



## SAC Conference goes "Beyond Multiculturalism"

The 11th Annual Multicultural Conference, an Official Fiesta Event April 19-21, features guest speaker presentations, music, a writing workshop, and literary readings on the theme "Beyond Multiculturalism."

Conference sponsors include Arte Público Press, the English, Enrollment Management, Library and Media Services, and

Student Life departments, and Arturo Madrid of Trinity University.

Events, except luncheon, are free and open to the public, and will be held in Visual Arts and Technology Center Rm. 120, unless otherwise noted. For information, contact Juanita Luna Lawhn, coordinator and English professor, 733-2505. Visit [www.accd.edu/sac/english/multicultconf/program05.htm](http://www.accd.edu/sac/english/multicultconf/program05.htm).

### Tuesday, April 19:

2-3:30 p.m. Writing Workshop for poets and prose writers by Chuck Taylor (Pres. Conf. Room, FAC).

6-6:45 p.m. Reception (Loftin Center, Rm 156), with live music by Daniel Monserrat.

7-9 p.m. Opening Ceremonies (Loftin 156). Tango Performances narrated by Pablo Uresti, *Puro Tango*; Moumin M. Quazi - "Fundamentally Free or Freely Fundamentalist?" and Amritjit Singh - "The End of Multiculturalism and Other Predictions."

9 p.m. - 2 a.m. Milonga (Argentine Tango Party), CIRCA 1900 Bar and Restaurant, 1900 San Pedro.

### Wednesday, April 20:

8-10 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Gonzales 100).

8-8:50 a.m. Lennie Irvin - "The Reflective Stance and Multiculturalism" and Nora Olivares - Selections from *Burials, Bridges and Blessings*.

9-9:50 a.m. Edward Simmen-Tolex - "The Making of Multicultural Societies: Mexico and the U.S."

10-10:50 a.m. Deborah Madsen - "From Boutique to Mall: Multiculturalism and the Consumption of Ethnicity" and Juan Bruce-Novoa - "Real Capital: Merchandizing Ethnicity."

11-11:50 a.m. Amritjit Singh - "Looking Back at the Harlem Renaissance: Lessons for Tomorrow."

12-12:50 p.m. Literary Readings by Moumin Quazi, John Browning and Jane Focht-Hansen.

1-1:50 p.m. Rachel Jennings - "Educación and the Politics of Caring in Mexican American Literature" and Philip Lampe - "Multiculturalism: Preparation for the Future."

2-2:50 p.m. Maia Adamina - "Native and American Identity in Julie Campbell's *Trixie Belden and the Mystery in Arizona*" and Juanita Luna Lawhn - "Emma Tenayuca: Fact or Fiction?"

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## Calendar of Events

All events are free, except as noted.

### April 15-17, and 21-24

"Humble Boy" 8 p.m. (2:30 p.m. April 17 and 24), McCreless Theater. Free to ACCD students, faculty & staff; \$10 gen. admission; \$8 for students from other institutions, seniors & SATCO members. Contact: Allan S. Ross, 733-2745.

### Monday, April 18

Guitar Ensemble, Terry Muska, director. 2 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Contact: SAC Music Dept., 733-2731.

Early Music Ensemble, Madalyn Blanchett, director. 7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Contact: SAC Music Dept., 733-2731.

### Tuesday, April 19

Latin Jazz Combo, Alice Gomez, director. 7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Contact: SAC Music Dept., 733-2731.

### Wednesday, April 20

"All Things Poetry" hosted by the Cheshyre Cheese Club. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Loftin Center Fiesta Room. Contact: Tiffany Long, [mishka83@hotmail.com](mailto:mishka83@hotmail.com) or Jane Focht-Hansen at 733-2520.

SAC Band Concert, Peter Kline, director. 1 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Contact: SAC Music Dept., 733-2731.

### Thursday, April 21

Jazz Ensemble, Andrew Gignac, director. 2 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Contact: SAC Music Dept., 733-2731.

Choral Concert, Andy Barbier, director. 7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Contact: SAC Music Dept., 733-2731.

### Friday, April 22

FIESTA HOLIDAY - COLLEGE CLOSED (Weekend classes will meet.)

Scobee Planetarium Friday Night Public Shows closed on Fridays, April 22 and 29. Open Fridays in May. For ticket prices, call 733-2910 or visit [www.accd.edu/sac/ce/scobee/MainMenu.htm](http://www.accd.edu/sac/ce/scobee/MainMenu.htm).

### Tuesday, April 26

Reception honoring retirees. 3-4:30 p.m. VATC Rm. 120.

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## Students attend NASA Aerospace Scholars Program

For the fourth year in a row, ACCD students took part in the Community College Aerospace Scholars (CCAS) Program at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC), with students from community and junior colleges across Texas. As the largest delegation, 20 total students, ACCD was represented by 14 students from SAC and six students from Palo Alto College, all interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. SAC Engineering Coordinator Dan G. Dimitriu, Ph.D., P.E., and Instructor Charles Overstreet accompanied them.



student events, each with students from approximately 10 participating institutions, for a total of more than 300 participants.

Prior to the event, students are assigned to teams and, with

direction from NASA engineers and student interns, establish fictional companies interested in Mars exploration. They are given individual web-based learning modules to become familiar with the event project. The scenario is that NASA puts out a Request for Proposal, and each team, or company, competes to win the contract to build the Rover to send to Mars. During the on-site event, teams develop and test a prototype Rover, design a line drawing, prepare to analyze Martian rock samples, and form a company infrastructure that includes budgeting, communications and presentations.

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The program, a three-day on-site event at JSC, provides opportunities for students to interact with each other as they learn more about science and engineering careers. There are three weekends of

## Center celebrates children



Outstanding Child Development student **Lydia Montez** receives this year's Norma L. Zeigler \$200 scholarship award. At the presentation are, from left: Executive Vice President **Thomas C. Hoy**, Dean Emeritus **Betty Larson**, **Montez**, President **Robert E. Zeigler**, Dean of Professional-Technical Education **Lula Pelayo**, and ACCD Executive Director of Institutional Advancement **Roland DuBay**. Later a bench in the playground was dedicated in honor of Larson, who established the Child Development Program and served as Chairperson. To celebrate the Week of the Young Child, the Center also held its annual sidewalk parade for children, parents and childcare students and staff.

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7-9 p.m. An Evening of Literary Selections (Borders - Alamo Quarry Market, 255 E. Basse Rd.) by Juan Bruce-Novoa, Ned Bailey, Dorothy Reyes, Beatriz Rivera, Amritjit Singh and Moumin Quazi.

### Thursday, April 21:

8-9:15 a.m. José R. Reyna - "The Ghost of 7th Standard Road," Manuel Medrano - "Celebrando Nuestra Gente Los del Valle" and Claudia A. Suárez - "The Theater as a Tool to Promote Social Change: Osvaldo Dragún & Luis Valdez."

9:25-10:40 a.m. Rolando Romero - "Third Wave Latinas," Marcus Embry - "Multiculturalism and the Dilemma of Sameness" and John Waldron - "Transcultural Voices Speaking a New US Latino Canon."

10:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. Paul McQuien - "William Faulkner and the 'Curse of the South,'" Mesut Erdal - "Kur'anic Pluralism and Political Islam in Seyyid Kutub's *Fi Zilla'l- Kur'an*," and Beatriz Rivera - "Questioning the Call for Diversity."

12:15-1:45 p.m. Luncheon (The Bright Shawl, 819 Augusta St.), reservations required, 733-2491. Speaker Tino Villanueva - "Speaking Her Mind: Penelope Speaks Five Poems."

5-6 p.m. (Trinity University, Chapman Center, Gold Room) Tino Villanueva - "Poetry Reading: New and Selected Poems."

## San Antonio College Update

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## Ribbon cut opens RTVF

Cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening and Dedication of the new Jean Longwith Radio, Television and Film Building are, from left:



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**Campbell**, former student and NBC 4, WRC-TV reporter from Washington, D.C.; President **Robert E. Zeigler**; **Terry Tackitt**, RTVF Dept. Chair; and **Sonny Melendrez**, former student and broadcaster on KABL 1310 AM.

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While teammates have been in contact via the Web prior to the event, they meet, organize and begin to plan for the first time at the event. On day two, teams are allowed only three hours to build and test the prototype, design the line drawing, and maintain the company, while following a strict building schedule, attending meetings and staying on budget.

"The experience was so intense – exciting and invigorating, yet stressful and fearful all at the same time," said sophomore engineering student Benjamin Rodriguez, who served in a leadership role as Project Engineer for his RED Team, named the Rover Engineering & Design Specialists Co. "I learned more at that one event than in any classroom – engineering principles, and how to manage people and time."



RED Team's Rover "Romulus."

Activities also included JSC tours, and NASA speakers. The CCAS is part of the Texas Aerospace Scholars and was created by the state in partnership with JSC and the Texas educational community. For information, contact Dr. Dimitriu at 733-2836 or visit <http://aerospace.scholars.jsc.nasa.gov/CAS/default.cfm>.



## SAC Excellence ★



Congratulations to **Debra Coates**, Technical Director for Theatre Department Productions, for being named April Employee of the Month for SAC and ACCD!

Kudos to **Patricia Portales**, English Assistant Professor, whose short fiction won Second Place in UTSA's Third Annual Wendy Barker Creative Writing Award. In her second semester as a Ph.D. student, she is enrolled in Creative Writing.

Congratulations to Distance Education Director **Helen Torres**, named Outstanding Individual Committed to Excellence and Innovation in Distance Education



by the Texas Distance Learning Association. The award is presented to the Texas individual who has done the most over the past year to benefit and advance the applied practice of distance education. With more than 14,000 annual enrollments, SAC Online is one of the largest and most successful programs in the country. Torres is the first in the ACCD or SAC to receive the award.

Hurrah to the **Speech Team** that took First in Individual Events Sweepstakes, First in Overall Sweepstakes, and First, Second and Third Places in Top Speaker Awards at the Phi Rho Pi Regional Tournament at Kingwood College. **Jolinda Ramsey** is the team coach and advisor.

The **KSYM Pledge Drive** raised \$50,260 toward its license renewal process, BMI / ASCAP fees, webcasting, and equipment maintenance and replacement.



President **Robert E. Zeigler** congratulates one of the North East ISD parents who is graduating from the Parent Academy, a partnership between SAC and NEISD to promote parents' involvement with their children's education at the elementary school level. CE Program Director **Anelia Luna** (right) coordinates the program. **Dr. Richard Middleton**, NEISD Superintendent, is standing in the center.