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Grant helps Women's Center expand services

The City of San Antonio has awarded a grant of \$217,709 to the San Antonio College Women's Center to continue the Connections Training and Employment Program, which provides free training in administrative and medical office fields to qualified, low-income individuals to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency. Those interested should contact the SAC Women's Center office at 210-785-6409 to see if you qualify for training sessions that begin in January.

"This grant provides a wonderful opportunity for us to help more people in our community get the skills they need to be successful in the workforce and at the same time earn college credit that can be applied toward a future degree," said Dr. Helen Vera, Women's Center Coordinator. She also said more people will qualify this year than ever before due to the expansion of income eligibility criteria.

In 2003, the Alamo Workforce Development Board recognized the Connections Program with the "Excellence Through Innovation Award." Since its inception in 2000, the program has trained more than 250 women,

who have had a 95 percent completion rate and an 83 percent employment rate.

The six-week Administrative Office Assistant Certificate program will be offered Jan. 10-Feb. 18 and again Feb. 28-April 15. Students who successfully complete this course will earn 6 hours of college credit.

The eleven-week Medical Office Assistant Certificate program will be offered Feb. 7-April 29, and students will earn 13 hours of college credit.

Both training tracks offer Life and Employability Skills training and job search assistance to help ensure the successful employment and retention of every student. Textbooks, supplies and transportation assistance are among the many support services that will also be offered.

To qualify for the program, students must have a high school diploma or Graduate Equivalency Degree (G.E.D.), type 20 words-per-minute, meet income eligibility criteria, and successfully complete an assessment administered by the Women's Center. For more information, call 210-785-6409.

Workshops to help "Bring the World Home"

Faculty and staff who wish to apply for mini-grants ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 to develop shared resources to help the college expand its effectiveness in "internationalizing the curriculum" are invited to attend workshops on Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m. and Oct. 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the Instructional Technologies & Innovation Center, MLC 716.



time and space; and 4) a website that explores the history of San Antonio and surrounding regions from a global perspective.

The workshops are part of a two-year, district-wide initiative titled "Bringing the World Home and the Home to the World," funded by a Department of Education Title VI-A Internationalizing the Curriculum grant.

According to Dr. Jon Lee, History Associate Professor, these shared resources include: 1) Interdisciplinary Learning Modules to address such issues as "Global Migration," "Global Climate Change," and "Global Trade and Finance;" 2) Curriculum exploring local and global connections between San Antonio, South Texas, and trans-regional forces in the past and present; 3) Electronic mapping materials using GIS and ArcIMS application that explore globalization across

Other project objectives will include developing teaching materials for foreign language classes and for internationalized classes, establishing internship/study abroad opportunities for faculty and students, and expanding International Studies-related programs, certificates and concentrations.

For more information, call Dr. Jon Lee at 733-2565 or jlee@accd.edu.

Calendar of Events

Friday, Oct. 8-Sunday, Oct. 24:

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," all performances at 8 p.m., except 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, McAllister Auditorium. Free to ACCD faculty, staff & students, \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors & military. Call Charles Falcon, 733-2726.

Tuesday, Oct. 12:

Satellite Seminar - "Creating & Marketing Youth: Youth Music & Culture in 20th Century," 6:30-7:30 p.m., MLC 613. To schedule your class, call x2716 or x2691.

Saturday, Oct. 16:

Yard Sale, 8 a.m. - 12 noon, Child Development Center, 210 W. Ashby. Drop donations Oct. 12-15, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sponsor - Advocacy Alliance for Children. Call x2411.

Tuesday, Oct. 19:

Faculty Recital by Andrew Gignac, solo trumpet, 7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Free. Call 733-2731 for details.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 and Fri., Oct. 22:

Internationalizing the Curriculum Workshops. (See article p. 1 for times & details.)

Thursday, Oct. 21:

Men's Open Forum on Prostate Problems, 12 noon, Candler PE Center, Room 215. For details, call 733-2486 & see article p. 2.

Faculty Network Session & Reception, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., VATC, Room 120. Meet SAC Online faculty coordinators, learn about Internet course development & Mini-Grants for alternative teaching methodologies. RSVP 733-2045 by Oct. 15.

Friday, Oct. 22:

Staff Scholarship deadline; call 785-6071.

Thursday, Oct. 28:

Halloween Concert, Irene Liden, coordinator, 7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Adults \$5, Students \$3, Children under 12 free. Call 733-2731.

Fri, Oct. 29:

"Is the Bible Reliable?" by Rev. Rich Brumback, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Church of Christ Student Center. Call 738-3250.

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"Howl at the Moon" twice

The Scobee Planetarium, with the San Antonio Astronomical Association, will host two "Howl at the Moon" events using the Observatory and telescopes in the adjacent parking lot: on Oct. 23, 7-10 p.m., view the craters and mountains of the Moon, and on Oct. 27, 8-11 p.m., view a total eclipse of the Moon, when "the Moon's motion takes it through the Earth's shadow and the Moon is dimmed to a copper red glow," said Bryan Snow, Planetarium Coordinator. For details, call x2910.

Students to sponsor events

Phi Theta Kappa honors society chapter Beta Nu invites you to "Dare to Cut Your Hair" on Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Loftin Student Center. Get a free haircut by donating at least 10 inches of hair, which will go to children with permanent hair loss.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. a documentary titled "Tarnation" on the life of Jonathan Caouette will be screened in McAllister Auditorium. The film was hailed at the SunDance Film Festival. For details about this free event, call Jeff Hunt at x2716.

The Student Government Association will sponsor a Parking Raffle on Oct. 25, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. by the CG Building for students, who can purchase \$1 tickets for a chance to park in the carpool parking section near MLC. Proceeds will support student organizations. Call Terisa Howard at 232-2624 for details.



Congratulations to employees who served 15 years in the ACCD. From left, Front Row - Susan Spencer, Paula Hutton, Ana Merritt, Carla Reyes; Second Row - Sara Samano, Mary Espinoza, Espy Lira, and Rosie Lerma; Back Row - Rick Hopkins, John Rutherford, David Chavera, and Rafael Torres. Not pictured: Karen Douglas, Maria Garcia, Asslan Khaligh, Pat Schultz, and Reza Sojoodi.

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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 jomartin@accd.edu. The Update staff reserves the right to edit items.

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Cortez Wins WSJ Award



Vernell Walker, Business Chairperson, and President Robert Zeigler congratulate Mary Esther Cortez (center), who received the Wall Street Journal Award for academic excellence and leadership. The Business Administration major is studying at UTSA and plans to pursue a law degree.

Day of the Dead Celebration

A Day of the Dead celebration will be held Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., with presentations in the VATC 120, unless otherwise noted: 8:30-9 a.m. - Origins of Rituals, by Edmundo Vargas; 9-9:50 a.m. - Native American Rituals, by Naté Luna; 10-10:50 a.m., McCreless Auditorium, "A Celebration of Culture, Life & Death;" 11-11:55 a.m. - Death without Feat, by Gloria Pimentel; 12-12:50 p.m. - Celebracion del Dia de los Muertos, by Yolanda Cordero Luna; 1-1:30 p.m. - Commemorative Moments - Remembering Our Colleagues, and Awards Presentation - essay, art and Spanish poetry. For details, call x2536.

Smoking Cessation classes set

Free Smoking Cessation Classes, led by Myra Morin, RN with Northeast Baptist Health System, will begin Tuesday, Oct. 26 and continue for four consecutive Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Candler Physical Education Center, Room 126. Morin is a registered nurse and a licensed facilitator for the American Cancer Society. She will be assisted by a behavioral specialist and registered dietician. Registration is limited, so email Dawn Brooks at dbrooks@accd.edu or call 733-2761 by Oct. 22 to reserve a place.

Prostate problems discussed

San Antonio College will host a free Men's Open Forum on Prostate Problems on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 12 noon in the Candler Physical Education Center, Room 215.

Lorraine Hester, MN, RN, will be the speaker. A former director of the University Health System, Hester is a member of the SAC Nursing Education faculty and has been a registered nurse for more than 25 years. Some of the forum topics will include symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and screening. For more information, call Juanita Flores at 733-2486.



SAC Excellence ★

Congratulations to **Sonia Valdez** (Institutional Research), who was named both San Antonio College and District Employee of the Month for October!



Congratulations to the **SAC Speech Team**, advised by **Jolinda Ramsey** (Theatre & Communications) who placed 4th, 5th, and 6th place in individual categories in the Hill Country Swing Tournament in San Marcos and Austin.

Congratulations to **Lennie Irvin** (English), who published an article "Reflection in the Electronic Writing Classroom" in Computers and Composition Online, which may be found at <http://www.bgsu.edu/cconline/virtualc.htm>.

Congratulations to student **Sarah Claridge**, who was awarded the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation's Virginia Dial Scholarship of \$1,000. A straight-A paralegal student, she plans to graduate in May.

Congratulations to SAC nursing graduate **Thomas J. Barry**, who was praised in the Texas Organization for Associate Degree Nursing newsletter for his impeccable service in the medical industry.

Congratulations to **Helen Torres** (Distance Education), who appeared on Channel 15 to discuss the SAC Online Program, and also to **Dr. Helen Vera** and **Abby Gonzalez** (Women's Center), who appeared on Channel 20 to discuss Women's Center programs.



Dr. Tom Manzo (Foreign Languages) is pictured in front of the Rila Monastery, south of Sofia, Bulgaria. "Originally built in the Tenth Century, it had been abandoned during the Ottoman occupation and was restored in the 1800s," said Manzo, who was in Bulgaria last summer in the Fulbright-Hayes Study Abroad Program, studying how Roman civilization shaped that country's history. He will make a presentation about his experiences on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Moody Learning Center, Room 708B.