



*"Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em."* - Shakespeare

## Aviation Program Fly's High With

By Robert "X" Campos  
*RamPage Reporter*

Victor Valley College has an Aviation Maintenance Technology Program which began a few years ago, and it has growing even larger with more equipment for students to stay hands on with up to date equipment in Aviation Maintenance technology. The program has been able to expand due to collective donations from the city, country, and state official to renovate classrooms, create more lab space, and keep them fully equipped to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) specifications.

The program is still current-

ly going through some of its renovations, but some of the



new equipment has arrived and the students are able to stay hands-on with everything

they are learning. One of the exciting things the students are learning is non-destructive testing with ultra sound. Students are able to get hands on use with the ultra sound technology to test for stress cracks throughout thick pieces of metal, which they use in the field. According to instructor Art Gee, "metal on planes expand and contract throughout travel, and it is important for the students to learn to check for these thing to guarantee safe travel."

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## Chance to Give Back

By Angel Camacho  
*News Editor*

Christmas is a time for people to come together and celebrate holiday cheers and spread joy throughout their community. Lights of Love is an event that is dedicated to the children whose parents attend Victor Valley College. This event will be held on December 11.

Students can help by sponsoring a child and giving them a gift. Prior to the December 11 event, the sponsor will be given a child's name from ASB and will purchase an age appropriate gift for him or her. During the event, the child will be able to open the present and be surrounded in a Christmas gathering environment.

The event will be hosted by Fine Arts Coordinator, Nina Venegas. Nina says, "I use to attend the event with my sister who was a student in the program. Now being a mother, I am personally connected to this event."



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## Keep Calm, It's Finals

By Hugo Valdez  
*Managing Editor*

VVC Counselor, Jacqueline Stahlke is inviting all students to enjoy stress reducing activities during, what for many is the stress inducing finals week. The "Stress Less, Strive for Success" activities are set to begin on Monday, December 14th and will continue through Thursday, December 17th.

The activities will include snacks, a catered lunch, massage therapy and a yoga ses-

sion to help students decompress and put their best foot forward for their final exams. Lunch and snacks will be provided to the first 100 participants each day.

Each day from 9:00-10:00 a.m. there will be a stress release activity. After releasing some of that stress on Monday, December 14th and Wednesday, December 16th students can relax in the meditation room during the hours of 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. On Tuesday, December 15th and Thursday, December 17th

massage therapists will be available from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. to help relieve the tension built up during the hours of studying.

Although stress relief is an amazing tool to help students to do their very best, preparation and understanding what you will be tested for is key. For students feeling that they may need some help to better understand some of what they have learned, tutors will be available for Chemistry 100, Biology 107 and 100, Math 42 and 90.

# BSU IS BACK

By **Lauryn Jackson**  
*Photo Editor*

The Black Student Union is poised for a come back. On the 15th of October in the SAC, the club held their first meeting of the semester with high hopes, fresh ideas, and new leaders. The club has been struggling, but they have a new vision that will drive their mission.

Their mission is to help Victor Valley College students grow through diverse discussion and programs that focus on culture, society, and academia from an African American perspective. The advisor, Robbie Richards, has doubled as a financial aid worker at VVC for sixteen years, and stated that she didn't know that there was a BSU branch at VVC until five years ago; and has worked since then to breathe life into the club.

"The BSU is for the students,"

she said at the meeting, "And we do want to really keep it alive, we want to keep it going."

The new leadership committee appointed at the meeting, are passionate about building up BSU, giving back to the com-



munity, and uniting black students. The BSU has collaborated with the Black Heritage Committee for Martin Luther

King Day and other events in the past and they plan to do more in the future.

Chantel Rockmore, president of the club and business major, looks for ways to promote the club and to give back. When

asked how they plan to help black students here at VVC, she stated, "To give them something to do productive...if you're at school and it's positive, then you're not doing something negative." Devonna

Robinson, vice president, and Markisha Richardson, secretary and ICC representative, are ready to do just that.

The BSU has plans for fundraising that are still in development. In October, they held a bake sale to raise money for their club. One of their long term goals is to earn enough money to give away scholarships. However, there is one thing that they need in order to see these plans through: You!

Chantel Rockmore, had this to say during the meeting, "I feel like school spirit is probably the most important thing, because even though we are all different, because we go here that's the thing that ties us all together." She said, "Maybe not everyone can relate to being black, but everybody can relate to the school spirit."

If you're interested in joining BSU, all you have to do is walk in. Their meetings are currently being held upstairs in the SAC from 1 to 2 o'clock.

## The 'Fiberoptic Bug'

By **Hugo Valdez**  
*Managing Editor*

Victor Valley College is home to an array of diversely talented students, faculty and professors. Students venture off to college for an education and to obtain a degree that they can one day make a living from. A Victor Valley College professor is an example of that, earning a living from his passion of wildlife, nature and commercial advertising photography. Professor John Reid has been a Victor Valley resident since 1987 and a photography instructor at VVC for 17 years.

Reid has been afforded the ability to travel to many different parts of the world as a result of his lucrative and long-standing photography career. Reid

has been in the industry for approximately 40 years and has an impressive background including, being part of a team of photographers that traveled to Belize where they discovered several new species of insects. During their adventures through the jungles of Belize, they not only discov-

ered these new species but also had the privilege of naming them. One of them a tiny little bug with fiber optic like antennas properly named the "Fiberoptic Bug".

Thanks to his extensive experience with photography, it's helped him line up majority of his jobs. On top of being a full



time instructor at VVC Professor Reid is also a Senior Editor for Air HD Media responsible for producing a number of magazines including Model Airplane News, Electric Flight, Rotor Drone Magazine and Flight Drone. "Most of my skills come from self taught and seminars", stated Reid. Professor Reid currently teaches a variety of classes at VVC ranging from Black & White photography, portrait and Photoshop.

When asked what advice he would give to someone wanting to get into photography? "Keep at it, if you want to do photography for a living make sure it's something that you like to photograph." You can view photos taken by Professor Reid on his website [www.jsrvisions.com](http://www.jsrvisions.com) or his Facebook page JSRVisions [www.facebook.com/JSRVisions](http://www.facebook.com/JSRVisions).

# Child Development Club

**By Brittany Nistler**  
*RamPage Reporter*

Victor Valley College has maintained a strong connection in the High Desert community and continues to do so with the Child Development (CHDV) Club on campus. Club member Rayshell Wray enthusiastically says, "The club hopes to have a positive impact on any children they interact with." Their most recent club event was Halloween, when the members invited children to a safe, indoor Trick-or-Treating experience. The members of the club also go to homeless shelters and the Child Development program, introducing awareness of children in different settings.

The club is open to the students of VVC and does not require a Child Development

Major. When joining the CHDV club, a member can gain "experience, new responsibilities, and understanding when working with others". The club raises money by hosting snack carts and other fundraisers, used for their events to influence children.

The Development Club is different from the program on campus because they maintain a constant relationship with the High Desert Community. While the club holds events for children to attend and "tries to better the community", the program is a learning facility

used to observe children and continue education for the Child Development Majors. The Child Development club led by DeeDee Cole, a CHDV professor, holds a meeting every other week to collaborate on new events.



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**Aviation**  
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The Aviation Maintenance Technology Program keeps 25 students to a class because everything is so hands-on. There are no prerequisites required to join the program, but they strongly recommend that students have experience with basic algebra. You can sign up for the program via Blackboard, but an additional interest form and application must be sent in to them through their website: [www.vvc.edu/academic/aviation-tech](http://www.vvc.edu/academic/aviation-tech).

**Light of Love**  
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The event will give children who may not have much of a Christmas, something to feel excited about. "The looks on the children's face and the experience they will have, is what I am most excited for," Venegas explained. Every child deserves a Christmas. The event will provide many festivities and can give children a joyful holiday.

# Crusaders For Christ

**By Jessica Vaughan**  
*Features Editor*

Campus Crusade for Christ is one of the chartered clubs on campus this semester. You may have seen them outside the Student Activities Center (SAC) playing music and handing out bibles. Their main goal is to share their faith with their peers that would not otherwise get the opportunity to.

Club President, Kora Mahaffy, said, "The club was created to offer students at VVC the opportunity to grow their faith, fellowship with other believers in Jesus Christ and make an impact on campus." Mahaffy volunteered to take on the responsibility of President for the

fall semester. Aside from organizing events and delegating responsibilities within the club, she is also the primary leader of the club's bible study.

Some of the events that they have organized this semester include, partnering up the Vet-

eran's Club to serve food at the homeless shelter for Thanksgiving. Next semester they plan on partnering with community outreach projects with other clubs.

If you are interested in joining the club, you can contact them on Facebook at their page "VVC Campus Crusade for Christ" or show up at one of the meetings. Starting the spring semester, their meetings will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 12:30pm-2:30pm upstairs in the SAC.



## You Are Invited!

On December 10, 2015, Victor Valley College will host their annual student art show. The event will take place on the VVC campus in the Art bldg. from 12-8 p.m. There will be food, drinks, and great art work, so don't miss the free event.



# VVC Students' Christmas Traditions

**By Lauryn Jackson**  
*Photo Editor*

Christmas is a time for family and friends; whether that be huddled around the fireplace, cooking meals or playing games. Sarah Sandoval has been a student of VVC for two years and when asked what her Christmas traditions were on December 1st, she said that they do what most family do; spend time with one another. But her face lit up when she had something specific to share. Spoons. A competitive card game that her family enjoys playing during the Christmas season. With a hand of a standard deck of cards and spoons, the aim of the game is to grab a spoon once you have four of a kind. Sandoval described the game as being like "musical chairs," because there are fewer spoons than there are players. Christmas traditions are what make the season a time for family, maybe you can consider adding Spoons to the list.

**By Robert X. Campos**  
*RamPage Reporter*

VVC students are preparing for their finals and finally getting ready for the Holidays, each preparing with their own customs and traditions. VVC student Breanna Ayala says that she is happy that it is this time of year because it means that she goes to her grandmothers in Torrance, CA. to decorate her Christmas tree with the whole family.

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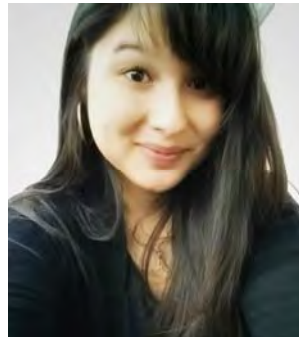
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*Happy Holidays from RamPage Staff*

**By Angel Camacho**  
*News Editor*



Leticia Stevens, an 18 year old student at Victor Valley College, is able to handle the transition from high school to college with the right attitude and dedication. When asked if she always feels the need to prove herself, she states, "I don't feel the need to prove to others, only to myself; proving that I am more than capable to achieve whatever I set my mind to do."

As Christmas draws near, reminiscing about traditions for the holiday season brought in a topic of discussion. "Christmas tradition consists of dressing in pajamas and waiting until midnight to open presents. Later on in the day, we would have Christmas dinner; which is usually the exact same as Thanksgiving, with the exception of ham," Leticia explained.

Leticia, confident for someone starting her college career, will reach new heights in years to come; taking challenges head on. Students like Leticia whom have a great mindset, will achieve success through the resources and education at VVC.

**By Chris Ibarra**  
*RamPage Reporter*

It's getting close to the time of the year when people can get their loved ones the gift they've always wanted; while getting what *they* wanted too. Of course this is the classic way of celebrating Christmas.

Ivan Paz, a student, explained how he and his family will get either get a real or a fake Christmas tree. In the weeks leading up to Christmas time, his family will put up four advent candles and as each Sunday passes, they will light a different candle until each candle has been lit.

"Every year we meet up with my family from my mother's side," Paz said describing the family's tradition on Christmas Eve, "And we usually socialize with the rest of the family until we fall asleep." Once midnight hits, his family will open up their presents and when finished, go back to sleep. Come Christmas morning, the gifts are ready to be enjoyed!

**By Leslie Reneé Leach**  
*RamPage Reporter*



Christian Martinez-Sanchez, 25 a business major here at VVC reflects on his Christmas traditions as a young child, he says "In our house we had many traditions, we would make tamales with my grandmother Maria and my mother Sylvia. We'd make all different kind like banana and raisin, green chilies and chicken, regular red tamales and strawberry jelly. We would spend hours making them so that we could give them out to family."

## Mockingjay Part 2 Doesn't Disappoint

By Chris Ibarra  
RamPage Reporter

The Hunger Games, loved by many, brought us the "girl on fire" who battles oppression against tyranny. However, it's sad to say that all things must come to an end; a movie franchise that has inspired so many around the globe.

In Francis Lawrence's latest installment of "The Hunger Games," fans get to see every teen's best friend: actress Jennifer Lawrence. Lawrence brings to life, once more, Katniss Everdeen in her journey to bring justice to those who have caused her pain. Lawrence's portrayal of Katniss as a determined and broken 16 year-old is full of raw emotions and will leave many viewers rooting for the girl from "The Seam."

Katniss fights the internal struggle of morality when it

comes to defeating the capitol. She believes it's important to beat her enemies without having to become just like them.

Gale Hawthorne played by Liam Hemsworth, looks to beat the capitol using any means necessary, unlike his



counterpart Katniss Everdeen. Hawthorne is a strong believer in making the enemy have a taste of their own medicine... by sacrificing anyone. Hawthorne shows that when it comes to winning, whatever wins the war faster, he's all for it.

Peeta Mellark, played by Josh Hutcherson, struggles to remember who he is as he is forced to endure obstacles that leave him lashing out at everyone around him. Viewers will be left in awe at the transformation of the caring "Baker's Son."

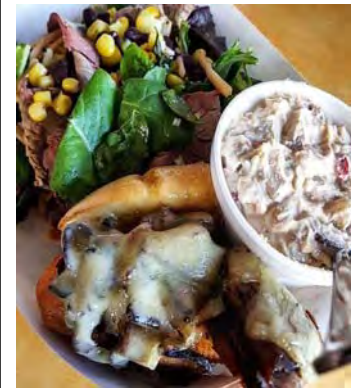
Francis Lawrence does an excellent job of allowing his audience to become comfortable in their chairs, then throwing a twist that leaves everyone at the edge of their seats, eager to see what will happen next. This film is, without a doubt, a heart stopping journey where characters face love and loss in addition to sacrifices that must be made to ensure a better future for their nation.

## Itchy Foot

By Leslie Reneé Leach  
RamPage Reporter

If you're looking to for a hip new place to have a drink with a friend or eat some great barbecue food look no future then the Desert Barn Brewery. With two locations, The Itchy Foot Deli located off Palmdale Road and the newer opening within the Desert Barn Brewery off Hesperia Road.

Tawney Postoian, a resident of the high desert since 1993 has teamed up with her father Ron to bring the community a variety of home cooked Barbecue and deli delights.



The Palmdale location serves more of a variety of food whereas the Desert Barn Brewery serves alcohol and has special events weekly. Monday, Thursday and Sunday they have drink specials for the football games, Wednesdays they do Comedy Hour and have special events like the Ronda Rousey fight with no cover charge.

Both locations are surrounded by great food and great people. If you're looking for a new place to try, I would recommend trying Itchy Foot.

## Fire and Ice Is Not Cold

By Diallo "Markus" Kahin  
RamPage Reporter

The VVC parking lot was packed and the Box Office line was about 65 people long. As attendees walked in the Performing Arts Center, they frantically took pictures before the lights went down. The show began promptly at 7:30 and the crowd went silent. The Fire and Ice show opened with back to



back, engaging performances. Beyond the Grave in particular stood out for its emotional themes and excellent dancing of Adam Rubio, Stephanie Eagan and Erika Covarrubias.

Up next was *A Thousand Years-Waltz*; which was beautifully choreographed by Debby Blanchard, and *Shut Up and Dance* choreographed by Katherine Page. *Shut Up and Dance* was a great change of pace because of its up-tempo music from *Walk the Moon*. This was also the first appearance of tap dancing making its way into the show.

Later on, we got what turned out to be the first of two incredible performances from the VVC Rhythmic Dance Team. Their performance of Beyonce's *Run the World* was perfect from start to finish. After intermission, the

show picked up again with *Ready for a Miracle* choreographed by Katherine Page. This was definitely the biggest crowd pleasing performance of the night.

The second half of the show continued as flawlessly as the first with *Better off Dead* and *Runaway Baby*. The rhythmic dance once again stole the show with a performance set to Maxwell's *This Woman's Work*. The choreography executed by Danielle Daniels, Amanda Cummings, Nicarose Marciel, Tiffany Rose and Autumn Skye was beautiful. Nancy Helms and Lynn Guardado showed off their impressive choreography skills with *Wings and Young Again*.

Overall, the show was great and continued the recent tradition of spectacular dance shows to end the semester.

# New Coach, New Spark for Women's Basketball

**By Albert Monge**  
*Sports Editor*

Last season, VVC's Women's basketball team ended their season with only three wins, and six players left on their roster. This season, the team is looking to turn things around. New head coach, Richard Thomas, who served as an assistant last season, said that last season's hardships dealt a lot with the coaching barrier between players and coaches. Players did not agree with how the coach was doing things, so they dropped off, which left the team with barely enough to fill a starting roster.

Coach Thomas, who stepped into the head coaching position over the off-season due to external reasons, feel confident in his abilities as a coach. "At the time, I was nervous. But this is what I've trained for, being an assistant coach for the last three seasons. It's kind of like first

game jitters." Getting to spend an entire off-season with the team has helped build the relationship between Thomas and the girls, he says. He said he is confident in the team and that

their work ethic has improved from when they started. Adding a couple more athletes to the team has allowed Coach Thomas to feel as things are "looking up."

The team returns only two sophomores, Alyssa Villanueva and Aryn Ortega; these two will be key to the success of the team. Although Villanueva and Ortega may not be stat sheet fillers, they lead by example, which could prove more beneficial throughout the season. Other key players on the team include Tanika Stephenson and Tennia Hill, who are the team's leading scorers, and should be their top two scorers throughout the season.

The biggest key to success, according to Thomas, is execution of the details, and he feels that this will lead them to be competitive and land them a top three spot in conference. With a new head coach, and a new outlook, the Women's basketball team will be looking to make an impact this upcoming season



*The 2015 VVC Women's Basketball team  
Photo Courtesy of VVC*

## New Generation of VVC Hoops

**By Swahn Lamar**  
*Rampage Reporter*

On December 8th, the VVC Basketball Head Coach, Troy Johnson, agreed to do an interview on the current state of the school's basketball team.

It's safe to say the basketball program has been nearly completely rebooted. The only returning coach is coach Marvin Ballenger and the only returning player is the six foot three guard Lance Page. All other staff and players are involved with the basketball program for the first time. One could say the these changes are an improvement, the current record for the team is 5--6 and sadly, they just recently lost in the championship game at the Mt. Sac tournament. When asked about tough op-

ponents Coach Johnson noted that Chaffey and San Bernardino Valley will both be tough opponents for the team.

Concerning ways to support the basketball team besides going to the games, Coach Johnson said to follow the VVC basketball facebook profile and to get involved with the "Friends of Rams Hoops program, where you sign up up with your email address and we'll notify you of upcoming basketball events."

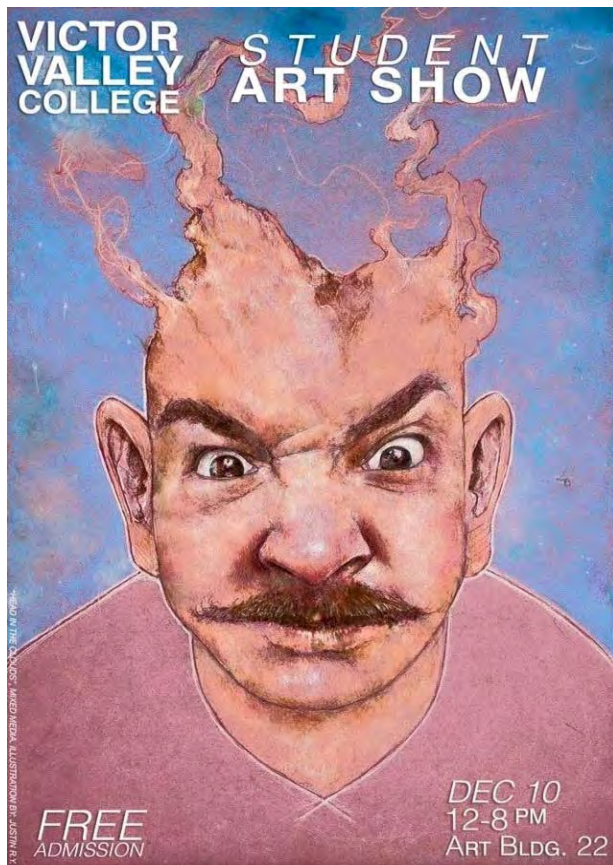
The team is working hard to make progress and will be participating in the upcoming Cypress tournament on the 10th- to 12th of December. Be sure to show your support for the VVC Rams Men's Basketball Team.

## UPCOMING RAM'S ATHLETIC EVENTS

**12/11-13—Women's Basketball @ San Diego Tournament**

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# VVC Presents!

in the Victor Valley College  
Performing Arts Center

## VVC Theatre Arts Program Presents



Once Upon a Wolf is a delightful children's show.

This fast and furious fairy tale with a modern twist tells what happens when the Big Bad Wolf decides he doesn't want to be big or bad anymore! Old Granny Stinkyfeet is just trying to tell the kiddies some stories but she's having trouble with the Wolf.

Written by Steph DeFerres

Directed by Allen Gildard

**December 11th - 20th**  
**2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

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## VVC Music Program Presents

# VVC Annual Sing-A-Long

College Band - Symphonic Band - Flute Choir - Brass Choir - Tuba Force  
Craig Pridmore, Conductor

**December 11th at 7:30 p.m.**

# 40th Anniversary Choral Christmas

College Singers & Sinfonia Strings - Women's Choir  
Master Arts Chorale & Sinfonia Brass  
Conducted by Patty Yancey & Dr. Thomas Miller

**December 12th at 7:30 p.m.**

# Holiday Strings

Preludium

VVC Orchestra & Master Arts Chorale  
Brigham Welch, Susan Pelosa & Dr. Thomas Miller Conduct

**December 13th at 2:30 p.m.**

General Admission \$10 • Seniors \$7 • Children \$5  
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**18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville**

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