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Convocation at SAC kicks off new academic year

At the Fall Convocation in McAllister Auditorium, President Robert E. Zeigler and the college leadership welcomed back faculty and staff for the 2003-2004 academic year and discussed some of the key issues for the college.

President Zeigler introduced Dr. Joy Gates Black, the new Dean of Student Affairs, who said, "San Antonio College has a distinguished history, and I look forward to being part of its distinguished future." She also announced the college had registered, as of Friday, Aug. 15, 20,089 students, an increase of 3,500 over last year.

Arts & Sciences Dean Margaret Hyde and Professional-Technical Dean Betty Larson introduced 20 new members of the faculty (see page 2). President of the Faculty Senate Bill Richardson, Chair of the Chairs Council Alex Bernal, President of the Staff Council Cynthia Price, and President of Student Government Kimberly Martin welcomed everyone and discussed several issues, which included support for salary increases and staff leadership training, the need for input in Human Resources' assessment instrument, and support for the enrollment and success for underserved students. Ellen Brennan spoke for the Texas Community College Teachers Association and its successful support for community college teachers against a threatened loss of ERS participation and benefits.

Vice President Thomas Hoy announced Professor Emeritus status for retired Math Chair Jack Shaw and retired Government Professor Jim Perkins, and the retirements of John Currier (Engineering Technologies), Roberto Flores (Counseling), and Joan Paul and Ella Stiles (Nursing).

In his address, Zeigler discussed the status of last year's initiatives, important trends, new initiatives, and institutional strengths. He said, "The state of the college is excellent." Zeigler thanked the gathering for their good work, commitment and support. He noted progress on last year's initiatives to review the administrative



Photo by Leonard Ziegler.

Dr. Robert Zeigler, SAC president, reports on the state of the college at the annual Fall Convocation on Aug. 18.

structure, outreach to neighboring schools, launch an image campaign, and retain and help students succeed. He said evidence of success is a growing enrollment, well-managed budget, and successful education of students.

He identified important trends, including a maturing faculty, with resulting retirements and new hiring; competition from non-traditional providers, including a new college in the northeast; the need for innovative and cost-effective technology; providing higher education for underserved populations; remaining accountable; and addressing budget reductions.

New and on-going initiatives include meeting infrastructure needs (including more space charted in a revised Master Plan), retention and student success without lowering standards, a comprehensive and coordinated "e-college," outreach to neighboring schools, including a proposed Institute for Community Initiatives, and forecasting fiscal needs, aided by the appointment of David Mrizek as Chief Financial Officer.

He said the college's greatest asset is its institutional strengths, and "the most important factor in the success of what we do is how we do it." He praised the cooperative spirit of faculty and staff in discussing ideas, sharing governance, and working

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Calendar of Events

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Friday, Aug. 22

Problem-Based Learning Workshop for faculty, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., VATC 120 Limited seating. For reservation, call Manuel Gonzalez III, 733-2986, mangonza@accd.edu

Saturday, Sept. 6

Journalism-Photography Workshop for high school yearbook students 9 a.m.-4 p.m., LSC Fiesta Room and Journalism-Photography Dept. Contact: Chet Hunt, 733-2870, cfhunt@accd.edu

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Opening Reception for "Paintings, Photography and Collage," 10:30-11:30 a.m., Visual Art Center Gallery Featuring mixed media collage by Pakina Langenscheidt from San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Photography by Shannon Reece from Canada and San Miguel de Allende Mexico, and paintings and mixed media collage by Linda Suggs from San Antonio. Exhibit runs Sept. 9-Nov. 2 Contact: Brook Rosser, 733-2923, brosser@accd.edu

SAC Scobee Planetarium and the San Antonio Astronomical Association host Mars Observing Sessions Aug. 27 & 29 • 10 p.m.-midnight SAC Observatory & adjacent parking lot

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Introducing new faculty...

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Mariano Aguilar, Jr.
English



Dwayne Bohuslav
Physics/Engineering/
Architecture



Hal G. Buntley
Allied Sciences



Houston A. Carruth
American Sign Language



Margie Castañeda*
Nursing



Shannon Cowger*
Protective Services



Anne D. Dietz
Chemistry/Earth Science
Astronomy



Imad M. Elayna
Mathematics



Cynthia A. Hatcher
Nursing



Shen (Sharon) Jiang
Computer Information
Systems



Christine King*
Nursing



Suzanne Martinez
Political Science



Ronni G. Pue
Music & Humanities



Paula J. Rodriguez
Theater &
Communications



Larry W. Rosinbaum
Business



Theresa Sinclair*
Child Development



Suzanne Skinner
Theater &
Communications



Wanda-Lee Smith
Political Science



Karin A. Wilking
Theater &
Communications



David Wood
Chemistry/Earth Science
Astronomy

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civily with each other. His long-term vision is to encourage leadership and nurture an environment that champions innovation, serves students, and values data for institutional improvement and fiscal responsibility.



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Dr. Joy Gates Black, new San Antonio College Dean of Student Affairs, was welcomed at the Fall Convocation.

Staff Council members from ACCD colleges attend retreat

ACCD Staff Council members gathered for a day-long retreat at the Radisson Hotel on Aug. 8. Activities included an appreciation ceremony for outgoing members and an open forum with Dr. Robert Zeigler, San Antonio College president, and Dr. Angie Runnels, St. Philip's College president.



From left, Staff Council president-elect Delia Deluna and president Cynthia Price address council members at the Radisson Hotel on Aug. 8.

SAC and SPC Staff Councils presented gifts to their college presidents for their efforts championing staff salary issues. Dr. Adelina Silva, Director of Student & Community Program Development, presented a workshop, "Enhancing Your Performance."

New officers for the SAC Staff Council will be elected at the next Staff Council meeting on Sept. 2 at 2:30 p.m. in VATC 120.

Note from the Chancellor's Office:

ACCD's administrative policy for all colleges on Texas Success Initiative developmental education courses is as follows:

Students will be advised and encouraged to remain enrolled in and not drop prescribed Texas Success Initiative developmental education courses; however, if students choose to drop or withdraw from these courses, the ACCD colleges will not automatically drop or withdraw the students from all remaining college-level (non-developmental) courses. This is effective September 1, 2003.