annual celebration which focuses public attention on the needs of young children and their families. The week is said to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

The week was first started by NAEYC back in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life.

### What's happening at VVC to celebrate?

The Child Development Center located in Building 12 will be having numerous activities taking place throughout the week.

On Monday, April 3, it's "Sensory Play Day." Infants and toddlers enjoy the exploration of their senses. Participants can hang out in the Rose water garden where they can immerse themselves in soils, use small rakes, plant flowers, or use shovels. There will also be a water play bin and cool Whip bin, because what kid doesn't like to get messy? Participants will also get an opportunity to make their own sensory (ziplock bag) hair gel, pom poms, feathers.

On Tuesday, April 4, it's "Colors of Nature." Participants will be able to get involved in "Discovery Arts." Organizers at the Child Development Center say that activities will

include painting with leaves & pinecones. There will also be an opportunity for face-painting, tree rub, individual collab art, decorating boxes, wet chalk, and crushed flower paint. Painting tools will be provided to help create patterns and textures.

On Wednesday, April 5, it's "Let's Move." Activities will circle around fitness. The center's staff will be providing an obstacle course as well as hula hoops, tunnels, animal acting/movement mats, bean bag toss, balance beams, and basketball. Those wanting to take a slower approach to fitness can participate in yoga. Participants will also get a chance to take home a handout and/or make their own bean bags (white beans).

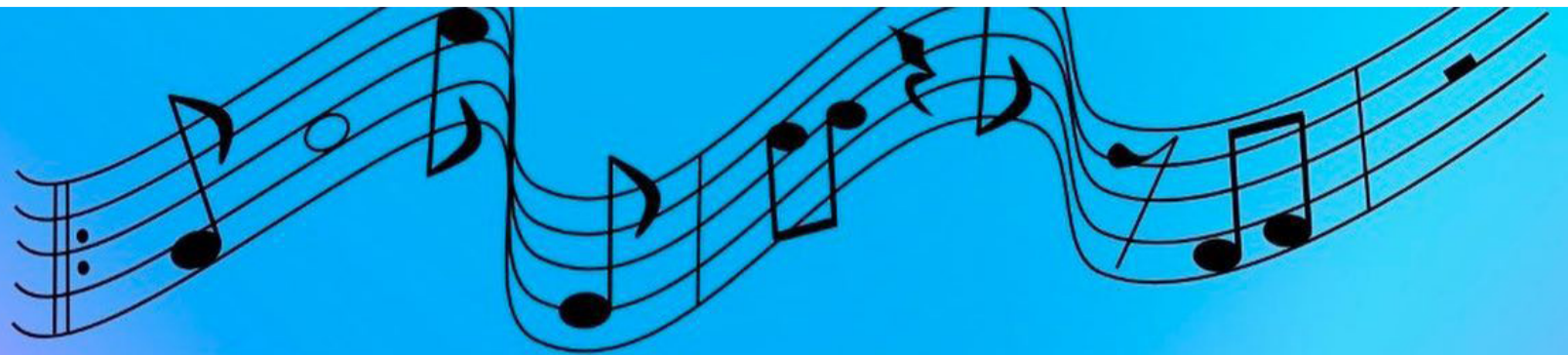
And on Thursday, April 6, it's "Discoveries Afoot." The fun doesn't stop as the center immerses participants in silence and social study -related activities. Some of the fun-learning will include a petting farm, scavenger hunt (children can make their own map) and a take home project where children can leave with an "Oobleck" (ziplock bags) and/or The VVC Child Development Lab is an early education and teaching learning laboratory serving student families at Victor Valley College & community. The center serves children ages 18 months to 5 years. Since 1974, the center has served as a model for best practices in early childhood education for children, families, students, faculty, and the community.

VVC Child Development Program Director Annette Franquez says the "first 5 years of a

child's life are so important, and a nurturing childcare plays a vital role," that's why the Child Development Center provides a rich, social, supportive, play-based atmosphere for young children and a structured learning environment for VVC students, the next generation of childcare professionals.

A Child Development background can open the doors to numerous career opportunities. An Associate Degree in Child Development provides the knowledge and skills needed to become a preschool teacher and transfer to a four year university to explore additional career opportunities which include; Site Supervisor for Early Childhood programs, Elementary School Teacher, Child Life Specialists, Curriculum Specialist/Coordinators and Early Intervention/Special Education professionals.

The award-winning program was selected as The Best in the High Desert in 2022 and we are rated as a 5 star child care facility by the county of San Bernardino. Our goal for 2023, is to become Nationally Accredited by the Association for the Education of Young Children. CDC Staff share a common commitment, to promote, build awareness, and help create a quality program that fosters a developmentally age-appropriate best practices for young children and their families throughout the High Desert.



# VVC Music Department Presents **Spring Concert Week**

LIVE MUSIC - FREE ADMISSION

## Ensemble Showcase

**Thursday March 30, 2023  
7:30pm**

Featuring Preludium String Ensemble,  
Jazz-Rock Combo & Studio Jazz Band.  
Come enjoy favorites like Benny  
Goodman's Stompin' at the Savoy and  
George Gershwin's Summertime!

## VVC Bands in Concert

**Friday March 31, 2023  
7:30pm**

Featuring Brass Choir, Flute Choir, Tuba Force,  
College Band and Symphonic Band. Selections  
include Grand Canyon Fanfare, Gaelic Rhapsody  
and the Finale from Respighi's The Pines of  
Rome-"The Pines of the Appian Way."

## The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins

**Saturday April 1, 2023, 7:30pm  
Sunday April 2, 2023, 2:30pm**

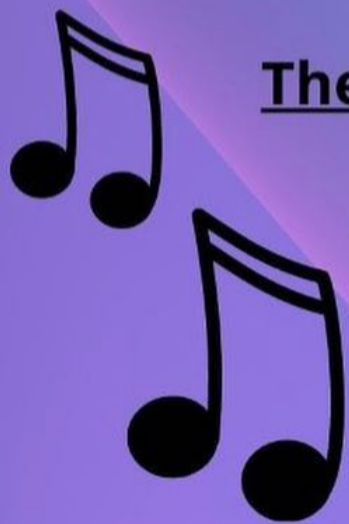
Featuring the VVC Choirs and Orchestra in  
collaboration with Serrano and Sultana High Schools.  
This work is a multi-media presentation that  
explores the cost to humanity of war - a truly  
moving experience!

### **More Information :**

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### **Location :**

VVC Performing Arts Center  
18422 Bear Valley Road



Victor Valley College Child Development Lab

# EARLY LEARNING

## ENROLLMENT

# 2023-2024

now offering subsidized childcare services to children:

- \*ages 18 months - 5 years old
- \*full-day transitional kindergarten (tk)
- \*both part day/full day programs



PLAY



LEARN



ENJOY

## ENROLL NOW!

760-245-4271

ext: 2773

LOCATION

18422 bear valley rd. building 12



Victor Valley College Child Development Lab

# EARLY LEARNING

## INSCRIPCIÓN 2023-2024

ofrecemos servicios de cuidado de niños subsidiados para niños:

- \* edades 18 meses - 5 años
- \* kínder de transición de día completo (tk)
- \* ambos programas de medio día/día completo



JUGAR

APRENDER

DISFRUTAR

LLAME HOY!

760-245-4271

ext: 2773

LOCATION

18422 bear valley rd. building 12



# Spring 2023 Speech Contest



Brought to you by:  
VVC Communication Center, Communication Studies Department, and  
Associated Student Body

## When?

April 27, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**How will my time at VVC help me to grow as a student and reach my academic and/or professional goals?**

**Speech time limit: 3-5 minutes**

**1st Place: \$200**

**2nd Place: \$150**

**3rd Place: \$100**

**4th Place: \$50**



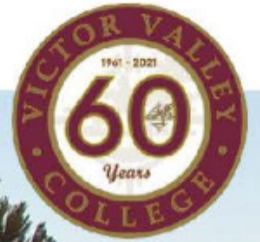
- ◇ Applications due: April 17th by 4:30 PM in the Communication Center (Building 54, Room 213)
- ◇ Participants must present their speech in the Communication Center on either April 18h or 19th by appointment only

\*This round will be scored and the highest scoring participants will notified on the 19th to compete in the contest\*

◇ \* For more information, please drop by the Communication Center\*



# 2023 VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE COMMUNITY JOB FAIR



## LARGEST HIRING EVENT! IN THE HIGH DESERT

- Come meet with more than 100 employers!
- Bring several copies of your resumé.
- Remember, dress to impress!

Registrants will be sent information about  
FREE job search workshops.

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:00AM – 1:00PM

Around the Campus Lake!

Register Now!



[VVCJobFair.eventbrite.com](https://VVCJobFair.eventbrite.com)

More Information Contact: Felicia KariKari

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# QUESTION PERSUADE REFER



**ALL STUDENTS,  
STAFF, AND  
FACULTY ARE  
WELCOME**

## WHAT

Three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide

**We can all save lives**

## WHEN

Mar 14, 2023 11a.m-1p.m.

Apr 11, 2023 11a.m-1p.m. in Spanish

May 24, 2023 11a.m-1p.m.

## WHERE

SAC, BLDG 44, A&B



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ATTENTION: If you speak another language, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-760-243-5417 (TTY: 711).



**Behavioral Health**

Services provided in collaboration with San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health and funded by the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63).

# MENTAL HEALTH SPRING 2023

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE FOR VVC STUDENTS, STAFF, & FACULTY

## MINDFUL MONDAYS

MONDAYS: 9AM-11AM

BUILDING 44 (SAC) ROOM: 214

STARTING FEBRUARY 17TH

## DROP-IN COUNSELING

TUES: 11AM-2PM | WED: 1PM-5PM | THURS: 11AM-2PM

BUILDING 21 (ATC) ROOM: 172

ALL SPRING SEMESTER

## SUPPORT GROUP

TUESDAYS: 12PM-1:30PM

BUILDING 23 (ONE STOP) ROOM: 08

ALL SPRING SEMESTER

## WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAYS: 12:30PM-1:30PM

BUILDING 44 (SAC) ROOM: A&B

FROM MARCH 1ST TO MAY 17TH



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