



# Save Service-Learning and Public Service Program!

We all have things that we are passionate about. We have things that we want to change in our world, change in our government, and change in our community.

And many of us here at EVC use the Service-Learning and Public Service Program (SLPSP) to accomplish this through volunteering. The SLPSP is a win-win situation with advantages for everyone: the students, the professors, and the community.

However, the EVC Administration plans to shut it down "temporarily" at the end of this summer 2014. Our SLPSP has not only taken cuts with staffing personnel, but also with the hours of the remaining employees.

What we should be doing instead is keep SLPSP open by increasing its funding and staffing!

SLPSP connects students with volunteer organizations that offer them invaluable experiences. It meets real community needs while allowing students to network and supports the "Learn by doing" method in which students work actively with other community members.

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It also recognizes the work done by students through the Presidential Volunteer Award which has been granted to over sixty at EVC. Through the program, a student's volunteer work even takes the place of homework and tests in determining his or her final grade.

For students, SLPSP improves a student's knowledge by developing our understanding of others, our critical thinking/problem solving skills, and our ability to lead. It builds a community while connecting us to people of different backgrounds and cultures.



Most importantly, UCs and private universities look at volunteer work to see what story it can tell. Through SLPSP, EVC

students are able to create their own storyboards that are sure to catch the eye of admissions officers as well as potential employers.

Program founder Marjorie Clark believes that, "A good college education should equip students with

the experiences to tackle real-world problems so that they can actively work toward equal opportunities for all."

Following this example, over four thousand volunteers at EVC have served the community for almost two decades partnering with over fifty organizations. Through the program, students have worked on political campaigns, relief to foreign countries, and other crucial necessities that would have otherwise gone undone.

On April 8th, members of the community spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting and voiced their support of the Service Learning Program. As it is, two-third of the nation's community colleges have a Service Learning Program and it is imperative to keep EVC on that list.

The work-study student hours have been cut back and the general amount of funding allocated has decreased. We have to stop downsizing the program before it is unable to continue operating safely.

However, if we don't continue to drive home its importance to us, the administration may regress. Try to get your friends and their friends to aid us!

Every voice is important. Please share your opinion on the SLPSP by contacting us at our Student's First Facebook page or visit us at RD-216, the Service-Learning Center.

We, the community of EVC, must preserve the tools of our success. As my father says, "You can gain knowledge by reading textbooks, but you can gain wisdom only through practical experience." SLPSP gives us that experience. We must save the EVC Service-Learning and Public Service Program today!

SERVICE-LEARNING AT-A-GLANCE 1999-2009	
• Total number of students enrolled:	4,076
• Total dollar amount of service hours contributed:	\$382,912
• Total service hours students have served on and off campus:	47,865
• Average number of faculty members per semester:	19
• Total Number of Service-Learning course sections:	714
• Average number of Community Partners per semester:	68
• President's Volunteer Award Recipients:	62

## Evergreen at the March in March

**Anthony DiSilvestre**  
*Editor in Chief*

Have you ever wondered how community colleges represent themselves at the state level? With California lawmakers writing the policies and signing the grants for our education, students have made certain their voices are heard. The California Community College (CCC) system serves 2.4 million students year round, so when we get together to make those opinions known it can get a little loud.



Photo Credit: Anthony DiSilvestre

This past March, thirty Evergreen Valley College students had the honor of attending the annual protest in downtown Sacramento, commonly called The March in March. Hundreds of community college students from all over the state congregated at the capitol building to promote the bills and measures that will improve the quality of our education.

Last year when March came by, our Associated

Student Government had the option to send representatives on the event, but decided against it. Looking at the opportunity from a financial perspective, Evergreen had no motivation to attend.

This was because Prop 30, a state bill passed in 2012 to increase income and sales taxes as revenue for CCCs until 2019, had been passed the year before. Funding from this landmark bill has allowed our district to operate with little-to-no money from the state.

Despite the special circumstance, the decision in 2013 to stay on the sidelines was a break from tradition for our college; Evergreen has always been present at the March in March. This year the ASG had the same opportunity, and found a purpose for attending in a major senate bill for the CCC system.

The first is SB 1017 which aims to turn taxes on oil/gas production into funds for higher education. This bill has potential as a sustainable replacement to Prop 30 come 2019, but until then it has low impact on Evergreen Valley College.

Second and much bigger is SB 850, which is looking to allow each community college eight years to offer their choice of a four-year degree to students. Today, our colleges can only provide associates degrees, this bill is a pilot to see if the law should be permanently changed.

An obstacle for many students who want a four-year degree is the practicality of studying away from



home. At the rally, an outcry came from students of Lake Tahoe Community College who want a university education without leaving home. The nearest four-year degree for them is in Reno, Nevada which would require them to pay the out-of-state tuition fee.

Our ASG VP of Finance William Schultz has given strong support of this bill, saying that it will provide much needed professionals to our workforce. Advocates of the bill anticipate that California must have one million bachelor's degree holders by 2025 to keep up with the demands of industry.

"California needs cheaper education", Mr. Schultz pointed out few minutes before the march on the capitol, "and CCCs are a cheaper and more accessible alternative to UCs". It was apparent by the crowd that our students agree wholeheartedly.

## Associated Student Government Elections This Week

Polls for the 2014-2015 academic year are now open to all students.

Who do YOU want as your representatives?

### Presidential Nominees

**Reyna Avila**, Student Mentor for CalWorks

*What makes you the right candidate?*

~I am well known for my level of maturity. During my term I promise to support student clubs

**William Guillien**, Member of the Soccer Team

*What makes you the right candidate?*

~I am open-minded and I want to represent the students and the school to the best of my ability.



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 [Write-In]



### Additional Nominees

## Students at the March in March

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Managing Director

As busloads of students started to arrive at the Raley Field before the event, many stuck to their own college groups. Others decided to acquaint themselves with students from other community colleges and learn their perspective on the issues of education and college life.

One such student, Joe Stanton from Lake Tahoe Community College, voiced his opinion on who he believed should be partaking in the event, stating that, "the March in March is for anyone who wants to support the students and make a stand for educational advancements".

Stanton expressed his view on the importance of attending the protest as a chance to "stand in unity with the rest of the state to show that students are here demanding support from the legislature".

Derrick Newton a first time attendee of the March in March and a fellow student from EVC, explained his purpose for attending this year was to "protest the tuition hikes of books and units at the junior colleges".

He argued that the original purpose of these colleges was to "provide a more affordable alternative to universities". Derrick pointed out that the "tuition to these 'cheaper' options are quickly becoming less affordable each year".



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In the case of the transfer student, many choose to attend community colleges as a way of being financially smart about their education. They spend less for the first two years in order to save for their next two years at the university of their choice.

However as the price for community colleges increases it becomes increasingly difficult for those transfers to afford an education at a university.



SB 850 couldn't have come at a better time, as the option of taking a 4-year degree at a community college would create an opportunity for students who wouldn't be able to afford a university to still receive a higher degree in their fields.

The idea behind a 4-year degree at the community college is great, as long as it maintains the objective of community colleges and provides a suitable education for those who can't afford traditional 4-year universities.

One possible consequence of this bill is that it could lead to community colleges pooling resources towards certain fields. For example in the case of EVC the Nursing and Automotive departments, which already make up most of the major-related courses at EVC.

However, success of SB 850 really comes down to how much a college will be able to increase the student turnout in order to make this idea worth doing. Hence the reason for this being a pilot program, I believe that most community colleges are probably going to wait and see if others are willing to stick their necks out before trying it themselves.

## Sexual Assaults can be Inflicted by those you Least Expect

Jose Govea  
Staff Writer

On December 27<sup>th</sup> 2013 a 45-year-old man named Timothy Lyman violated

a 16-year-old during a party at his home. The ironic fact about this situation is that Lyman was her soccer coach and he purposely intoxicated the young victim to have an easy access to her innocent body.

Lyman invited his female soccer team to a party at his house where he provided them alcohol and wickedly waited until they were senseless and inebriated.

Once the teenage girl awoke from a deep slumber on the bed of Lyman, she was in shock to be awakened by her coach in the middle of raping her. The disturbing part to this is that Lyman proceeded to rape the young lady despite the fact that she was conscious and fully aware of what was happening to her.

The father of the girl stated "Whoever would do this to a 16-year-old girl is just sick". Sharing his frustration he also said "This devastated my family. Lots of sleepless nights for my



daughter. Sleepless nights for myself. It's just sick. He deserves everything he gets."

This whole scandal is the worst nightmare for any parent. Imagine putting your trust in a man who is supposed to be a positive influence on your daughter and finding out that this same man is planning to sexually assault her. Not a very pretty picture now is it?

The moral to this horrid story is to-keep a close watch on whoever is responsible for your daughter, little sister, niece, or even nephew. You never know what the caretaker may be planning to do with your loved one.

SafeHorizon.org states that "Most rapes committed against women are committed by an intimate partner or someone else they know (friend, family member, acquaintance)." The positive side is that there are rape crisis centers such as the YWCA of Silicon Valley available 24/7. Their hotlines are (408) 287-3000 and (650) 493-7273

No matter how small or big your situation is, whether it being your boyfriend forcing you to have sex in a forceful manner or a family friend touching you in an uncomfortable way, never let anyone manipulate or take advantage of you. You're worth more than gold and should always stand up for your rights and your freedom.

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## Officers of the Law, Role Models

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Elizabeth Berumen

**Elizabeth Berumen**  
*Student Writer*

On February 19, 2014 Ms. Montelongo arranged for three correctional officers from the Santa Clara County Main Jail to be guest speakers in our Introduction to Corrections class.

The goal of the visit was to let Sergeant Victor DeLaCruz, and Officers Emmanuel Tobola and Richard Gome "give back to the community by educating Evergreen Valley Students".

The officers shared stories from their personal lives such as how they became correctional officers. Both men talked about their past, and how they wanted

to help provide equal justice to all, as they experienced first hand the discrimination and injustice committed by police.

All three were very approachable, friendly expressing the importance of viewing people in a non-judgmental manner. Emphasizing that even though some people may make irresponsible decisions, everyone should be given another chance to prove themselves.

One of them mentioned that a co-worker of theirs is now behind bars because of a mistake he made. Many in the force still struggle with what happened because they see each other as family. But they

understand that everyone must pay the price if they break the law.

After the visit, a few of my classmates want to become correctional officers and the rest of us want to work in the Criminal Justice Department. Many of us were inspired by the speakers' interest in our education, and their ability to work with fairness and integrity.

It was inspiring for everyone to hear the correctional officers speak. We want to thank them so much for taking the time to visit our class, and of course we would also like to thank Ms. Montelongo for organizing the event for us.



## Black History Month

**Anthony DiSilvestre**  
*Editor in Chief*

This past February as the national Black History Month has been a celebration of the African ethnicity and the past of its people. Afternoons were full of events, some hosted by the AFFIRM Program and others by the English Majors/ Language Lovers Club.

Each organization invited poets, artists, and other cultural figures to present their works to campus. Except for a special Tet Festival event with author Andrew Lam, most of these works pertained to the African American experience.

Following the poetry of Evergreen students, Khiry Malik Moore of Sacramento took the stage at this year's Poetry Slam to read various pieces of his to the audience. Khiry's poetry can be heard at the Mahogany Urban Poetry series in downtown Sacramento, when he is not writing, doing photography, or teaching.

Khiry's writings about the black experience are influenced by the racism he witnesses, some of which people overlook. Much of his inspiration has come from the black poet Amiri Baraka

One of the poems he presented at the Poetry Slam questioned why the death of

Trayvon Martin is the only race-related hate crime in modern media. In it, he listed many hate crime victims that never received the same public attention as Martin. Khiry noted the poem led to a loss of popularity in many of his social

issues that plagued the country. Early on in her life, Victoria considered herself part of the Afro-German movement sparked by Lorde which worked to resist the pressures of racism.

In the words of the black feminist Audrey Lorde on Germany, "it is very, very difficult to survive and create as a Black person". Being an Afro-German writer, Victoria was in constant defiance of the social norms in her country

In order to integrate the Afro-German perspective into her novels, she had to write them as subtly as possible. Eventually Victoria moved to the United States for an environment that was more accepting of her culture; the inspiration behind her writing.

Black History Month this year was

The whole month was an interesting look into how the beauty of culture continues to influence the literature and art of today. Each event turned out to be a lot more than a lesson in history, guests spoke in depth on the circumstances of their own pasts that influence their works today.

circles, but that he believed the message was a harsh truth that needed to be heard.

Another author featured this month, although not as outspoken as Mr. Moore but just as enthusiastic was Victoria B. Robinson. Having spent most of her life in Germany Victoria B. Robinson had recently arrived to America, Victoria was affected by the distinct "color blindness" of the society. The Germany of her youth was casually hostile to blacks, to the point where they would be openly insulted by random people on the street.

At the same time, the black feminist poet Audrey Lorde was traveling through Germany raising awareness of social

## Club Meets

Evergreen has more than its fair share of clubs to bring fun events and valuable opportunities to students. It is our honor to give these groups the spotlight, and to let you know where and when they do what they do.



### **Black Student Union**

Hosts various events about African culture around campus and is the student extension of the AFFIRM program  
**Thurs ~ 4:00pm ~ AFFIRM Office**

### **Enlace Student Association**

Puts on a multitude of traditional Mexican celebrations, and is the student extension of the Enlace program,  
**Every other Thurs ~ 1:30-2:30pm ~ R-134**

### **English Majors/Language Lovers Club**

A club for all those aspiring writers and poets. Provides the campus with the Leaf by Leaf magazine and the Poetry Festival.

### **Evergreen Nursing Student Association**

The network for all nurses on Evergreen, brings various fundraisers that provide for students in the nursing department.

### **Glee Club**

Get Loud and Excited with Evergreen is a group for musical enthusiasts and performers. They are getting ready for their debut at an upcoming event.  
**Tues & Thurs ~ 3:00pm ~ VPA-104**

### **Honors Club**

As the extension of the prestigious Honors Program, this club provides academic opportunities to all professional students.

### **Latina Leadership Network**

Providing leadership opportunities to college students and connecting them to the movers and shakers of tomorrow.

### **Newspaper Club**

Keeps members up to date on campus events, world affairs, and breaking news. Provide the campus with The Messenger.  
**Wed ~ 3:00pm ~ C-105**

### **Outdoors Club**

Promoting physical activities and the benefits of nice, fresh air. For those who want to participate in outdoor activities.

### **Pacific Islanders Club**

In charge of the annual Evergreen Luau event, and the student extension of the ASPIRE program.

### **Premeds Club**

Equally devoted to all fields medicine, the premeds like to explore how their studies can benefit the community.  
**Wed ~ 4:30pm ~ Gullo II**



### **Runners Club**

All the runners, joggers, and power walkers out there are invited to cover some ground. Stay with the group or make your own pace, its up to you.  
**Mon & Wed ~ 3:30pm ~ Portable 311**



### **SACNAS**

The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science has the goal of making the sciences accessible to everyone.  
**Wed ~ 5pm ~ S-104**



Want your club to be featured in the newspaper, or want more information about those listed above?  
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## Poetry Corner

The following poem is a student impression of the Akoma Arts Drum Performance during Black History Month.

### Art from the Heart

by Jordan Vukosav

We sang and danced along to African and African American spiritual songs  
The beauty and pain of our African ancestor's history being revealed

Simultaneously made one feel happy then chilled  
It was then that I knew that this was the start for healing of the heart  
The drum was behind it all.

It is that instrument that unifies one and all, big or small.  
And like the drum, is the African

Continuing to righteously beat strong despite what went wrong  
The truth is, like one big family

We all belong, to each other, no matter our race, gender or color  
We sang and we danced, feeling the unity of this Devine romance.

Love yourself.

The message is clear, be strong persevere and continue to move along.  
Stand where you are, be who you are and love who you are.

## Events Calendar

- April 22nd | Movie Night with NPC ~ 5pm ~ Mont. Hall
- April 23rd | Open Mic with BSU ~ 1:15pm ~ Mont. Hall
- April 25th | UC Berkley College Tour - RSVP with ASG
- April 30th | Poetry Festival with EMLLC - Read Below
- May 2nd | Basketball Tournament - RSVP with ASG
- May 5th | Cinco de Mayo with ESA ~ Gullo II
- May 8th | Drag Show ~ 6pm ~ Gullo II
- May 13th | East Bay College Tours - RSVP with ASG
- May 23rd | EVC Commencement Celebration

Maggie Sulayao Presents "Spring"



### The 38th Evergreen Valley College Annual Spring Poetry Festival

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Free Admission (come when you can)

Free Refreshments for Festival Participants

Debut of *Leaf by Leaf 2014* The Award-Winning Evergreen Valley College Literary Magazine

**When:** Wednesday, April 30th, 2014

**Where:** Montgomery Hall (SC-127)

**Reception/Kick-Off:** 12:30 PM

**Scheduled Poetry Readings:** 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

**Open Microphone:** 3:15 PM to 5:00 PM

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