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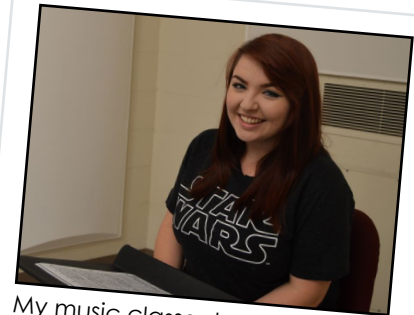
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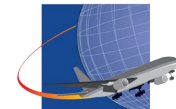
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# New orientation video coming Fall 2016

Victor Valley College has helped thousands of students transfer to universities in pursuit of higher education, enter exciting careers and develop skills that allow them to advance in their current jobs. The first step towards academic success at VVC is the orientation program. A newly revamped orientation

**“Our new interactive orientation video will highlight and promote our services.”**

- Art Lopez, Dean of Student Services

video will allow students to discover what Victor Valley College offers. Jose Vargas, a current VVC student, says, “It symbolizes a move forward into the future. It encompasses student diversity and institutional goals.” After watching the video, new and returning students will get “need to know” information about programs, services, and facilities offered on campus. Some information that can be expected are details about the enrollment process and an overview of all student support services available. It will also include new information such as strategies that can be used to be successful in college, what campus life has to offer outside of the classroom and important campus safety information. At VVC students are going to be immersed in a supportive environment with committed and caring faculty and staff. All the tools needed to be successful are within arms’ reach; success here is limited only by the amount of effort put into it. “We are looking forward to launching our new interactive Orientation video which will highlight and promote our services,” said Art Lopez, Dean of Student Services.



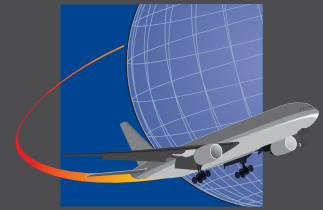
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# Students receive \$146,000 in scholarships

The spotlight shone brightly on 75 Victor Valley College students this spring as each received scholarships during the Foundation's annual Scholarship Recognition Ceremony in the Performing Arts Center. This year's scholarship award total surpassed the amount given last year by nearly 16 percent thanks to contributions by more than 40 community sponsors and endowment funds. In all, approximately \$146,000 will be awarded to just over 140 VVC Students pursuing their educational dreams at Victor Valley College.

**"These scholarships will help me pay for tuition and books...to make sure I have the ability to take my classes needed and remain a full time student"**

- Brenda Rombalski

Students in the High Desert often struggle to make ends meet. Many work at least part time, are single parents or come from families of modest means. For these students especially, the cost of college can be a real stumbling block on their way to completion and distract them from their road to success. This was evident when communications student and single mother Brenda Rombalski gave her testimonial during the ceremony. Rombalski received the Diane Wollen "Never Too Late To Bloom" scholarship and Dr. Bettye Underhill Memorial Endowment scholarship. "I cried with joy when I heard I had received these scholarships," she said. "I know they will help me pay for my tuition and my books and to make sure I have the ability to take my classes and remain a full time student."

"Awarding scholarships tells the recipients we believe in them and can alleviate some real financial challenges," said Norm Hurst, the Victor Valley College Foundation Scholarship Chairperson. "The Foundation's emphasis this year is Student Success and scholarships support that focus."

The Foundation's program continues to be the leading clearinghouse of scholarship awards for High Desert residents pursuing their education at Victor Valley College. They help nursing students learn to save lives, fuel education for aviation technicians in training and pave the way for transfer students to advance. In fact, awards are made to students pursuing just about every major the College offers and are typically given to those who demonstrate financial need, community service or academic success. Applications are accepted at the beginning of VVC's Spring Semester to prepare for the following academic year.

For more information about applying for or awarding scholarships through the Victor Valley College Foundation, visit the Foundation online at [www.vvcfoundation.com/scholarships](http://www.vvcfoundation.com/scholarships). In addition to those awarded through this annual scholarship program, the Foundation regularly posts scholarship opportunities available from other sources on its Facebook page.

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Brenda Rombalski is recognized for her academic success with a scholarship.

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# Grand finale for Dr. Thomas Miller after 40 years of service



many enriching student, faculty and staff relationships, memories of concerts performed literally all over the world, and watching our students go on to national and international success in music performance, all levels of education, church ministry and many different non-music fields. Our cup of blessings overflow.

My heartfelt thanks to Dave Graham and the rest of our talented and dedicated music faculty who are the heart of our program; to the various deans and administrators that have helped to support the program's remarkable growth including our current team of Dean Ellerson, Vice President Maphumulo, and President Wagner, the College Foundation, various Boards of Trustees, and to my many music education colleagues throughout the high desert. Special thanks to the many community musicians who came together starting more than twenty five years ago to form our Sinfonia orchestra and create a unique history of choral and orchestral performances almost unrivaled among community colleges. Finally, and most importantly, I salute the thousands of students who I have been privileged to teach, who have taught me as much or more than I may have taught them. I cherish so many special relationships and look forward to continuing them.

A letter from the director,

Forty years! Some days it feels like forever, on other days it seems like only yesterday we were driving through the VVC campus wondering if this would be the place God had for us to begin building our college teaching/performance career. Summer of 1971 we were driving back to Southern California after two great years of masters study at Southern Methodist University. As we traversed the barren stretch of I-15 between Barstow and Victorville in a car without air conditioning, my bride looked out the window and uttered those fateful words, "Who would want to live in a God forsaken place like this?" My comeback was words to the effect, "Don't say that too loud, God has an ironic sense of humor." And of course after completing doctoral coursework at USC, we ultimately wound up here, where we discovered that God had not forsaken it! Now, all these years later we arrive at the completion of this phase of our life with a heart overflowing from so



Victor Valley College Choir performing at the Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, NYC, circa 2011 under the direction of Dr. Thomas Miller.

Retiring from a position one loves is not an easy decision, especially for musicians. Many have asked what I plan to do next year. In addition to my church music position, I have many opportunities to continue to mentor our alumni when called upon and to attend their performances. I need to get back to publishing



much of the music that I have written as well as find a production company for our full length musical "Rising Star". I have lots of new music to write, some albums to produce, and I can come back to teach part time as needed. There will be more time to spoil our grandkids Alexander and Johnathan, more time to spend with our wonderful "kid couples," and, last but by no means least, my wife Faith has a list for me that will occupy us until 2040! And God may yet have plans that He hasn't yet shared.

I have always looked on teaching, performing, composing, and conducting as a calling to ministry, not just a job or a vocation. It is a precious trust full of responsibilities, hard work, and dedication that brings joy in abundance in ways that few other "jobs" are able to do. I salute my wonderful bride of 47 years for her key part in the success of our program. And I agree with the prophet Isaiah, "O Lord, you make us secure, for even all we have accomplished you have done for us."

## Farewell Dr. Miller You will be missed!

at VVC  
I LEARNED



Dr. Miller taught me that music is an art of sound and not of the page.

Garrison Dingle  
Major: Music

### VVC Alma Mater

Arranged by Thomas E. Miller  
ASCAP

Musical score for VVC Alma Mater, including Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass parts with lyrics.

The Victor Valley College Alma Mater was written and arranged by Dr. Thomas Miller during his time at VVC.





# VVC says farewell to thirteen

For the dedication and hard work you've shown to Victor Valley College, you deserve the best retirement ever! Enjoy this new journey of your life. Cherish every moment and have fun! You will be missed.

**James P. Malone**  
Professor, Mathematics

**Joseph Estephan**  
Associate Professor, Mathematics

**Margaret Dunsmore**  
Professor, Cooperative Education

**Julie Tremblay**  
Library Technician

**Dr. Thomas Miller**  
Professor, Music

**John Sweet**  
Professor, Automotive

**Srichandran Ananda**  
Senior Instructional Assistant

**Scott Meyer**  
Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic

**John Akins**  
Professor, Librarian

**Michael Visser**  
Associate Professor, Administration of Justice

**Marc Skuster**  
Professor, Philosophy/Religious Studies

**G. Robert Carlson**  
Professor, Mathematics

**Carole Ford**  
Senior Instructional Assistant

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# Ontiveros resigns; Board moves to appoint Catherine Abbott



After serving 15 years as the Executive Director of the Victor Valley College Foundation, Ginger Ontiveros handed off the reigns to the organization's Director of Development / Assistant Executive Director Catherine Abbott. Ontiveros is the new Executive Director of Community Engagement for the San Bernardino City Unified School District this June.

"I am very excited for the opportunity before me, but saying goodbye to my Victor Valley College Foundation family hurts," said Ontiveros. "We have done important work together to make education more accessible and relevant for a community I love. Fortunately, with Catherine Abbott stepping forward I know that work will continue without missing a step."

Ontiveros began her tenure with the Foundation in July 2001. Since that time, she has built a legacy of support for Victor Valley College resulting in new programs to open doors for graduates seeking jobs in emerging local industries and expanded capacity of existing programs to provide more opportunity for students. The organization delivered millions of dollars to help the College update equipment and build additional facilities. Student organizations on campus engaged in life-changing educational experiences with support from the Foundation and individual students benefitted from scholarships that made their education more attainable.

Under her leadership, the Foundation has grown substantially in size, stature, and fiscal strength. In 2001, the organization had two employees, a strong board of directors, and about \$700K in assets. Today, the team includes seven employees, is governed by one of the most highly respected boards in the Victor Valley, and has nearly \$6 million in assets. Ontiveros has been a key

factor in the organization's success.

"There are no words to express the loss that Ginger's departure is for our community," said Eric Schmidt, President of the Victor Valley College Foundation. "We are fortunate however, that she did a great job of preparing the organization for a smooth transition. Catherine's experience has prepared her to continue moving forward."

Catherine Abbott joined the Victor Valley College Foundation staff as the Director of Development and Assistant Executive Director in January 2012, having previously served five years as the Executive Director of the Sunset Hills Children's Foundation. Abbott's executive leadership experience coupled with her current role, made her the likely choice to succeed Ontiveros. The Victor Valley College Foundation Board of Directors made the plan for the transition official Thursday, April 14. Abbott officially assumed the role on May 6, 2016.

"We were very fortunate in this transition," said Schmidt. "When high profile resignations occur, many nonprofit organizations find themselves with a lapse of executive staff leadership that can halt their momentum. We won't have that challenge because of good planning by our management team and wise action of our board."

The Foundation continues its focus on supporting student success initiatives at Victor Valley College. This initiative has delivered \$1.5 million of support through philanthropic gifts and grants so far in 2016. These resources will help the College to more strategically offer tutoring, educational experiences and instruction resulting in more college completions. In a related effort, the Foundation facilitates scholarships from dozens of local organizations including several within the College campus and recently awarded more than \$146,000 in scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year.

"I am very proud of this Foundation," said Ontiveros. "It is strong and effective in its mission. Knowing that it is being left in such capable hands gives me great comfort."

The Victor Valley College Foundation is the primary resource development, alumni outreach and public relations partner for Victor Valley College. For more information about how you can support the Foundation's Student Success Initiative, visit [www.vvcfoundation.com](http://www.vvcfoundation.com). Gifts to the Victor Valley College Foundation are tax deductible.

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# ALUMNI UPDATES

going places

## Erika Collazoz musicologist

VVC 2010



Erika Collazoz came to Victor Valley College in 2005 with the intention of becoming an English major and an actress. Her life took a dramatic change (no-pun intended) when she enrolled in music classes with Dr. Thomas Miller, Director of the Victor Valley College music program. "Dr. Miller discovered something in me I didn't know was there." She says always loved music, but becoming proficient with a musical instrument was not in her future. Dr. Miller discovered that Erika's real talent is her beautiful voice as well as her appreciation and knowledge of music. Today, she is what is known as a Musicologist, which is the study of music as an academic subject. During this Spring semester, Erika interned with Dr. Miller in his music theory classes. It was her first opportunity to experience teaching music and pursue her new career. "It was a wonderful opportunity and I learned a lot of things. I think I learned more about myself that I didn't know and ended up growing as a person," Erika said. "I realized I could help people and make a difference in their lives. It was everything I hoped it would be and more." She attributes her passion to music to her education at Victor Valley College. "The teachers are the ones who helped us grow and motivated us to move forward." She is currently pursuing her Doctorate degree and has applied to become a faculty member at VVC. "I want to be a part of the institution which helped me so much and now it's my turn to give back. I want to be able to carry on that same sense of tradition I received when I attended VVC."

## David Snedegar music professor

VVC 2001



Dr. Thomas Miller has been an extraordinary influence on many students' lives and our second alumni is no exception. David Snedegar was also a former student of Dr. Miller and his experience here was so memorable he decided to come back to his alma mater to pass along his knowledge. He has been teaching Music Fundamentals and Introduction to Music since 2014. "I remember when I got to work with Dr. Miller as a student, I wanted to emulate him. The competence, care and excitement he gave to the subject and students made me say to myself, "I want to be him." David attended VVC from 1999 to 2001. He earned his Associate of Arts Degree in Fine Arts and if that isn't enough, he holds two Bachelor's Degrees from Cal State Fullerton in Music Education and Music Composition. He went on to earn his Masters at Brigham Young University and is currently a Doctoral candidate at the University of Utah. David grew up in the High Desert and his family is still here. After finishing his education in Utah, he made the decision to return to his home. "I really enjoyed the community college experience and wanted to come back and teach in that environment," he said. "I want the students I teach to have the same experience I had." David knows that no matter the subject, he was meant to be a teacher. He encourages students to work hard while they are at Victor Valley College. "The Professors here are dedicated to you if you put in the time," he said. "Take what you learn here and push yourself to get to a four-year university. It will serve you well."

# Career LINK dream jobs

## Broadway Piano Player



**NAME:** Aria Madrid

**MAJOR:** Piano Performance

### CAREER DESCRIPTION:

Becoming a Broadway Pianist can be very competitive. There are several requirements that should be obtained to help one's chances. First, it is recommended that musicians earn a bachelor's degree in a music related study. Additionally, it is very important to gain experience performing at the professional level. Perhaps most importantly, it is vital to develop solid connections with the industry. Finally, performers are to audition for parts in the production. Ultimately, Broadway performers get the reward of collectively sharing their art and skills to various audiences.

## Audio Technician



**NAME:** Efren Diaz

**MAJOR:** Music Performance

### CAREER DESCRIPTION:

Audio Technicians are responsible for ensuring that all sound effects, music, etc. are properly adjusted and queued for various events. These events range from business presentations to diverse forms of entertainment. The most important skill required with the position is to have a highly dependable understanding of the required equipment and a passion for technology. Because creating sound at an event requires several different machines and components, it is also important for technicians to be mobile and strong to set up equipment in a timely manner.

## High School Music Teacher



**NAME:** Jonathan Morales

**MAJOR:** Music Education

### CAREER DESCRIPTION:

Teaching music is much more than simply learning notes and understanding instruments. As a High School Music Teacher, you have the opportunity to encourage creativity, expression and commitment. Depending on the school, teachers can see over 100 students each day. One of the biggest challenges is to assess the students' different skill levels and improve them individually as well as a collective unit, such as a band or orchestra. Along with having expertise in the field, the greatest teachers have passion and patience for student success.

## course offerings

**Music 100**  
Introduction to Music

**Music 102**  
Music Theory I

**Music 110**  
Elementary Piano I

**Music 116**  
Music in America

**Music 117**  
History of Jazz

**Music 118**  
Survey of Rock & Roll

# Career LINK dream jobs

Music  
Composer



**NAME:** Garrison Dingle

**MAJOR:** Music

**CAREER DESCRIPTION:**

Mastering one's own musical talent is the first priority of preparing to become a Music Composer. This should require being skilled in multiple instruments and understanding the complexity of musical possibilities. The most common aspect of this role is creating music for audiences. However, there are numerous career paths for this profession. Composers find employment opportunities conducting orchestras, composing soundtracks for films or even producing records. Networking and Marketing skills are also important in becoming a successful composer.

Singer /  
Vocalist



**NAME:** Elizabeth McCullough

**MAJOR:** Music

**CAREER DESCRIPTION:**

A career as a Vocalist requires determination, perseverance and self-confidence. Singers may find employment through various channels including performances, vocal instruction or even recording for television/radio. Most vocalists are self-employed and find work through contractual agreements of different types. There are vocal ranges a singer may use such as alto, baritone or bass. A solid educational background can definitely help those interested in this career path by exposing these artists to several theories, practices and history.

Music School  
Director



**NAME:** Matthew Owenby

**MAJOR:** Business Management

**CAREER DESCRIPTION:**

Music School Directors are responsible for developing and managing music programs and organizations. This process typically includes recruiting, training and supervising the entire operation. The director oversees all duties from coordinating budgets, assisting with rehearsals, to directing performances. Because there is such a wide range of responsibility, it is vital to be well organized and pro-active. Along with managing the administrative side of the program, it can also be rewarding because there is still an equal amount of concentration on the musical aspect of the program.

## course offerings

**Music 122**  
Beginning Voice Production I


**Music 124**  
Beginning Guitar I

**Music 130**  
Women's Choir

**Music 134A**  
Musical Theatre Lab I

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