

Welcome Dr. Kirk Rogers, Dean of Social Science, Human Development, Kinesiology and Health



San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) is excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Kirk D. Rogers Jr. as the new Dean of Social Sciences, Human Development, Kinesiology, and Health. Dr. Rogers' career in academic administration is marked by a strong commitment to equity, diversity, and student success. With extensive experience creating inclusive learning environments, he brings expertise and a forward-thinking vision to SBVC.

Dr. Rogers' passion for academic administration is rooted in his dedication to fostering equitable and engaging learning spaces. In his previous roles at California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) and the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), he led key initiatives like the Black Educator Excellence Initiative and the Anti-Racist Learning Community, both designed to address systemic challenges disproportionately affecting Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students, especially Black students.

Throughout his career, Dr. Rogers has reached significant milestones, including leading the Black Educator Excellence Initiative at CSUDH, part of a \$750,000 grant from the Ballmer Foundation. He also played a vital role in developing UCSD's Anti-Racist Learning Community and has published numerous articles on systemic inequities in education. His accolades, such as the Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship and a Faculty Fellowship at the SNAP Inc. Institute for Technology and Education, highlight his unwavering commitment to educational equity.

Outside of his professional life, Dr. Rogers enjoys activities that keep him grounded and energized. "I love going to the beach as often as possible. When it's cooler, I spend time in my small backyard trying to keep my plants alive and thriving despite the heat," he says. He also enjoys cooking and spending time with his wife and their two dogs.

As Dr. Rogers begins his new role at SBVC, he is eager to engage with the college's diverse and vibrant community. "I'm looking forward to collaborating with faculty, staff, and students to strengthen our programs in social sciences, human development, kinesiology, and health. I'm also excited to develop innovative initiatives that meet the evolving needs of our campus community, contribute to the college's mission, and support student success," Dr. Rogers stated.