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## SAC launches Institute for Community Initiatives

San Antonio College officials recently announced a new Institute for Community Initiatives, funded in part by a \$197,040, three-year grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund of Jacksonville, Fla. The Institute will combine existing efforts with new strategies to help students continue their education, foster student leadership, and serve the development and workforce needs of the community.

“We are very pleased to announce the Institute for Community Initiatives, which is a multi-pronged effort to benefit our community and our students,” said Dr. Robert E. Zeigler, President. He added, “The duPont grant will fund a critical component of the Institute, the Family Learning Academy, which will help thousands of students go on to achieve a higher education and therefore a better life for themselves and their communities.”

The Institute for Community Initiatives will initially focus on five areas: creating a Family Learning Academy, expanding the

San Antonio College Online programs to serve community workforce and human development needs, creating a SAC Student Leadership Academy (to include leadership training, internships, and community service), partnering with the Minority Leadership Institute (directed by Dr. Roberto Jimenez, Chairman of the Board of Managers of the UT Health Science System) to provide minority leaders for health-related administrative positions, and seeking to create an endowment for scholarships and the Institute’s operational expenses.

The grant will establish a Family Learning Academy to educate students and their parents about college opportunities by training students and parents to be peer mentors and education advisors. This plan will address obstacles to attending college identified in a previous duPont-funded study by the Intercultural Development Research Association: dropping out of high school, the negative perceptions about access to higher education, a perceived lack of

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## SAC journalism students win state awards

San Antonio College Journalism-Photography students continued their tradition of winning top awards for the weekly newspaper The Ranger and The Fourth Write magazine in state competition with both two- and four-year institutions of higher education.

In March, The Ranger was selected Best Non-daily College Newspaper in Texas by the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors (TAPME) at the group’s annual convention in Abilene. The Ranger was also selected Best Overall Newspaper in Division 2, and The Fourth Write placed fourth in General Magazine at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention April 2-3 in Austin.

“The newspaper was the cleanest in regard to Associate Press style, leads and readability,” said the Texas Intercollegiate Press judges. TAPME Judge Tommy Miller, California State University at Fresno, said, “Excellent reporting, writing, editing and packaging. The quality journalism across the board is what sets this newspaper apart from the keen competition.”

The Ranger also placed Third in Sweepstakes, and students won 17 individual awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association. First Place awards went to Raymond Jordan for General Column, Fred Tabares for Illustration, Rachel Rangel for News Photo, John Lauricella for News Story, and Tiffany Itz for Picture Story. Second Place awards went to Emily Foley and Chris Castillo for Headline Writing, and Third Place awards were presented to Kyla Perry for News Feature Story and Ricky Espinoza for News Story.

Fourth Write winners included First Place awards for Robert Zertuche and D.A. James for Picture Story. James also won Second Place for Feature Photo-Color and Honorable Mention for Action Photo. Honorable Mentions went to Chris Castillo for Cover Design and to Emily Foley for Single Issue.

Instructors Irene Abrego and Marianne Odom and Lab Tech and photo adviser Tricia Buchhorn are the primary advisors for the publications, and Chet Hunt is department chairperson.

## Calendar of Events

[www.accd.edu/sac/pr/calendar.htm](http://www.accd.edu/sac/pr/calendar.htm)

### Sunday, May 2

Last Day of Classes for Spring 2004 Semester

### Monday-Sunday, May 3-9

Final Exams

### Saturday, May 8

San Antonio College Commencement Ceremony, 10 a.m., Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University

### Mon.-Sat., May 10-15

Linux Fest (See details below)

### Mon.-Fri., May 10-28

Maymester - Three-week semester

### Friday, May 14

San Antonio College Employee Development Conference

### Wednesday, May 19

WE: Women Empowered Conference 9 a.m.-2 p.m., McAllister Auditorium Free one-day conference open to women considering returning to school. For information, call the Women’s Center & Adult Re-entry Program, 733-2299.

### Monday, May 31

Memorial Day Holiday - College Closed

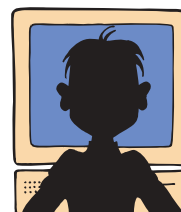
## SAC to hold Linux Fest

San Antonio College and the San Antonio Linux Users Group, with co-sponsor Rackspace Managed Hosting, will present the Spring 2004 GNU/Linux/Open Source Fest at San Antonio College

May 10-15. On Saturday, May 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Rackspace recruiters will have a table and accept resumes. The event is free and open to the public.

Steve Kolars, Chairman of the Computer Information Systems Department, invites

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## Community Initiatives

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financial support, and a lack of awareness of college resources and services.

Four Parent Councils will be established with 4th-9th graders' parents from each school area. They will be trained as advocates for higher education at home and in the community by dissemination of information and advocating for children and schools. Their goal will be to educate inner-city residents with information about post-secondary opportunities over a three-year period. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 will provide incentives for student mentors and parent advisors. The Nearby Neighbor Program is already in place with mentoring and tutoring activities for 9th-10th Grade students at Jefferson, Edison, Fox Tech, and Lanier high schools and their feeder schools.

## Linux Fest, May 10-15

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interested people to submit a proposal for a session to request a session by mailing proposals to [skolars@venus.sac.accd.edu](mailto:skolars@venus.sac.accd.edu).

Linux is an operating system developed by Linus Torvalds at the University of Helsinki in Finland in 1991, who released the source code for free public use. It is now the main alternative to Unix and Microsoft proprietary operating systems and has been accepted by IBM, Hewlett-Packard and other computing companies worldwide. Linux user groups use the code to develop a wide variety of programs for such uses as anti-spam, encryption, email, games, graphics, databases, spreadsheets, word processors, and scientific projects in AI, astronomy, biology, and math, among other things.

The Linux Fest workshops will be held in the Nail Technical Center (NTC). Call Steve Kolars at 733-2290 for more information or check the website <http://sol.sac.accd.edu/~skolars/satlug/>.

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## SAC, U.S. Navy partner to offer new degree options

San Antonio College, in a joint agreement with the U.S. Navy, announced April 20 that it is going to offer college credit to enlisted students pursuing a career in Medical Assisting or Dental Assisting.

According to the agreement, SAC will award college credit to students training to become Hospitalmen or Dental Technicians in the U.S. Navy, or to enlisted students with sufficient on-the-job experience. These college credit hours will be applied toward the students' pursuit of an Associate of Applied Science Degree in either discipline.

President Dr. Robert Zeigler said, "I'm very pleased to see that San Antonio College and the Navy have joined ranks again to offer sailors the opportunity to earn a degree while pursuing a career in these vital fields."

Since 1999, SAC and the U.S. Navy have established four similar agreements, which allow enlisted students studying for careers in Criminal Justice, Electronics, Foreign Language, or Music, the opportunity to transfer their experience into college credit.

Ken Kuwamura, U.S. Navy Education Services Specialist, said these joint agreements help the Navy find sailors that are better qualified for holding challenging positions.

Students must satisfy several requirements to be eligible for either the Medical or Dental Assisting program, including meeting both the Navy's and SAC's admission requirements, and completing at least 25 percent of total credit hours toward an AAS Degree at SAC before entering Navy training.

For more information about the agreement, call Dean Betty Larson, Professional & Technical Division, of San Antonio College at 733-2440, or Ken Kuwamura of the U.S. Navy at 295-9680.



At the San Antonio College-U.S. Navy signing ceremony, President Robert E. Zeigler joins Professional-Technical Dean Betty Larson, Commander Frank Pearson, Navy Recruitment Command in San Antonio, Stella Lovato, Coordinator, Dental Assisting Program, and Executive Vice President Thomas C. Hoy.

## SAC and NEISD partner in Parent Academy

San Antonio College President Robert E. Zeigler was the keynote speaker in the graduation ceremony at the Roosevelt High School Auditorium on April 2 for 137 parents who are enrolled in the Parent Academy. Other speakers included Dr. Richard Middleton, NEISD Superintendent, and Sue Moran, NEISD Director of Compensatory Education.

"The Parent Academy is a partnership with the SAC Continuing Education Training Network and the Northeast Independent School District (NEISD) which is designed to promote parents' involvement with their children's education at the elementary school level," said Steven D. R. Sparks, Continuing Education Program Manager and liaison for the Parent Academy.

The college will award a Certificate of Completion and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to parents completing at least 80 percent of the academy's 10 two-hour sessions, offered September - April. Dr. Ruben Whitney, SAC Outreach Counselor, joined Zeigler, Middleton, and Sparks in presenting the certificates.

NEISD teachers, administrators, and counselors teach academy sessions at different elementary school locations on subjects that include Pre-Kinder/Kinder Activities, Pre-Reading Activities, Reading Fundamentals, Mathematics Made Easy, and Basics of Composition Writing, among others. The last session taught at San Antonio College focuses on higher education opportunities for both parents and their children.

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● Visit the Annual Juried Student Show  
● presented by SAC Visual Arts & Technology Dept.  
● April 15 - Sept. 3  
● Visual Arts & Technology Center Gallery, 950 Lewis at Dewey Street  
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