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Update

Employee Development Conference features creativity

The 2003 Employee Development Conference, with the theme "Be Creative, Be Resilient, Be Fulfilled," begins Monday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m. in McAllister

Auditorium. Coordinator Gary Smith said online registration begins Oct. 6 or 7 and continues through Sunday, Oct. 12 at www.accd.edu/sac/sacmain/employle/ed_cnf_03/.

San Antonio College alumni Patsy Torres, Kathy Hornsby, and Larry Johnson will be the keynote speakers and will also conduct sessions. The SAC Latin Jazz Combo, directed by Music Instructor Alice Gomez, will perform. For more information, call 733-2337.

SAC Outstanding Former Student Patsy Torres began singing at age 18 to finance her college education, took her first voice lessons at SAC, and graduated with an associate of science degree. After her first



Kathy Hornsby



Larry Johnson



Patsy Torres

Tejano album became a number 1 hit, she was named TTMA "Female Entertainer of the Year." She later became the first Tejano artist to film a music video, the first to perform Tejano music on national television, the first to perform a bilingual song on TNN's "Nashville Now" show, the first female to perform Tejano music overseas, and the only female Tejano star to perform with a symphony orchestra.

Her Positive Force Tour emphasizes education and self-esteem. Her work has led to numerous awards, such as the Hidalgo Humanitarian Award and induction into the Women's Hall of Fame of San Antonio. She will release a new CD before Christmas titled "The Positive Force Tour Live!"

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Orientation for new staff leadership program set for Oct. 18

A new San Antonio College Staff Leadership Certificate program will be offered during the academic year beginning with an orientation session on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in LSC 170 (Employee Lounge).

The program will consist of twelve classes that will be held on campus twice a month on Fridays, from 1-5 p.m. Classes will run through April beginning with the first class, "Supervisory Leadership," on Oct. 24.

Staff members who successfully complete the program will earn continuing education units (CEUs) and will be eligible to attend a graduation ceremony on May 7.

The leadership certification program was developed based on input gathered in a



needs assessment survey issued to staff, deans, directors, and other department heads earlier this year. Respondents answered questions pertaining to areas that included leadership and management skills; systems understanding (ACCD purchasing, budget and human resources systems); and computer, business and communication skills.

"The strength of the program lies in the opportunity for managers and supervisors to discuss with their staff a professional development track that will benefit the employee and their individual department or unit," said Interim Executive Vice President Dr.

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Calendar of Events

www.accd.edu/sac/pr/calendar.htm

Oct. 10 & 11, 16-18, 23-25

Theater performance - "David's Mother" by Bob Randall, 8 p.m.
McCreless Theater, Sunday matinees on Oct. 19 & 26th at 2:30 p.m.
For ticket information, call 733-2733.

Monday, Oct. 13

ACCD Employee Development Conference, "Be Creative, Be Resilient, Be Fulfilled," 8 a.m.-5 p.m., McAllister Auditorium (College Closed. Evening classes will meet after 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Oct. 15

University of Northern Iowa Information Session, 6:30 p.m., MLC 177 (See details below)

Friday, Oct. 17

SAC Alumni Association Honors Banquet Reception, 6:30 p.m., Dinner, 7 p.m.
Bright Shawl at 819 Augusta St.
Seats, \$40; Tables, \$320
A portion of the proceeds will go to the Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund.
For more information, contact the President's Office at 733-2190.

UNI Information Session

Representatives from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) will be on campus to present a general information session on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in MLC 177. Representatives will meet with individual students on Thursday, Oct. 16.

SAC students who will have earned an associate degree prior to the Fall 2004 semester are eligible for consideration.

UNI has established an initiative to increase minority student enrollment by recruiting a diverse student body and providing financial assistance that covers tuition/fees, and room and board.

Interested students are encouraged to bring their parents and/or spouse to the information session. For more information or to schedule an appointment on Oct. 16, contact Dr. Terry Walch at 733-2553.

Employee Development Day

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A self-described "Air Force brat," Kathy Hornsby began performing in plays on military bases when she was four. She came to SAC on a theater scholarship then earned her B.A. in theater arts and broadcast journalism at Southwest Texas State University. She pursued a television career in Los Angeles, appearing in "Three's Company," "Heaven Help Us," "Capitol," "Next Generation," and "Rumors." She returned to San Antonio to work as a radio news reporter and talk show host.

She formed a theater company based at the Carver Cultural Center. She has written the play "The Ladies' Room" and has worked as a set designer and director. She formed Hornsby Entertainment, a non-profit community theater organization with the mission to empower, entertain, educate and enrich the community through the arts.

Larry Johnson is a motivational speaker, writer, and freelance trainer. He has conducted seminars and workshops for colleges, corporations, and agencies throughout the U.S., Mexico, and Japan. His recently published *Mexico by Touch* concerns his experiences as a blind American DJ living and working for 17 years in Mexico. His English language program became the number one radio show in Mexico City.

His articles have appeared in various publications, and he received the Ned E. Freeman Award for Excellence in Writing. He earned a B.A. from Northwestern University and an M.A. from La Universidad de las Americas in Mexico. He has been a student at SAC, where he also taught Braille to sighted parents of visually impaired children. He has co-founded several disability rights advocacy organizations and has worked as a marketing specialist, a PR director, and a human resources manager.

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SAC Staff leadership program

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Thomas Hoy, in his announcement of the program.

The training was designed by a committee led by former Staff Council President Cynthia Price in cooperation with the SAC Continuing Education Training Network, to help meet the leadership and management training needs of all classified and professional staff at the college.

"This is a great opportunity for our staff," said Price. "This program will help strengthen the quality of our work and build on the excellent service we provide to students and each other."

The cost of the program may be paid using Employee Tuition Assistance Program (ETAP) funds. All course materials will be provided by the program. Applications are available online at www.accd.edu/sac/leader/ and may be submitted through Oct. 24, before the first day of class.

For assistance with the ETAP and to submit an application, contact Cynthia Price at 785-6264. Then, go to Continuing Education in FAC 202 and enroll in the course titled: BMGT 1020.102, "Leadership Skills for Managers."

Service learning grant recipients to present at employee conference

Faculty who received a Curriculum Development Mini Grant for Fall 2003 will present a session at the annual Employee Development Day Conference on Oct. 13. Grants were awarded to faculty from all ACCD colleges by ACCD Service Learning Departments.

"Service Learning 101," the first session from 10 to 11 a.m., will discuss how community partnerships and reflection activities can enhance students' learning while simultaneously having a positive effect on the community. Audrey Grams, SAC Service Learning Coordinator, will present the session and facilitate the remaining sessions in McCreless Hall Room 105.

The second session, "Connecting Classroom and Community: A Service-Learning Panel Presentation," will be offered by various faculty members as they share their experiences and offer advice about adding service learning activities to their courses. The session will be repeated during the following times:

11:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m. – Presented by Richard Buitron (History), Jeff Hunt (Speech), Charles Falcon (Theatre), Marshall Lloyd (Criminal Justice), and Mary Allen-Martin (Mortuary Science).

1:30-2:30 p.m. – Presented by Nora McMillan (History), Liz Ann Aguilar (English), Mary Anne Bernal (English), Linda Schule (Psychology), and Wanda Lee Smith (Government).

2:45-3:30 p.m. – Presented by Susan Spencer (Economics), Leslie Wood (Social Work), Patsy Newborn (Math), Gloria Pimentel (Sociology).

Other Curriculum Development Mini-Grant recipients are Yvonne Lozano (Gerontology), Tom Manzo (Spanish), Dr. Sonny Soliz (Business), and Leslie Wood (Social Work).

SAC Service Learning will award ten \$500 stipends for Spring 2004 to faculty who are new to service learning. Interested faculty are encouraged to attend one of the sessions on Oct. 13. For more information, visit www.accd.edu/sac/service.

The People Speak: Students to debate American foreign policy

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., SAC students will debate American foreign policy issues in the LSC Fiesta Room. This free public debate is part of the national grassroots initiative "The People Speak," with more than 1,000 nation-wide debates held in October.

SAC students Tom Carnes, Laura Lopez, Yvonne Salazar, and Susanna Johnson will debate the following questions: "Should the U.S. use preemptive or preventative military force to stop the spread of weapons of mass destruction?" and "Is America better off working with international institutions?" Faculty moderators are Christy Kaupert, political science instructor; Dr. Phil Rogers, political science associate professor; and Dr. Jon Lee, history assistant professor.

"The students will present sound arguments that cover the broad range of choices facing American foreign policy makers in the coming decades," said Lee. For more information, contact Lee at 733-2565. For details on The People Speak, go to www.jointhedebate.org.