

# the Treasures of WVC

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



*Everyone* loves the anticipation and thrill of a treasure hunt – and West Valley College has no shortage of precious and valuable riches. Join me in discovering some of WVC's treasures!

## Solar Gateway

At Admissions Way (the main entrance off Fruitvale Avenue), the Solar Gateway stands before you and welcomes you onto a campus committed to environmental stewardship and sustainability.

**Native Plant Corridor** As you pass the Solar Gateway along Admissions Way, look ahead to the native plant corridor beckoning you into the campus' interior. Park your car and wander into the heart of campus along this corridor teeming with native flora, birds, and other fauna.

**Vasona Creek Wetlands** Bisecting the campus is Vasona Creek – a natural stream system stretching nearly a mile through WVC's grounds. Wander along the pathway north from the tennis courts into the Vasona Creek wetlands. Have lunch at the picnic table and soak in this pristine riparian habitat.

**Campus Center** Situated in the heart of the college is the nexus of student life: the Campus Center. Newly renovated, the Campus Center is much more than just a building. It represents the spirit, soul, and vibrancy of our students.

**Student Life at WVC** WHAT? Connections. Engagement. Involvement. Friendships. HOW? Clubs. Leadership. Athletics. Special Events. Performances.

**Division Offices** Need information about our multi-faceted courses and programs? Stop by our division offices to learn more about what we offer in Applied Arts & Sciences, Science/Math, Fine Arts, Language Arts, Social Science, PE/Athletics, Counseling, and Business. You'll find these offices located in the buildings of the same name. It's guaranteed that you'll be greeted and assisted by caring and knowledgeable staff!

**Our People** Our faculty and staff are the truly brilliant gems of WVC. As you exit the campus along Admissions Way toward Fruitvale Avenue, gaze up at the inscription on the arch as you leave. It states: Education is a journey not a destination. All of us at WVC are honored to be your partners in this journey.

This but a short list of our college's treasures. I encourage you to continue discovering the riches that make West Valley College so special.

Lori Gaskin

Lori Gaskin, Ph.D., President



## TRANSFER MADE SIMPLE - visit the TRANSFER CENTER!

**LOCATION:** In the Counseling Building

**PHONE:** 408.741.2040

**WEBSITE:** [westvalley.edu/services/transfercenter](http://westvalley.edu/services/transfercenter)

**The Transfer Center can assist you with the following:**

- Selecting a major
- Accessing vocational & technical program information
- Accessing transfer resources: scholarships, university catalogs, college and career library
- Researching colleges/universities and their admission requirements
- Completing Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs): UC, CSU and private universities
- Registering for Transfer Workshops
- CSU and UC Application & UC Personal Statement Workshops
- Visiting with university representatives
- Annual Transfer Day & one-on-one appointments available!
- See the Transfer Event Calendar:  
[westvalley.edu/services/transfercenter/calendar](http://westvalley.edu/services/transfercenter/calendar)



## FINANCIAL AID

**Don't put off getting an education due to the lack of funds.**

**Financial Aid can help and it's free to apply.** The mission of Financial Aid is to help each student remove the financial barriers that may prevent them from pursuing their educational goals. Most students do not realize they may qualify for one or more financial aid programs. Do not miss out on money that can help you pay for the cost of attendance. We hope these resources help you find the assistance you need to become a successful student. For more information visit the website at: [westvalley.edu/financialaid](http://westvalley.edu/financialaid)



## Attention Graduating High School Seniors:

**Planning to attend West Valley in the Fall 2012?**

**Here are some events to help you get ready to become a Viking!**

- How to pay for college, Thursday, January 19, 6:30pm - WVC Theater
- On To College, Information Night for Students with Learning Disabilities – Tuesday, March 20, 7pm - Campus Center
- Senior and Parent Information Night Thursday, March 29, 6:30pm - WVC Theater
- Boot Camp – Orientation to College for Parents – Saturday, May 5, 9:30am - WVC Theater
- Early Admissions orientation workshops for high school seniors – throughout April and May

**CHECK:** [westvalley.edu/or](http://westvalley.edu/or) for details.