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SAC recognizes Outstanding Former Students

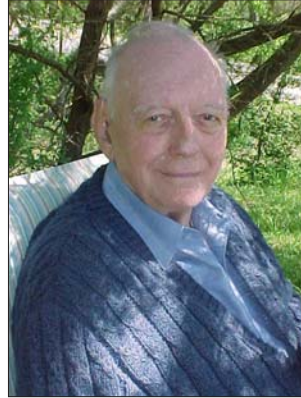
Hector M. Flores and Dr. Joe W. Neal are San Antonio College's Outstanding Former Students for 2004-2005. Flores is National President of the League of United Latin American



Flores (left), LULAC President, and Neal, University of Texas Professor Emeritus, selected as SAC Outstanding Former Students for 2004-05.

Citizens (LULAC) and Recruitment Director for the Dallas Independent School District. Neal is Professor Emeritus of the University of Texas at Austin and founder of many international education programs.

Flores credits SAC professors with encouraging him to "hone my skills and



shoot for the sky." The Dilley, Texas, native attended SAC from 1961 to 1964 and earned his B.A. degree from St. Mary's University in 1971 – the first in his family to graduate from both high school and college. He later worked for the Office of Civil Rights in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and worked as a Conciliation Specialist with the U.S. Department of Justice. He was Minority Recruitment Specialist before becoming Recruitment and Retention Director for Dallas ISD.

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Students In Free Enterprise win regional awards

For the fourth year in a row, the SAC Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team won the Championship Award at the SIFE USA Regional Competition in Dallas earlier this month, one of 21 regional events held across the U.S.



Natasha Hamilton, Roberto Marquez, Chris Rodriguez, and Jennifer Vela. Also on the team are (not pictured) Beverly Williams, David Rodriguez, Diana Garcia and Amy Spears.

The SAC team also placed first in special competitions: National Entrepreneurship, National Personal Financial Success Skills, National Business Ethics, and National Free Market Economics. In late-May, the team advances to the 2005 SIFE USA National Competition in Kansas City, Missouri.

Business Management professors and SIFE advisors, Charles W. Hunt and Val Calvert, both Sam Walton Fellows, accompanied the team of Juan Salazar, Shaydi Dejesus,

The nonprofit SIFE group is active on some 1,800 college campuses in more than 40 countries. SIFE Teams create economic opportunity in their communities via outreach projects to teach market economics, personal financial success skills, entrepreneurship and business ethics. At competitions, CEOs and business leaders from across the country judge projects on creativity, innovation and effectiveness.

During this academic year, SAC's SIFE Team organized fifteen community projects, including business consulting on a \$5 million senior citizen's apartment and retail complex.

Employee Development Day: *Student Success is Our Success*

Friday, May 13 - 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Opening session in McAllister Auditorium. Breakout sessions scheduled throughout the morning. Lunch on Bennet Estate Grounds. Afternoon activities include community service, wellness & personal enrichment. For details, contact Richard White, 733-2647.

Calendar of Events

All events are free, except as noted.



Now through Sept. 2 The 2005 Student Art Show, VATC Gallery.

Mon-Thur: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. / Fri-Sat: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact: Joel Knocke, 733-2898.

Friday, April 29

Soaring to Excellence Library Teleconference Series: "Library Hot Topics for Today and Tomorrow" 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., MLC 613. Contact: Candace Peterson, cpetersn@accd.edu.

Third annual *Dance Expressions* concert "Moves & Mayhem." 7:30pm, McAllister Auditorium. Admission: \$5. Contact: George Ann Simpson, 733-2763.

Scobee Planetarium Friday Night Public Shows closed on Friday, April 29. Open Fridays in May. For tickets, call 733-2910.

Sunday, May 1

Last Day of Classes

Monday – Sunday, May 2-8

Final Examinations

Saturday, May 7

San Antonio College Commencement Ceremony, 7:30 p.m. Freeman Coliseum.

Monday – Friday, May 9-27

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Saturday, May 14

"WE" Women Empowered Conference for women who want to return to school. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Contact: Debbie Middleton, 785-6408.

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Alumni host golf event

The SAC Alumni Association Golf Tournament is set for May 13, Silverhorn Golf Club of Texas, 1100 Bitters, with a four-person scramble 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. The entry fee per player is \$75; a team of four, \$300 (individual players will be placed on teams). For details, call 731-6768 or send e-mail to sacalum@accd.edu.

Student journalists win association awards

SAC's student newspaper *The Ranger*, The Ranger Online, *Fourth Write* magazine and selected students have been honored for excellence by professional organizations.

The Ranger, edited by Ricky Espinoza (Fall '03) and Raymond Jordan (Spring '04), was named Best Non-daily newspaper by the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors (TAPME) and Best Non-daily in Texas and Oklahoma by the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Region 8. TAPME judges noted that the paper covers the various campuses, plus surrounding communities, and includes (college) governance and local elections, has a lot of useful information, looks good, and has nice photo features, reporting, and speak-out column.

The SPJ chose *Fourth Write*, edited by Elaine Marsilio (Spring '04), as Best Student Magazine published once a year in Texas and Oklahoma. The Ranger Online (theranger.org), edited by Espinoza and Nicole Lessin, and designed by Web Administrator Pete R. Ortega, was selected by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) from among 142 entries as one of 21 finalists in the 2005 Online Pacemaker competition. Finalists will be honored Oct. 29 in New Orleans, and winners will be announced.

Advisers for *The Ranger* are Irene Abrego, Tricia Buchhorn, and Marianne Odom. Adviser for The Ranger Online is Chet Hunt. For details, call 733-2870.

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In 2002, Flores was elected National President of LULAC, the largest and oldest Hispanic civil rights organization in the U.S. He serves as National Chairman of the LULAC National Educational Service Centers. He also sits on numerous boards, including the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and has collected several awards, including LULAC National Man of the Year Award.

Dr. Joe Neal attended SAC from 1932 to 1935 at its original location on S. Alamo Street. He was editor of *The Ranger* newspaper and won the Texas Junior College Championship in Debate.

"The faculty gave me a head-start, emphasizing academics when I entered as a 15-year-old. That helped me through to earning my doctorate in Latin American Studies at UT-Austin," said Neal.

In 1941 he joined UT's new Institute of Latin American Studies as Coordinator of Inter-American Student Activities and was named Foreign Student Advisor. Then in 1985 he became Director of International Programs of the university, and is former president of Texas International Education Consortium, the largest group of U.S. public universities working in the field of international education.

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Deadline to submit items is 5 p.m. Monday. Send news to Public Relations, FAC 313, call 733-2147, or e-mail your items to jhammond@accd.edu or dmartin@accd.edu. The Update staff reserves the right to edit items.

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Grant to mentor students

For its proposal titled "San Antonio College's Colegiantes: Primera Generacion," the college received a \$25,000 First Generation Students in College (FGIC) grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor, Texas Workforce Commission, and the Texas Education Agency.

Expanding an already existing peer mentorship ladder through the SAC Institute for Community Initiatives, the grant enables high school students who are potential First-Generation-in-College students to be mentored by other FGIC students either currently enrolled at SAC or attending Fox Tech, Jefferson, Edison, or Lanier high schools (the high schools closest to SAC).

Students will learn how to set goals, improve study habits, and enter college. Program participants will also be enrolled in SAC's 2005 Senior Summer Program, on campus from June 4 to July 15. The grant provides a \$400 stipend to 62 mentors for the year-long initiative.

For details, call Manuel Gonzalez III, Project Director, at 733-2478.



Architecture instructor Dwayne Bohuslav (front/center) joins students at the 21st National Conference on the Beginning Design Student for the Beginner's Praxis Workshop: A Social Constructivist Approach to Learning Through Scaffolding, a SAC - UTSA collaboration.



SAC Excellence ★

Congratulations to Coordinator of the Alternative Teacher Certification Program **Mona Aldaña-Ramirez**, who was appointed by the State Board for Educator Certification to the Advisory Committee for Educator Certificates. She will provide input on engineering, math, physical science and physics certificates.



Bravo to History Instructor **Dr. Thomas Clarkin** who was accepted into the National Endowment for the Humanities' *Landmarks of American History* workshop "Steel-Making in Cleveland: A Case Study of Industrialization, Immigration, Labor, Race, Ethnicity, and Gender" this July, sponsored by the Western Reserve Historical Society. The program is part of NEH's *We the People* initiative to strengthen the teaching, study and understanding of U.S. history and culture.

Kudos to engineering students **Miguel Gomez III**, President of SAC Mexican-American Engineering Students (MAES), and **Benjamin Rodriguez**, who will attend the 10-week UT-El Paso Summer Research Program; and



to **Jason Escobar**, assigned to the UT-Arlington Summer Research Program. Both programs are part of the UT System Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Summer Research Academy, funded by the National Science Foundation. Also, **John Ruiz**, past-president of MAES, was one of four students chosen for the HACU Summer Research Experience at the University of California-Santa Cruz Center for Adaptive Optics, and to work on research with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Hurrah to Dental Assisting student **Patricia Araza**, who placed first in Dental Assisting for the state of Texas in the SkillsUSA Texas-College/Post-secondary Division 33rd Leadership and Skills Championships. She will compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in June in Kansas City.

