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SAC prepares students for a future of education

This summer, San Antonio College is offering a variety of programs that assist with transition into college, or prepare students for a future that includes higher education.

Colegiantes: Primera Generacion, June 6 – July 15. To increase enrollment of First-Generation-in-College (FGIC) students, SAC Family Learning Academy mentors and recent alumni of Jefferson, Edison, Fox Tech and Lanier High Schools are tutoring and mentoring SAISD “rainbow graduates,” or high school seniors who graduate at non-traditional times (they have no school colors and thus represent all school colors). At program end, mentors will each receive a \$400 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) scholarship. Contact: Manuel Gonzalez III, 733-2478, mangonza@accd.edu.

EDGE, June 6 – July 29. With collaborative learning activities in a learning community environment, the Early Development of General Engineering (EDGE) program functions as a bridge from high school to college for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math. Students who successfully complete the coursework will earn five hours of college credit in Engineering and Math, which may be applied toward an Associate degree from SAC, and transferred toward a Bachelor’s degree. Contact: Dr. Dan Dimitriu, coordinator of engineering, 785-6049/6249, or visit www.accd.edu/sac/physics/edge-04.htm.

PREP, June 13 – July 29. The Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP) motivates and prepares middle and high school students for success in advanced studies leading to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math, with an emphasis on increasing the number of women and minorities in the fields. The majority of local school districts award one unit of elective credit toward high school graduation for successful completion of the program. Contact: Kenneth Messenhimer, 733-2676.

Summer High School Theatre Camp, July 10-16. (High school students may still register.) This one-week intensive theatre workshop teaches acting, movement, voice, improvisation and rehearsing for a one-act production, which will be presented on Saturday, July 16 in McCreless Theatre. Contact: Paula Rodriguez, 733-2710 or parodrig@accd.edu, or the Theatre and Speech department at 733-2715.

Legos for Logic, July 18-22. (For registration availability, call Anthony Hancock, Tech Prep office, 587-4436.) Coordinated by SAC Computer Information Services (CIS), incoming 9th and 10th grade students at all levels of math skill, including remedial, will use Lego® Mindstorms® Robots and work in teams for logic development exercises. Through the program, students learn about computer programming and engineering careers, and high schools can develop articulation agreements with SAC to meet student demands for computer programming education. Contacts: Heidi Webb or Steve Kolars, CIS, 733-2291, hwebb@cis.sac.accd.edu and skolars@cis.sac.accd.edu. Funded by Alamo Region Tech-Prep Consortium and THECB from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 1998.

Come to SAC Night at the Missions

The SAC community is invited to SAC Night at the Missions, Thursday, July 14. The Missions vs. Arkansas Travelers baseball game starts at 7:05 p.m. in Nelson Wolff Stadium, 5757 W. US Highway 90.

The gates will open at 6 p.m., and the first 2,000 people to enter will receive complimentary T-shirts, with the SAC logo on the back, commemorating the 100th season of baseball in the Alamo City. Also, July 14 is Time Warner Cable Value Night, and hot dogs, sodas, beer and pizza will only cost one dollar.

Discounted game tickets are now on sale for just \$6 at the Bursar’s Office in FAC 201 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)



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 (Mon-Thur: 8a-9p / Fri-Sat: 8a-4p). Contact Joel Knocke, Exhibition Chair, Visual Arts & Technology, 733-2898.

Now through July 15

Friday night public shows at Scobee Planetarium. For ticket prices, contact: 733-2910 or visit www.accd.edu/sac/ce/scobee/MainMenu.htm.

Monday, June 20

Summer Workshop Session for Adult Re-Entry students: Goal-Setting, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Moody Learning Center rm. 177. Contact: The Women’s Center, 733-2299 or womenctr@accd.edu.

Monday, June 27

Summer Workshop Session for Adult Re-Entry students: Personal Finance & Budgeting, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Moody Learning Center rm. 177. Contact: The Women’s Center, 733-2299 or womenctr@accd.edu.

Monday, July 4

Independence Day - College Closed

Tuesday, July 19

Parenting Workshop: “The brain and the emotional well-being of children.” 1:30 to 3 p.m., Moody Learning Center rm. 177. Contact: Carolina Trevino, 733-2299 or womenctr@accd.edu.

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A random drawing will determine the boy or girl age 7 to 14 years old, who will throw the first pitch and receive four tickets to the game. The contest is open only to SAC employees and ACCD employees who work on the SAC campus. Entries due in the PR office by 5 p.m. Thursday, June 30.

Send employee name, title, department, work and home phone numbers, e-mail, and the name, age and school of the youth whom you want to submit for the drawing.

Employees graduate

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff who earned either a degree or certificate in the past year (reported as of June 10, 2005):

Alfredo Alexander, Laboratory Technician, Visual Arts & Technology - M.A., University of Texas at San Antonio.

Dr. Thomas E. Billimek, Professor and Chair, Psychology - Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology from Capella University.

Mary Gomez Curll, MSN, RN, Professor, Nursing - MSS (Master's of Strategic Studies) from the U.S. Army War College.

Earlene Gonzales, Coordinator, Child Development Center - M.A. in Education, Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio campus.

Sandra Hines, Clerk III, Continuing Education - AA in Business Management and Certificate in Administrative Computer Technology, San Antonio College.

Holly Matthews, Senior Clerk Typist - AA in Architecture, San Antonio College.

Ronnie Pue, Instructor, Music - M.A. in History, University of Texas at San Antonio.

Gregg J. Ramirez, Assistant to Coordinator, Student Support Services - M.A. in Counseling, University of Texas at San Antonio.

J. Michele Tippit, Computer Support Technician, Mathematics/Computer Science - Leadership Certificate and Management Certificate, San Antonio College Continuing Education.

Richard J. Williams, Multimedia Specialist, Instructional Technologies - Marketable Skills Achievement Certificate (Software Specialist), San Antonio College Administrative Computer Technology Department.

While The Ranger print version takes a summer break, college and district activities will be updated whenever possible through The Ranger Online at www.theranger.org.

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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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Empowering for College

Approximately 200 Adult Re-Entry Women (ages 25 and above) who want to return to school attended the May 14th Women Empowered "WE" Conference, sponsored by SAC Women's Center, Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, Hispanic Women's Network of Texas-San Antonio Chapter, and the SAC Women Investing in New Successes (WINS) Leadership Program.

A special welcome was provided by President Zeigler and his wife Mary, followed by Key-note Speaker Cynthia Zuniga Puig, a local attorney who gave a motivational speech on her struggle with going to school as a single parent and how she overcame many obstacles to complete her law degree.

Event workshops were hosted by SAC Counselors on such topics as: the value of continuing your education; fears and concerns of starting college; SAC programs and services; and how to get into college. Attendees toured the campus, and exhibit tables offered information about available programs and resources.



A total of \$15,100 was awarded to 18 scholarship applicants who will attend SAC in the Fall. The Mayor of San Antonio and six

Council Districts were among the scholarships donors. Also, on Mondays in June, The Women's Center is conducting workshops with more "return-to-school" information.

Council holds election

With votes from 130 staff, the following people were elected to the SAC Staff Council for a two-year term, 2005-07, which starts September 1:

- **Martha Buchanan**, Arts & Sciences
- **Delia De Luna**, disABILITY Services
- **Patricia Doxie**, Facilities
- **Ana Escamilla**, Reading & Education
- **Elia Faz**, Facilities
- **Melinda Jo Rivero-Lara**, Kinesiology
- **Annie Samano**, Women's Center
- **Velia Tovar**, Admissions & Records

The following three individuals will each serve a one-year term, 2005-06:

- **Kristina Lopez**, Research & Effectiveness
- **Anelia Luna**, Continuing Education
- **Veronica Rivera**, Strategies for Success

Upon announcing new members, the SAC Staff Council Elections Committee thanked staff who voted and the SAC Technology Center for the technical support to make online voting easy and accessible to all.



SAC Excellence ★



Hooray for **Pauline Salinas**, secretary in CE's Law Enforcement Training Academy, named June Employee of the Month for both SAC and the District. She will be recognized at the June 21 ACCD Board Meeting.

Congratulations to Director of Distance Education **Helen Torres** for being accepted into the National Community College Hispanic Council Leadership Fellows Program, which provides a focused professional developmental experience for Hispanic administrators who aspire to a community college administrative career and/or presidency.

Kudos to **Richard White**, director of CE's Center for Professional Development, for graduating from the Texas Workforce Advocates Leadership Academy where he mastered core competencies aligned with the National Association of Workplace Development Professionals.



Bravo for Coordinator of Engineering **Dr. Dan Dimitriu**, elected as Vice Chairperson for the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE),

Two-Year College Division for 2005-07. Founded in 1893, the nonprofit ASEE dedicated to promoting and improving engineering and technology education.

Congratulations to **Michael Richards**, English Adjunct Instructor, for publishing a collection of short stories, *Floating Midnight* (River Lily Press). Author William O'Rourke said,

"Richards' debut collection is a humdinger. His stories are both gritty and elegant... sharp tracers of a place and time, observed by a young writer at the beginning of a brilliant career."

Best regards to **Steve Sparks**, M.Ed., who will serve as Interim Dean of Continuing Education and Training Network while a permanent dean is sought and hired, following the retirement of Dean Torres.

