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SAC and Texas State sign transfer agreement

San Antonio College and Texas State University-San Marcos officials recently formalized an articulation agreement to help facilitate the transfer of students with Arts & Sciences majors. The pact amends and updates an agreement signed between the two institutions in 1994.



At the signing ceremony, SAC President Robert Zeigler presents a plaque to Texas State University President Denise Trauth.

"We are excited about this renewed partnership, which will make it easier for SAC students to continue their studies at Texas State and earn their bachelor's degree," said Dr. Robert E. Zeigler, President of San Antonio College.

To provide students with a smooth transition from San Antonio College to Texas State, the Texas State College of Liberal Arts and the SAC Division of Arts & Sciences established 34 Transfer Planning Guides. These guides will assist students working toward Bachelor's degrees in such fields as Anthropology, English,

Geography, History, International Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Accounting, Computer Information Systems, Economics, Marketing, and Applied Arts and Sciences.

"For the sake of the future economy of the state, as well as for the quality of life of our citizens, we need to encourage as many Texans as possible to get bachelor's degrees," said Dr. Denise M. Trauth, President of Texas State. "Our goal is to smooth the transition from two-year to four-year institutions in order to help students earn those degrees."

Texas State is a top college transfer choice among SAC students, with 111 students transferring for the Fall 2004 semester. A doctoral-granting university, Texas State enrolls 26,827 students who choose from 114 undergraduate, 81 masters and six Ph.D. graduate degree programs.

**For more information, contact Dr. Margaret Hyde,
Dean of Arts & Sciences at SAC, 733-2826**

SAC is only Texas institution selected for MESA

As part of a 2004 initiative of the National award-winning education program Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA USA), and the Hewlett-Packard (HP) 2004 Diversity in Engineering Grant initiative, San Antonio College is one of nine U.S. community colleges, and the only one in Texas, selected to pilot a program to support low-income, underrepresented students to attain high-tech degrees.

"We are honored to be selected," said SAC President Robert E. Zeigler. "This fits well with our efforts to attract, retain and transfer more engineering, math and science students."

The pilot MESA Program will add to SAC's transfer agreements with UTSA and

Texas A&M University-Kingsville (including junior-level engineering courses at SAC), the summer Early Development of General Engineering (EDGE) Program for high school students, and META Scholarships funded by the National Science Foundation for qualified engineering, math, science and technology students.

According to SAC Engineering Coordinator Dr. Dan Dimitriu, the MESA Program provides low-income, underrepresented students with a wealth of information and guidance throughout the education pipeline so they may excel in math and science, and go on to attain degrees in engineering, science and math.

For details, call Dimitriu at 785-6049.

Calendar of Events

December 18 - January 2

College Closed
Christmas/New Year Holiday

Wednesday, Jan. 5

New Adjunct Faculty Orientation
5:30 - 7 p.m., VATC 120
Contact: Lolly Peek
mpeek@accd.edu, 733-2475

Thursday, Jan. 13

(rescheduled from Dec. 2)
Portfolio Days - Kansas City Art Institute
9 a.m. - 2 p.m., VATC Gallery
Contact: Mark Pritchett, 733-2903
mpritch@accd.edu

Monday, Jan. 17

College Closed
Martin Luther King Day

Friday, Jan. 21

Soaring to Excellence Library
Teleconference Series: "Dealing with Difficult People"
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., MLC 613
Contact: Candace Peterson,
cpetersn@accd.edu

Saturday, Jan. 29 - Thursday, March 24

Wind Works: Kites
by Stuart Allen & Robert Trépanier
Exhibit: January 29 - March 24
VATC Gallery: Normal Campus Hours
Opening Reception & Lecture: Feb. 3,
9 - 11 a.m. lecture by Stuart Allen
Contact: Joel Knocke, 733-2898
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www.accd.edu/sac/vatc/vathome.html

February Black History Month

Activities at Northeast Campus
Local Poet, Attorney Linda Moye will give an informal reading of her poetry through English and Sociology classes. (More details forthcoming)
Contact: Dr. Gloria Jones
590-5425

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Institute For Community Initiatives moves forward

To increase high school graduation rates and the percentage of graduates who continue with college, the San Antonio College Institute For Community Initiatives has formalized a partnership with San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) to make progress on the Family Learning Academy program launched earlier this year at four SAISD high schools – Lanier, Edison, Fox Tech and Jefferson.

The program involves students in a High School Peer Mentor/Tutor Program, and their families and members of the community in a Parent/Community Educational Council, or Consejo, anchored

at each high school to inform about college-bound preparatory issues such as early childhood development, high school completion, the benefits of post-secondary education, and all other processes of going to college.

“Because parents and the community as a whole have a determining influence on the educational pathways of their children, each Consejo utilizes a multi-prong approach to extend beyond the immediate classroom,” said Community Outreach Coordinator Oscar San Miguel. For details, contact San Miguel at 733-2496.

SAC Cares

“Teaching and Reaching our Community”

SAC Cares is a new community service program that offers monthly opportunities for students, faculty and staff to reach out to our local community. (*Supervisor approval is required for participation during work hours.*)

For information and to sign up, contact Audrey Grams, SAC Cares committee coordinator, 785-6044.

December Project

Adopt-a-Family Project
Tuesday, December 14
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

(sign up for one- and two-hour shifts)

Volunteers will sort gifts and contact families to arrange for pick up.
Family Service Association
702 San Pedro Ave.

Check The Ranger Online

The Ranger Online (www.theranger.org) contains board and news updates, weather reports, Bond Issue background, crossword puzzles, immediate feedback on articles, and e-mail and print capability for articles. In the spring, *The Ranger Online* staff hope to add video stories and several other features to make it a one-stop information source.

The Ranger print version returns Jan. 21. For more details, call 733-2870.

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

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Other ways to help

Any Baby Can

Through the Any Baby Can Christmas Program, Teaching Academy Program Peers (TAPP) requests donations to help a single mother and her first-grade son, who is diagnosed with mental retardation and ADHD.

TAPP students are purchasing a bike for the son and ask for donations of non-perishable food items, warm clothing for the mother (size medium), and books, cars, balls or musical toys for the son.

Please take donations to the English Office (GH 123) by Friday, Dec. 10. For details, call Mary Anne Bernal at 210-733-2539.



Teddy Bear Collection

The Technology Center is collecting new unwrapped Teddy Bears for the Children's Shelter of San Antonio. Please take bears to FAC 309 by Dec. 16.

Important Dates for Spring 2005

Dec. 11 - Jan. 4: Registration Phone/Web
Jan. 5-8: Late Registration On Campus
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Jan. 10: Classes Start, Add/Drop in Candler
Jan. 11: Last Day to Add/Drop in FAC 200
Jan. 15: Weekend College Classes Start



Photo by Stephen Dingham, reference librarian

Artist Gary Sweeney with Learning Resources faculty Rani Singh (left), associate professor, and Eileen Oliver, assistant professor, at a reception for his art exhibit “Signs of the Times.” Singh, Oliver, and Joseph Satterthwait organized the exhibit and reception. Sweeney, a native of Southern California, produces witty, visual puzzles and has exhibited his work at Southwest School of Art and Craft and ArtPace Window Project, as well as solo exhibits in Florence, London, Paris and Tokyo. “Signs of the Times” is on display in the Moody Learning Center through May.



SAC Excellence ★



Welcome to **Deborah Martin**, Public Information Officer in the Public Relations Office. She previously worked as a grants writer for Palo Alto College after years of public relations positions. She may be reached at 733-2149 or

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Welcome to **Andrea (Andi) L. Berry**, Senior Applications Analyst/Programmer in the Institutional Effective Office. She previously worked as a programmer for the ACCD Information Technology Department. She may be reached at 785-6321 or

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Congratulations to Assistant Professor of Mathematics **Lorraine Lopez**. She is the first college instructor to be named the Y100 KB Home Teacher



of the Week. Nominated by SAC student Shelly Johnson (right), Lopez is said to be upbeat, inspiring and knows how to make a boring subject fun. Listen to Y100's Winston and Alyce at 6:50 a.m. on Friday, December 10 to hear Lopez be recognized.

Correction: In the Nov. 12 issue, we should have noted that both Ricky Espinoza and Raymond Jordan were editors of the Pace-maker-winning issues of *The Ranger* and that faculty advisors are Irene Abrego, Tricia Buchhorn, and Marianne Odom. We apologize for these errors.