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Hailey Reyes, an ASB member at Victor Valley College and Mojave High School alum, joined ASB to advocate for student rights and create a supportive environment where students feel empowered to speak up. She is committed to enhancing student success by expanding resources and opportunities on campus.

Majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology, Hailey plans to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona or potentially her dream school, Stanford. She aspires to join the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit to understand criminal behavior.

For Hailey, being a student leader means guiding and motivating others toward a common goal with resilience and optimism. She hopes to create more networking opportunities at VVC, helping students build valuable connections for their futures.

When not on campus, Hailey enjoys listening to Arctic Monkeys and David Kushner or watching "Supernatural." Her dedication to student success and positive change makes her a standout leader at VVC.



Jorge Almendarez, an ASB member at Victor Valley College, joined ASB to make a positive impact on campus and develop his networking skills. After attending a few meetings, he was inspired by the council's dedication to representing the student voice and creating a supportive environment where everyone can thrive.

Currently working on his associate's degree in Computer Science and pursuing a real estate license, Jorge plans to transfer to a four-year university, with MIT as his ideal choice and CSUSB as a realistic option. His career goal is to use real estate to fund his education, as he continues his studies.

For Jorge, being a student leader means advocating for peers, enhancing the student experience, and setting a high standard of integrity and empathy. He aims to improve how students perceive their role at VVC, ensuring their voices are heard and valued in campus decisions.

Outside of ASB and his studies, Jorge enjoys binge-watching "Community" and listening to an eclectic mix of music, including Kings of Leon, Mariah Carey, Taylor Swift, and The Smiths. His commitment to student advocacy and personal growth makes him a standout leader at VVC.



Hannah Marie Rodriguez, an ASB member at Victor Valley College and University Preparatory alum, joined ASB to give back to her community and help others to the best of her abilities. With a major in Neurobiology and Public Health, Hannah is driven by her goal of obtaining an MD in Anesthesiology and becoming an Anesthesiologist.

Hannah plans to transfer to either UCLA or UCSD to continue her academic journey. For her, being a student leader means being someone others can look up to and approach easily for support. She aims to be a role model and a helpful presence on campus.

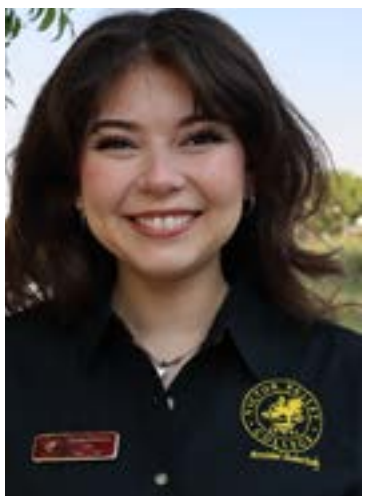
When she's not busy with ASB or her studies, Hannah enjoys listening to music from Clairo, Beabadoobee, and Olivia Rodrigo. Her commitment to community service and future career in medicine highlights her dedication and leadership at VVC.

Porscha Guerrero, a dedicated member of Victor Valley College's Associated Student Body (ASB), is making her mark as a student leader with a vision for a more welcoming and beautiful campus. A proud alumna of University Preparatory, Porscha joined ASB after being inspired by the respect, organization, and commitment she witnessed in each meeting. The dedication of her fellow council members sparked a desire in her to contribute to the VVC community with the same passion.

Currently majoring in Psychology, Porscha's academic journey doesn't stop at VVC—she plans to transfer to California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) to pursue her ultimate career goal of becoming a psychiatrist. As a student leader, she believes in creating a positive and warm environment for everyone at VVC, emphasizing the importance of a supportive community on campus.

During her time in ASB, Porscha hopes to enhance the beautification of the campus, aiming to cultivate a sense of pride among students for their surroundings. When she's not busy with her ASB duties or studies, you can catch her streaming the mellow tunes of Cigarettes After Sex or Beabadoobee.

Porscha's dedication to her peers and her vision for VVC's future make her a standout student leader, one who is set on leaving a lasting impact on the college community.



DeAnn Fulton, an ASB member at Victor Valley College and Apple Valley High School alum, joined ASB to step out of her comfort zone and advocate for her fellow students. She wanted to be a voice for those who feel unheard and someone students can rely on. Currently majoring in Fine Arts, DeAnn plans to transfer to Pomona College to pursue her dream of becoming a well-known single line tattoo artist.

For DeAnn, being a student leader has been life-changing, helping her overcome personal challenges and become more open. She's passionate about reaching out to shy and nervous students, encouraging them to speak up and get involved just as ASB helped her do.

When she's not busy with her studies or ASB duties, DeAnn enjoys drawing while streaming "Adventure Time"—a quirky show that sparks her creativity. DeAnn's dedication to her peers and artistic ambitions make her a standout leader at VVC, determined to make a positive impact on campus.



Isaac Guevara, an ASB member at Victor Valley College and Oak Hills High School alum, joined ASB with a simple but powerful goal: to help VVC in any way he can. Majoring in Math and Science, Isaac plans to transfer to UCLA, where he hopes to continue his journey toward becoming a dermatologist.

For Isaac, being a student leader is about supporting students who are struggling and making a positive impact on their college experience. He's passionate about helping others and aims to create a more positive student life at VVC during his time in ASB.

When he's not busy with his ASB responsibilities or studying, Isaac enjoys unwinding with episodes of "Suits." With his dedication to helping others and his drive to succeed, Isaac is making a meaningful impact on the VVC community.



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Amerie Fortune, an ASB member at Victor Valley College and Sultana High School alum, joined ASB to gain valuable experience and contribute to the campus community. Majoring in Nursing, Amerie aims to transfer to San Diego State University and become a top-notch NICU nurse.

For Amerie, being a student leader means advocating for her peers and ensuring their voices are heard. She is particularly passionate about improving the art building and hopes to restore the kiln yard to enhance the campus’s creative resources.

When she’s not involved with ASB or her studies, Amerie enjoys watching “Law and Order: Special Victims Unit.” Her enthusiasm for nursing and commitment to campus improvement make her a standout leader at VVC.

Morgan Guillen, an ASB member at Victor Valley College, joined ASB to contribute to the school community and thrive in the vibrant atmosphere of VVC. Majoring in Agricultural Animal Science, Morgan aims to transfer to either Cal Poly Pomona or San Luis Obispo to further her education.

Her ultimate career goal is to earn a doctorate in veterinary medicine and become a veterinarian. For Morgan, being a student leader means leading by example, supporting fellow students, and always being ready to lend a helping hand.

During her time in ASB, Morgan hopes to enhance student understanding, engagement, and quality of life on campus. When she’s not at VVC, she enjoys watching CW superhero shows, especially “Supergirl” and “The Flash.” Morgan’s dedication to both her future career and her role as a student leader makes her a valuable asset to the VVC community.



Maurice Davis Jr., an ASB member at Victor Valley College, joined ASB because he was recognized as a good fit for the role and admired the council’s influence on student life. Majoring in Business Administration and Fine Arts, Maurice plans to transfer to UC Riverside and pursue his goal of becoming a first-generation graduate with a master’s degree.

For Maurice, being a student leader is about making a tangible impact on the VVC community through his own experiences and those of others. He is dedicated to expanding learning opportunities for students, striving to enhance the academic and personal growth available on campus.

Outside of ASB and his studies, Maurice enjoys a wide variety of music and frequently switches genres, reflecting his eclectic tastes. His commitment to improving student opportunities and his drive to succeed make him a valuable leader at VVC.

Savanna Blakkan, a dedicated ASB member at Victor Valley College, joined the council to enhance student life and contribute to creating an inclusive community for students and faculty. With majors in Math and Science and Fire Technology, Savanna aspires to transfer to Loma Linda or UCLA and aims to become a key player in the medical community, whether as a firefighter or a nurse/doctor.

For Savanna, being a student leader means embracing responsibility and integrity while advocating for students’ needs. She values building connections and listening to concerns to improve the academic community.

During her time in ASB, Savanna hopes to beautify the lower campus by creating more spaces for students to study, relax, and enjoy their breaks. In her free time, she enjoys watching “Shameless” and listening to artists like Tyla, Artemas, and Arctic Monkeys. Savanna’s commitment to improving campus life and her future career goals make her a standout leader at VVC.positively to society.



William (Bill) Tate, an ASB member at Victor Valley College and Oak Hills High School alum, joined ASB to make a significant impact in the community. As a history major, Bill has been accepted into a guaranteed transfer program at Baylor University, with aspirations of transferring to Harvard University. His ultimate career goal is to serve on the United States Supreme Court.

For Bill, being a student leader is about prioritizing long-term goals over immediate concerns and addressing the needs of his peers. During his time in ASB, he aims to enhance awareness of the benefits of community college and its role in students’ academic journeys.

When he’s not engaged in ASB or his studies, Bill is captivated by “House of Cards” on Netflix and enjoys listening to various podcasts. He is also currently reading “Shoe Dog” by Phil Knight and recently completed “Hillbilly Elegy” by JD Vance. Bill’s commitment to leadership and his ambitious career goals make him a standout figure at VVC.

Steven Guevara, a proud graduate of Oak Hills High School, is double-majoring in Sociology and Business Administration 2.0 at Victor Valley College. Driven by a passion for student advocacy, Steven joined the Associated Student Body (ASB) to give a voice to those who may not have the platform to speak for themselves. He’s dedicated to making meaningful changes that benefit his peers on campus.

Steven has plans to transfer to the University of California, Irvine, where he will pursue a major in Economics. His long-term career goal is to thrive in the finance industry and lead a top company.

As a student leader, Steven sees his role as taking initiative and guiding his peers toward success at VVC. He is also focused on improving transparency between the college and its students, ensuring that their ideas are heard when shaping the future of student life.

When he’s not busy with classes or ASB responsibilities, you’ll find Steven streaming his favorite J. Cole tracks.



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Rammy the Ram is the backbone of the Assocoated Student Body. They are the spirited and charismatic mascot of Victor Valley College and fun fact, they aren't just a mascot; they're the vibrant pulse that keeps the VVC community alive and thriving.

With their infectious energy and unwavering dedication, Rammy has become the symbol of unity and enthusiasm on campus. Whether it's rallying students at sports events, leading community service initiatives, or boosting morale during finals week, Rammy is always at the forefront, motivating and inspiring all.

Fun fact, Rammy has a collection of windchimes, and he's placed them in some of the trees on campus. On a windy day if one hears the wind chimes, it's been told that it's a form of good luck from Rammy. Rammy's friendly demeanor and approachability make them a natural connector between students, faculty, and staff. With a hoof on the pulse of campus life, Rammy ensures that student voices are heard and that their concerns are addressed. This commitment to advocacy has earned Rammy the respect and admiration of their peers, as they tirelessly champion student interests and facilitate positive change within the college community.

Want to Own the Maitland House from Beetlejuice? It'll Cost You Over \$460K



The long-awaited sequel, Beetlejuice Beetlejuice, finally hit theaters on September 6th, and fans of Tim Burton's 1988 cult classic couldn't be more thrilled. After 35 years of waiting, audiences are once again diving into the bizarre and darkly comedic world of the Maitlands, the Deetz family, and everyone's favorite "bio-exorcist"—Beetlejuice. But as the new movie dominates the box office, another piece of Beetlejuice nostalgia is capturing imaginations: the iconic Maitland house.

In a fun twist, Pennsylvania gambling experts at PlayPennsylvania.com have revealed what the Maitland residence from Beetlejuice would cost if it existed in 2024. The fictional home, nestled in the equally fictional town of Winter River, Connecticut, is valued at an impressive \$461,398 today—quite the jump from its 2014 price of \$344,400. Thanks to good ol' U.S. inflation, the haunted house has gained an additional \$117,000 in value.

According to Zillow, the average home in Connecticut costs \$411,971, making the spooky Maitland home about 12% pricier than your typical abode. But let's face it, this isn't just any house—it's got character, charm, and, oh yes, two live-in ghosts.

A Beetlejuice Real Estate Dream

The Maitland residence, with its 2,800 square

feet, three bedrooms, and two bathrooms, would have cost just \$172,101 back in 1988 when the original movie was released. But now, for a cool \$461,398, you can enjoy features like a one-car garage, large kitchen, darkroom, gateway to the afterlife, and the unique bonus of resident spirits ready to help you channel your inner Lydia Deetz.

The listing humorously asks: "Are you a struggling artist looking to escape big city life and draw inspiration from small-town America?" If so, this quirky home might just be your gothic paradise.

Tristan Kay, Head of Casino at PlayPennsylvania, commented on the fun fictional listing, noting how it's always interesting to imagine the real-world value of famous movie houses. "These houses are integral to the movie's brand, and it's exciting that it's appearing on-screen again."

The Plot of Beetlejuice Beetlejuice

As for the sequel, Beetlejuice Beetlejuice takes fans on another wild ride through the afterlife, introducing new characters while reuniting with the ones we love. This time, Lydia Deetz's daughter becomes entangled in the same chaotic supernatural antics that plagued her mother's life, and Beetlejuice himself is more mischievous than ever.

Packed with ghoulish humor, fantastic visual effects, and Tim Burton's signature style, the movie is a nostalgic trip down memory lane with a fresh, modern twist.

Fans of the original can expect plenty of callbacks, with appearances by the Deetz family, the infamous Handbook for the Recently Deceased, and of course, the delightfully creepy town of Winter River. The new film dives deeper into the strange, eerie world Burton created, making it a must-see for fans old and new. broader impact of his role as a truck driver on the economy and the community at large. "Truckers are the lifeblood of the nation, ensuring that essential goods reach consumers every day," he remarked. As he continues to drive forward in his career, Hernandez's dedication and commitment reflect the resilience and determination of those who power the wheels of progress.

SOURCE: PlayPennsylvania.com, Business2Community, U.S. Inflation Calculator

VVC Announces 2024-2025 Show Lineup at the Performing Arts Center



FLORA & ULYSSES (CREDIT: LUIS LARA / IG @ LUISLARAPHOTO)

Victor Valley College (VVC) proudly announces the highly anticipated 2024-2025 performance season at the VVC Performing Arts Center, showcasing a diverse lineup of theater productions, concerts, and special events.

This season promises something for everyone, from classic plays to modern musical performances. The PAC is inviting the community to experience the magic of live theater and music right in the heart of the Victor Valley.

The new season kicks off with a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month as well as a spectacular evening of comedy and magic, a VVC staple that has been gracing the stage with world-class magicians from the Magic Castle for nearly 30 years at VVC. An Evening of Comedy and Magic is an extraordinary show that has wowed audiences from Las Vegas to Dubai and beyond.

But wait, there's more! VVC is excited to present a wide range of performances that highlight the exceptional talent of VVC students, faculty, and visiting artists. Audiences

can look forward to standout shows such as Holes, a story about being born into a family cursed with bad luck, and The Prom, a live musical that follows the lives of four Broadway actors lamenting their days of fame as they travel to the conservative town of Edgewater, Indiana.

In addition to theatrical productions, the season includes a robust schedule of musical performances by VVC's College Singers, Symphony Orchestra, and Concert Band, as well as special events that celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our community. Additionally, the music department's annual holiday celebrations will kick off December 12, 2024.

"We are thrilled to offer an exciting lineup of performances this season that showcases the exceptional talent of our students and guest artists," said Kelley Cahow, Dean of Instruction for Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) at Victor Valley College. "Our goal is to provide an enriching experience for everyone, whether you're a seasoned theatergoer or new to live performances. We invite you to join us for a season full of entertainment, inspiration,

Tickets are now available for advance purchase online for VVC's Comedy and Magic show on September 28, 2024. Click [here](#) to buy tickets. To see a complete list of additional events both FREE and paid at the Performing Arts Center, please visit vvc.edu/pac-events

Additional info on future events can be requested by email info@vvc.edu - Don't miss this opportunity to support the arts and witness extraordinary performances at VVC.



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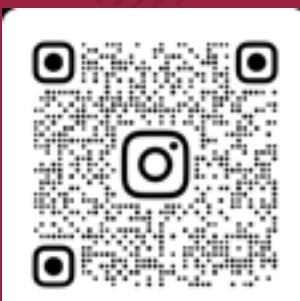
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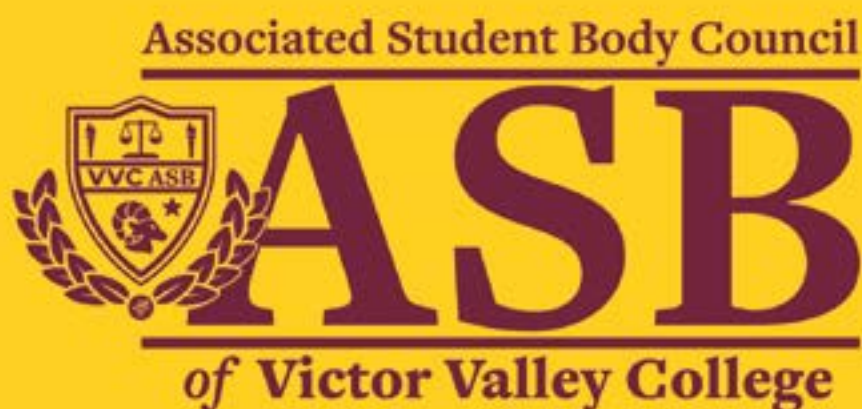
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