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SAC becomes smoke-free campus on Aug. 22

On the first day of Fall semester classes, San Antonio College will be smoke-free. Smoking is prohibited on the campus, except in the parking lots where smokers are asked to use the receptacles.



**Be Healthy, Live Longer,
and Help Us Create a
Safer and Cleaner Campus**

This new policy is the final step to gradually eliminate smoking at SAC. After a year of open forums, surveys and discussions among college groups, the College Academic Council unanimously passed the Smoking Policy in Spring 2004. Over the last academic year, smoking was limited to designated areas, and smoking cessation classes were offered for free to faculty, students and staff.

Following a two-week grace period, ACCD Department of Public Safety officers will issue citations to those in violation of the

policy (requiring an \$11 payment). Repeat violations will result in further disciplinary action.

According to President Robert E. Zeigler, this policy aligns the college with the City of San Antonio's similar efforts and with national studies that clearly show how smoking and

second-hand smoke are dangerous to our health and environment.

Information about the dangers of smoking is available at the College Tobacco Prevention Resource website - www.ttac.org/college/facts/negative-effects.html. For more information about smoking cessation classes and related resources, visit the College Health Center in Chance Academic Center Room 119, or call 733-2790.

Students learn voice recognition software

Seven SAC students with disabilities were recently trained on voice recognition software, making it possible for them, some for the first time, to use word processing, surf the Internet and carry out other computer operations.



type on a keyboard, but DNS software allowed him to produce a major paper for his British Literature class, and he received a "B".

Maria Gomez, dSS coordinator, said plans are underway to offer an orientation class next summer where students can

learn the software and also earn college credit. She said the office serves about 1,500 disabled students throughout the year, with a goal of making the college academically and physically accessible to students with disabilities.

One of the finest assistive computer technology laboratories in South Texas, the SAC lab offers assistance with admission, registration and financial aid forms, note-taking and other services, alternative formats for instructional materials, a computer lab and equipment such as a Braille embosser, high-speed scanners and talking calculators.

The disABILITIES Support Services (dSS) department purchased the Dragon Naturally Speaking (DNS) software (including the training) with a \$218,404 Computer Accommodation for Texans with Disabilities grant from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

"This software helps students improve their independence, learning and communication capabilities," said Regina Pino, assistant to the coordinator. "It is a giant step that opens up new worlds and opportunities in life."

For example, Tony Guerrero said his vision impairment makes it difficult for him to

Call 733-2347 or visit www.accd.edu/sac/students/dss.htm for more information.

Calendar of Events

Events are free unless otherwise noted.



Now through Sept. 2 2005 Student Show Art Exhibit, a highly competitive juried exhibit in the VATC Gallery. Artwork may

be viewed during normal campus hours. Contact Joel Knocke, Visual Arts & Technology, 733-2898.

August 15-17

Last days of Phi Theta Kappa's school supplies collection for Southside ISD. Donation boxes in FAC 200, Loftin 152 and MCFA 125. Contact: Jeff Hunt, 733-2715.

Monday, August 15

District Convocation. 8:30 a.m. coffee 9 a.m. meeting, McAllister Auditorium. Contact: Charlotte Wolf, 733-2189.

College Convocation. 2 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Contact: President's Office, 733-2190.

Tuesday, August 16

New Faculty Orientation. 8:30 a.m., VATC 120. Contact: President's Office, 733-2190.

August 16 and August 26

Due dates for Staff Council school supply drive for Travis Elementary. Collection boxes located throughout campus. Contact: Gil Castillo, 733-2051.

Wednesday, August 17

SAC Bookstore Grand Re-Opening. 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Loftin Student Center. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 4 p.m. Refreshments served. Store will offer a 10% discount on all gifts and clothing.

Thursday, August 18

Service-Learning Workshop (funding opportunities available). 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. LRTF 120. Space limit: 25. RSVP to Audrey Grams, 785-6044 or agrams@accd.edu.

Monday, August 22

Fall 2005 Semester classes begin.

www.accd.edu/sacpr/calendar.htm



Dr. Thomas C. Hoy receives the 2005 Referee Chair of the Year award from last year's recipient Steve Webster, left, and Brian Hemelgarn, USAV National Director.

Dr. Hoy is top referee

Earlier this summer, Dr. Thomas C. Hoy, Executive Vice President, was named 2005 Referee Chair of the Year at the U.S. Open Championships in Denver. According to USA Volleyball National Director Brian Hemelgarn, under Dr. Hoy's tutelage after becoming Lone Star Region Referee Chair in 1995, "Lone Star has developed more than 200 certified referees including more than 40 Junior National and National officials."

Dr. Hoy has also been recognized as one of the 2005 George J. Fisher Leader in Volleyball recipients for his volunteer involvement with the sport for more than 25 years.

Dr. Hoy has coached teams at St. Philip's College and established the first women's college club team at SAC. His many experiences refereeing at national and international tournaments include serving as a line judge at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. For more details, go to www.usavolleyball.org/AboutUSAV%5C05awards_leader_thoy.asp.



Photo by Mark Hagen, ACCD International Programs

Fulbright Fellows gather at Los Pinos during their study of Mexico, funded by a U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant. They are, from left: Paul Hart (Texas State University), Jayne King (NVC), Richard Teitz (SPC), Carol Coffee Reposa (SAC), Terry Walch (SAC), Juanita Luna-Lawhn (SAC), Alfred Losoya (Lanier HS), Dr. Tom Manzo (SAC), Dora Ruffner (PAC), Yvonne Galindo (Lanier HS), Ani Yazedjian (TSU), "Birdie" Winborne (Lanier HS), and Miguel Conchas (ACCD International Programs).

EDGE students soar

With instruction from Dr. Dan Dimitriu, Engineering program coordinator, and tutelage from six college students who served as study leaders, 25 high school students successfully completed SAC's eight-week Early Development of General Engineering (EDGE) program. Through lectures, hands-on group projects and field trips, including one to Mission Control at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, they expanded their knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math while earning five hours of college credit in Engineering and Math that can be applied toward an Associate degree from SAC.

The program was made possible, in part, by a National Science Foundation grant. For information, contact Dr. Dimitriu, 785-6049/-6249, or visit www.accd.edu/SAC/physics/edge-04.htm.



Summer EDGE students visit Mission Control at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Students' acting excels

Last month, fifteen 8th-12th grade students participated in the Summer High School Theatre Camp at SAC. Led by Paula Rodriguez from Theatre and Speech Communications, they learned acting, movement, voice, improvisation and educational theatre; and they produced a one-act play called "The Dining Room," which was presented in McCreless Theatre.

Following the presentation, Theatre Instructor Jim Mammarella provided a critique and held a talk-back session with the students. Also, four participants who are entering their senior year of high school were each awarded a \$400 scholarship to study theatre at SAC in Fall 2006.



Theatre Camp students pose for group photo.



SAC Excellence ★



Congratulations to Aide Contreras, in the Bursar's Office, for being named August Employee of the Month for SAC and for the District.

Additionally, 7 out of 11 District-wide Employee of the Month awards for 2004-2005 went to SAC employees. They are now eligible to win District-wide Employee of the Year.

Hooray for RTVF major Matthew Wilkes (center), one of two students who won in



a drawing a \$611 scholarship to pay out-of-district tuition and fees for two three-hour classes offered this Fall by SAC at Smithson Valley High School. Congratulating him are Helen Torres, director of Distance Education, and Charlie Cantu, a community representative. Psychology major Richard Smith, not pictured, also received a scholarship in the drawing.



Kudos to Computer Information Systems Instructor and Program

Coordinator Heidi Webb and CIS Instructor Dan Zollars for their work with the Legos® for Logic Summer Camp that taught young people to think on their own and introduced them to various technology applications and industry professionals. The camp was funded by Alamo Region Tech-Prep Consortium and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 1998.

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