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Students graduate with ceremony at Freeman

Cheers emanated from Freeman Coliseum Saturday as 460 San Antonio College candidates for graduation participated in commencement.



A new venue for the SAC graduation ceremony, Freeman's larger space better accommodated the increased number of attending families and friends. The SAC Brass Ensemble, directed by Peter Kline, performed during the event.

Speakers included Outstanding Former Students Hector M. Flores, National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and Recruitment Director of the Dallas ISD,

and Dr. Joe W. Neal, Professor Emeritus of the University of Texas at Austin. Also speaking were graduating students Tapashya Ghosh (AA in Business) and Megan Grace Pope (AA in Speech), both members of the international honor society Phi Theta Kappa and active with volunteer projects in the community.

Rosemarie Hoopes, Admissions and Records director, said an initial total of 600 students are candidates for graduation this academic year, receiving Associate's Degrees in the Arts and Sciences, and Applied Sciences, as well as scores of certificates. Once grades are finalized in June, degrees will be mailed.

SAC honors retirees with reception

President Robert E. Zeigler hosted a Retirees' Reception to honor and celebrate the individuals who have dedicated much of their lives to the students of San Antonio College.

Honorees were recognized for their years of service, and faculty and staff had the chance to visit with colleagues who will be retiring, as well as hear about their plans for after retirement, the most common being "travel" and "spend more time with family."

Since January 2005, 42 employees representing 1,284 years of service have or will be retiring, including (as of May 8, 2005): Julia Allen (23 1/2 yrs.), Robert Brown (36), Jesse Cabrera (25), Yolanda Cano (30),

Christine Catalani (27), Dale Clyde (15), Carol Connor (21), Ray Cox (31), Ernest Crain (34 1/2), Ruth DelCueto (31), Arnold English (38), Mary Ann Flynn (27), Carolyn Haisler (37), Lucy Hale (29), Frank Hein (38), Suzanna Hessong (41), Clyde Hudgins (35), Margaret Hyde (10), Irene Liden (40), Lavon Lockwood (22), Myra Lorenz (35), Alan Love (39), Bob Marcom (39), Carolyn Patino (27), Dolores Ramirez (34), Sally Rios (36), Allan Ross (40), Delia Ruiz (35), Pauline Salinas (26), Ricardo Salinas (35), David Sanchez (33), Val Santos (21), Marian Seyler (25), Rani Singh (26), Karen Smiley (24), David Smith (31), Gary Smith (34), Sammie Smith (29), Ruben Torres (33), Elda Vasquez (35), Betty Williams (22), and Tom Wilson (34).

Professional development institute dedicated to English professor

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires the college to develop a Quality Enhancement Plan as a part of reaffirmation. Professional development is the focus at SAC. The vehicle to provide that development is an institute that will teach classroom strategies and other practices to enhance student learning to faculty and staff.

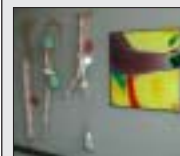
At the unanimous recommendation of the QEP Committee, President Robert E. Zeigler announced that the institute be named in memory of Raul S. Murguia, an English professor whose career personified learning, student success and dedication to the community college mission. Dr. Johnnie Rosenauer from the Business Department will assume the role of Director of the Murguia Learning Institute.

The initial plan requires new faculty to participate in the Murguia Learning Institute beginning in Fall 2005. Details are pending about how other faculty and staff participation will be phased in on a voluntary basis with some incentives attached.

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.

Monday – Friday, May 9-27
Maymester classes

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.

Monday, May 16

Grant-writing Workshop for Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund, 7 p.m. Jean Longwith RTVF Bldg., Rm. 101. Contact the Austin Film Society at www.austinfilm.org or call the RTVF Department at 733-2793.

Saturday-Monday, May 28-30

Memorial Day Holiday – College Closed

Tuesday, May 31

Summer I classes begin

Friday, June 3

Soaring to Excellence Library Tele-conference Series: "Information Literacy" 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., MLC 613. Contact: Candace Peterson, cpetersn@accd.edu.

www.accd.edu/sac/pr/calendar.htm

Day helps deaf students

The American Sign Language & Interpreter Training Department invites students, staff and faculty to support deaf and hard-of-hearing persons on the 3rd Annual Deaf Awareness Day, Saturday, June 11, at Six Flags Fiesta Texas, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Interpreters will be stationed throughout the park to assist with communication.

Tickets are \$21.59 and may be purchased in advance from the ASL Lab, Nail Technical Center Rm. 005, or on event day at the front gate with a Deaf Awareness Day flier from the SAC table at the park's entrance. Tickets purchased ahead of time may be used any day this year at the park.

For information, call Jo Hilton at 785-6084.

Planetarium shows return



Scobee Planetarium's Friday Night Public Shows are on for May, with new shows coming in the summer. (Scobee closes for maintenance mid-July through August.)

"The Rocket Trip" at 6 p.m., for first through third grade students, takes an imaginary trip through the Solar System. (Due to the educational intent, children under age 4 are not admitted.)

The 7:15 p.m. show, "Wonders of the Night Sky," tours the San Antonio sky, highlighting the Moon, planets Saturn and Jupiter, and May's brightest stars, as well as meteor showers and the massive black hole at the heart of our Milky Way. (Due to the more advanced program content, children under age 6 are not admitted.)

The 8:30 p.m. show, "Islands in Space," looks at how stars form from gases and dust that collide when galaxies interact. The show recognizes that as immense as our Milky Way galaxy is, it is but one of countless galaxies that make up our observable universe, and begins to explain what astronomers know about the giant collections of stars. (Due to the more advanced program content, children under age 6 are not admitted.)

Following the last show, at 9:30 p.m., the Observatory opens for telescopic views of the Moon and planets, weather permitting. Observatory viewing is free.

For details, call 733-2910 or visit www.accd.edu/sac/ce/scobee/MainMenu.htm.

Single Show Ticket Prices:

Children ages 4 through 17 - \$1

Adults age 18 and above - \$3

Seniors age 55 and older - \$2

Tickets are free for ACCD students and employees with current ID.

Combination Show Ticket Prices:

(7:15 and 8:30 p.m. shows)

Children ages 6 through 17 - \$1

Adults age 18 and above - \$5

Seniors age 55 and older - \$3

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Grant supports students

San Antonio College received a five-year \$2.13 million Student Support Services (SSS) Program grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education to continue the SSS Project at SAC, which has effectively served more than 12,000 eligible students over 30 years.

With the new grant funds, the Project will annually provide academic support services to 400 eligible low income, first generation and/or disabled students who demonstrate academic need including remediation and Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and those students not having a regular high school diploma (GED).

Services offered include career, academic, and personal counseling, tutoring, mentoring, supplemental out-of-class instruction, financial aid assistance, computer literacy training, and various opportunities to participate in leadership and cultural enrichment activities.

Objectives include retention of 70 percent of each SSS cohort not graduating or transferring, and to exceed the college's average of approximately 10 percent who attain a degree or certificate and/or transfer to a four-year institution.

Under the administration of Counseling and Student Development Chair Jim Lucchelli, Ph.D., within the Student Affairs Division, the Project Director is Wynette Hadnott Keller.

Enrollment for the 2005-06 SSS Project will begin immediately. Counselors and staff are currently available to assist students apply to receive services from the Project. For information, call 733-2755.

Faculty travel to Mexico

This June, faculty from SAC and other ACCD colleges, Texas State University and Lanier High School will conduct a four-week study of Mexico, with a U.S. Dept. of Education \$60,000 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant.

Faculty will work to strengthen existing curriculum and develop new courses by studying Mexico from pre-Colombian to present time with attendance at university lectures, and visits to history and art museums, ruins and other historical sites.

Participants from SAC include Juanita Luna Lawhn (English), Dr. Jude Thomas Manzo (Foreign Languages), Carol Coffee Reposa (English) and Dr. Terry Walch (Counseling).

For more information, contact ACCD Coordinator of International Programs Mark Hagen at 208-8009.



SAC Excellence ★

Congratulations to Enrique "Henry" Castillo, Optical Scanning Clerk in Residency and Reports, for being named May Employee of the Month for San Antonio College and the ACCD! (SAC now holds five of the nine District EOM Awards for 2004-05.)



Hooray for Irene Abrego and Marianne Odom, journalism instructors and student



Photo by: Tricia Bachhorn.

publication advisors who will be honored with the 2005 Education Award from the San Antonio chapter of the Association for Women in Communication (AWC). During the AWC Headliner Awards dinner on Thursday, June 2, at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel, the two will be awarded the *Education Headliner* for outstanding achievement in their field. For details or to purchase tickets, call Barbara Cheney, dinner chair, (210) 828-9921.

Kudos to Leonard Ziegler, staff photographer, recipient of the 2005 Lillian R. Moody Award for Outstanding Service to the Theatre & Speech Communication Department.



Congratulations to Dr. Helen Vera, Coordinator of the Women's Center & Adult Re-Entry Program, who spoke to San Antonio City Council about the WE: Women Empowered Conference, set for May 14. Praising the event that "provides information and scholarships to assist low-income women to continue their education," Mayor Ed Garza



presented a proclamation to co-sponsors: SAC WINS (Women Investing in New Success) leadership program, the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women and the Hispanic Women's Network. Pictured are WINS students Martha Miranda (left) and Jamie Romero. Funded by the ACCD Foundation, WINS provides scholarship and mentoring opportunities in exchange for campus and community service.