

SBCC Welcomes Christina Hobson as New DSPS Counselor

In August, SBCC will officially welcome Christina Hobson as the newest Counselor for the Disability Services and Programs for Students (DSPS) Department. A former SBCC student herself, Hobson has served the college as an adjunct DSPS counselor and instructor for the School of Extended learning since 2019.

Hobson is looking forward to serving students face-to-face again, as well as continuing to serve students remotely. “We now have a lot more knowledge and resources available for our distance learners,” Hobson said, adding “I am excited to be able to utilize what has worked well while leaving behind some of those things that have not.” Hobson is also eager to build relationships with other faculty members and be there for them as a resource so they feel confident teaching diverse learners and comfortable referring students to DSPS.

To have a chance to get to know her a little better, we asked Hobson a few questions from the Proust Questionnaire. When asked about her idea of perfect happiness, Hobson described living in Santa Barbara with land, enough space to have a garden with chickens and an area for kids to run around, as well as having the freedom to travel.

Hobson has two greatest fears - heights and not reaching her full potential. To combat the latter fear, she is constantly adopting a “just do it” attitude. For example, prior to being offered the



Christina Hobson at the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro with her father, Marc Key (left) and husband Evan Hobson (right).

full-time position at SBCC, she had gone through interview processes more than ten times at different colleges. “It was terrifying, but it paid off,” Hobson said. And despite her fear of heights, Hobson is an avid hiker and mountaineer. Two summers ago she even made it all the way to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Hobson describes traveling as her greatest extravagance. Even throughout the pandemic, she still managed to go camping and go on a few road trips. Her love of traveling was ignited after she attended SBCC and participated in the “Semester at Sea” program where she had the opportunity to visit 11 countries all over the world in one semester. One of the phrases Hobson most overuses is “When is our next trip?”

If Hobson could change one thing about herself it would be to be more outgoing and less introverted.



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“We live in a world that celebrates extroversion,” she said, but she has also found that as an introvert she has thrived in one-on-one meetings with students.

Hobson has a passion for inspiring, encouraging, and supporting students. Ever since she was a teenager running track and cross country, her personal motto has been a famous line said by Tom Hanks in *A League of Their Own*: “If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great.” Along with climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, Hobson considers being a mom to her 10-month-old son Wesley to be her greatest achievement.

One of Hobson's most prized possessions is her Fujifilm camera. She does wedding/engagement and family photography as a side job and prefers working with film over digital. “You have to take more time with a film camera,” she said, “it's more like creating a work of art.” Hobson was originally a graphic design major at SBCC and has a passion for photography and graphic design.

When asked about which living person she most admires, Hobson said there are “too many people” she admires to choose just one. She most admires people who are “positive, make the world a better place, put a smile on people's faces, and create beauty in the world.” Among her friends, Hobson most values authenticity, loyalty, and positivity. “It's important for me to surround myself with positive people and positive energy,” she said.

Welcome to SBCC, Christina Hobson!



Kudos to the Scholarship Review & Selection Committee Participants

Thank you to the myriad faculty and staff who were part of the Spring 2021 Scholarship Review and Selection Committees in which over 700 students were awarded just under \$1million! Across the credit and noncredit campuses, counselors, faculty from various academic and non-academic departments, staff and hourly workers came together in 16 Scholarship Committees.

The diverse group of reviewers engaged in inclusive dialogue when selecting the final recipients for the scholarships and alternates. Also a big thank you to all of the departments which held their own committees to award scholarships to students within their disciplines.

Paulmena Kelly, who has been on Scholarship Review Committees for many years expressed the sentiment of many others when she wrote, “Our students are such amazing people! I'm inspired by their strength and resilience in pursuit of their education and their dreams, and feel privileged to play a very small part in their journey.”

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Here are the names of the reviewers who participated in the scholarship selection committees this year:

Adrienne Arguijo-Morgan
 Agatha Louie
 AJ Skiles
 Aleta Anderson
 Allie Rigonati
 Ana Carter
 Cecilia Contreras Martinez
 Christine Nivet
 Corrie Bott
 Debilyn Kinzler
 Eiko Kitao
 Eli Villanueva
 Elizabeth Mares
 Elsa Chavez
 Erin Coulter
 Gretchen Hewlett
 Holly Eubank
 Ilda Pulido
 Joann Graham
 Joanne Hardarson
 Julio Cesar Zamarripa
 Karen Shannon
 Kevin McNichol
 Kris Burnell
 Laura Woyach

Laurie Theobald
 Margarita Martin del Campo
 Maria Yanette Herrera
 MaryLou Huerta
 Michael Novotny
 Michelle Detorie
 Moises Cardenas
 Nicole Hubert
 Nina Grimison
 Pam Guenther
 Patricia Raabe
 Paul Fleischer
 Paulmena Kelly
 Raquel Hernandez
 Rebecca Saffold
 Ryan Alexander
 Sara Volle
 Stephanie Linnander
 Stephen Gunstinson,
 Tracy Janecek
 Yesenia Garcia

Thank you to all! ~Ivena Sakelarieva

If you are interested in being a part of this process next year, please reach out to Ivena Sakelarieva, igsakelariev@pipeline.sbcc.edu.

Did you know?

Santa Barbara City College was ranked #1 Best Community College in California for 2021, according to niche.com, a website that helps prospective students choose the college that ‘fits them best.’ Also, according to the College Learners website, SBCC was ranked # 3 in the [Best Schools to Transfer to in California](#).

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Kudos to the SBCC Food Pantry Team of Student Workers

Kudos to the SBCC Food Pantry team of student workers who have been instrumental in distributing food twice a week this spring semester. These are essential and frontline workers who are committed and dedicated to ensure our community has access to food. Thank you team, you make me so proud!

~Alondra Lazaro Gonzalez, Equity SPA



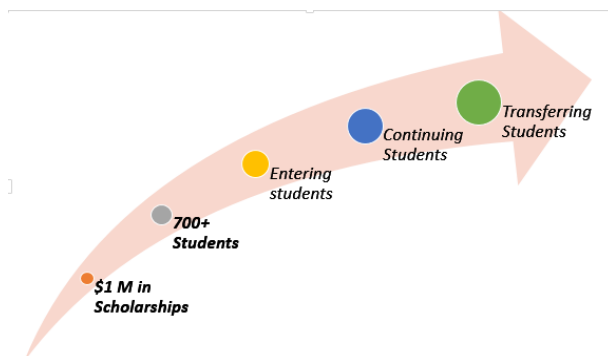
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Student Services Building Reopening Plans - *coming soon*

SBCC awards nearly \$1 million in scholarships for 2021-22

Another year passed, another scholarship cycle completed. During the Spring 2021 Scholarship Review and Selection Committees and the Department Committees held in March to early April, over 700 students were awarded nearly \$1 million dollars in scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year. In the May 6th edition of the Santa Barbara Independent, the student recipients were honored in an 8-page spread created by the SBCC Foundation. View the recipients on the [SB Independent 5-6-21](#) webpage or the SBCC Foundation website's [pdf version](#). The majority of recipients will be continuing their studies at SBCC, a small portion are entering students, and many will be transferring to a 4-year college, university, or technical school to continue their education. Congratulations to all!



The Career Center adds a “Featured Jobs” section to website

This section highlights student job opportunities. Send students to check it out!

<https://www.sbcc.edu/careercenter/jobsandinternships.php>

New Late Deadline for Academic and/or Progress Dismissal Petitions

The deadline for students to submit their academic and/or progress dismissal petition was June 2nd, however, Dean Paloma Arnold opened up a late petition. Students have until the beginning of August to submit their [late petition](#). On August 2nd, students who have not petitioned or whose petition was denied will be dropped from their Fall classes.

Remote Campus ID Card Ordering

While in-person services have not been available, did you know that students can order their Campus ID Card remotely? All of the steps to submitting a photo and having a card mailed to them can be found [here](#).

Student Equity & Achievement (SEA) Committee Funds 17 Proposals

Seventeen different proposals were awarded a total of \$946,200 in SEA funding. There were a wide variety of proposals such as “Guardian Scholars Program,” “Faculty Mentor Project,” “ESL Student Outreach and Retention Program” and “7 Minutes to Academic Success!” to name a few.

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A Heartfelt Farewell from Steve Reed



Steve Reed and Christy Grant receiving a national Starfish Award in 2019.

Dear SBCC Student Services Family,

I am writing to let you all know that I have accepted a position as Senior Programmer Analyst at Ventura Community College District. Through my time supporting you I have gained so much knowledge and have had so many wonderful experiences and interactions with the Student Services Departments.

I think back to the ACC Business Process Analysis we had several years ago where we decided there was a need for self-service advanced appointment making, case management, and a single application that would hold all this student interaction information. We have all done a great job of making this so much closer to our reality! I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the Student Services

department and help usher these implementations through to fruition.

Large scale technology change is hard, especially across multiple departments and needs. I want to thank you all for your patience and willingness to adapt to so many shifts in our business processes. We have accomplished a lot together and our institution is heralded in the Starfish community as leading the California Community Colleges for implementing robust student centered and Guided Pathway services.

I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and I will be in touch, I am really not that far away! My last day will be July 9th. Paloma, Dean and I will be in discussions about the transitions of support.

Sincerely, Steve

You will be missed, Steve. Thank you for all you have contributed to SBCC!

Engagement Announcement!



Congrats to Kristy Renteria and her fiancé J.T. who were engaged on Sunday, May 30.

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Summer Snapshots

We asked folks to submit photos of what they've been up to this Summer. Here's what we have to share so far. We'll be asking you all again for the August newsletter, so keep those cameras ready!



*Top: Enjoying the view while driving around Lake Taboe this summer with my husband, Richard.
Bottom: Hitting golf balls at a South Lake Taboe driving range. (Becky Saffold)*



Vanessa, Gary, Gabriel, and Olivia on a camping trip to Jalama. (Vanessa Pelton)



A view of the Kings River from a camping trip to Kings Canyon National Park. (Sara Volle)

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Kiko Almanza enjoying an early-morning sunrise from Camino Cielo. "If you are in a beautiful place where you can enjoy the sunrise and sunset, then you live in great fortune." (Kiko Almanza)



Liz Stein's son Takoda on a trip to Yellowstone National Park. They roasted s'mores, went fishing and rafting on the Snake River, and saw bison, bears, wolves, coyotes, elk, deer, moose, bald eagles and more! (Liz Stein)

