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## Groundbreaking held for new Radio-TV-Film building

A groundbreaking celebration for the new Radio-TV-Film (RTF) Building at San Antonio College was held at the construction site on West Courtland Place, between North Main Avenue and Howard Street on Nov. 18.

Participants in the ceremony included President Robert E. Zeigler, Alamo Community College District (ACCD) Chancellor Terence Kelly, ACCD Board Member Charles Conner, Professional-Technical Division Dean Betty Larson, RTF Chair Terry Tackitt, and Advisory Board Member Pat Bodet, Director of Production & Outreach, WOAI-TV.

"This is an important step toward the creation of an appropriate and spacious environment for the Radio-TV-Film Program, which is one of the outstanding programs at San Antonio College," said Zeigler.

Tackitt said many members of the media have studied in the RTF Program at San Antonio College, which has remained the most influential source of training for San Antonio's broadcast media.

The RTF Program was offered as a specialization in 1966, the same year KSYM radio station began operation, becoming the first community college radio station in Texas. A TV studio was constructed in McAllister



Photo by Leonard Zeigler

Breaking ground for the new Radio-TV-Film Building are, from left: Alamo Community College District Board Member Charles Conner, San Antonio College President Robert Zeigler, Chancellor Terence Kelly, WOAI-TV Director of Production & Outreach Pat Bodet, Professional & Technical Education Dean Betty Larson, and RTF Department Chairperson Terry Tackitt.

Fine Arts Center in 1972, and in 1975 the Bennett House was renovated for use as the RTF Hall, where KSYM radio moved in 1988 in order to offer weekend broadcasting.

The new 30,240 square foot, two-story Radio-TV-Film Building will cost \$4.4 million, funded by a capital improvement bond issue. The architect is 3-D International/Marmon Mok, and the contractor is Constructors & Associates, Inc. The building is scheduled for completion in the Fall 2004, with classes offered in the building in January 2005.

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## Service learning stipends awarded

Congratulations to the following faculty who each received a \$500 stipend to incorporate service learning into their curriculum during the Spring 2004 semester:

**Brook Rosser**, Visual Arts & Technology; **Ann Keil**, Visual Arts & Technology; **Nancy Wood**, Visual Arts & Technology; **Yamin Saira Aguilar**, Business; **Anne Dietz**, Earth Science; **Kim Muschalek**, Administrative Computer Technology; **Veronika Pue**, Humanities; **Dedra Scow**, Student Development; **John Boswell**, History; **Shannon Cowger**, Emergency Medical Services; and **Madalyn Blanchett**, Music.

For more information about Service Learning opportunities, contact Service Learning Coordinator Audry Grams at 785-6044.



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President Robert Zeigler presented San Antonio College Fall 2003 Staff Council Scholarships in the amounts of \$250 each to Irene Slocum (far left) and Claudia Calvario in a brief ceremony in the President's Conference Room Nov. 19. Staff Council President Delia De Luna (far right) also congratulated the recipients.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Sunday, Dec. 7

Last Day of Classes for Fall 2003 Semester

### Monday-Sunday, Dec. 8-14

Final Exams

### December 20, 2003-January 4, 2004

Christmas/New Year Holiday - College Closed

**SAC Holiday Brunch  
Celebration for faculty,  
staff and administration**

Friday, Dec. 5

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Loftin Student Center  
Fiesta Room**

## SALE scholarships available

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Horse Show is accepting applications for four students to work as interns to supervise cleanup crew at night during the annual show. Students who successfully complete internship requirements will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

Two positions are available for the nights of Feb. 4-14 and two positions for Feb. 12-22. All shifts are from 9:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. and include weekend work.

For more information about the position responsibilities, call Karen Carawan at (210) 225-1309 or send email to [karen@sarodeo.com](mailto:karen@sarodeo.com). To apply for an internship position, call Roland DuBay, Executive Director for the ACCD Office of Institutional Advancement at 208-8105 or email to [rdubay@accd.edu](mailto:rdubay@accd.edu).

## New RTVF building

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The first floor will house seven offices; five audio edit rooms; five video edit rooms; three equipment storage rooms; a multi-track audio recording studio with control room; and a room for lectures, presentations, and screenings.

The second floor will house two television studios and control room, a video lab, a news lab, a computer writing lab, a copy writing classroom, a general classroom, two faculty offices, and the KSYM radio station. The radio station includes an on-air studio, performance studio, and offices for student, faculty, and station staff.

## Essay entries sought for scholarship

The Writer magazine will give the first Sylvia K. Burack \$500 scholarship/writing award in May 2004 to a full-time student who writes the best essay on the topic "The Importance of Writing in the 21st Century." The winning essay will be published in The Writer and the winning student will also receive a subscription to The Writer and a copy of The Writer's Handbook.

The essay must be 600-800 words and submitted by the March 1 deadline to: Sylvia K. Burack Scholarship, The Writer, 21027 Crossroads Circle, P.O. Box 1612, Waukesha, WI 53187-1612. For more details, contact Elfrieda Abbe, editor, at [ebbe@writermag.com](mailto:ebbe@writermag.com).

## Bartosh is new Catalog/Schedule Coordinator

The Public Relations Office welcomes Matthew Bartosh, a new employee who will serve as the college's first Catalog/Schedule Coordinator. Bartosh previously worked as a staff writer for the The Boerne Star newspaper. He can be reached by phone at 785-6247 or email at [mbartosh@accd.edu](mailto:mbartosh@accd.edu).



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## SAEP student scholarships

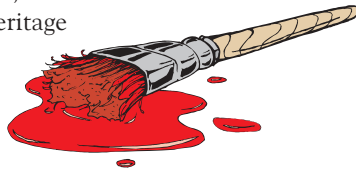
Twenty-eight students received \$300 scholarships at the Fall Awards Banquet for the San Antonio College/San Antonio Education Partnership Retention Program in the Fiesta Room.

Dr. Jim Lucchelli, Chairperson, Counseling and Student Development, welcomed guests and the students, many of whom were accompanied by their parents. Guest speaker Cary Clack, *San Antonio Express-News* columnist, told the students that this is a season for giving and the scholarship is a gift which they earned. However, they will be expected to give back to the community and to invest their talents, as in the parable.

David Rodriguez, Counselor/Coordinator of the SAC/SAEP Retention Program, presented the awards to the students. The SAEP Club representatives presented Counselor Rosa Maria Gonzalez, Assistant Professor, with a special award for her outstanding leadership and work with the SAEP students.

## Mural will celebrate Hispanic heritage

In November, the Hispanic Heritage Committee launched a mural project, in collaboration with San Anto Cultural Arts, in the Loftin Student Center Fiesta Room to celebrate Hispanic heritage. President Robert Zeigler joined Adolph Lopez, Assistant Professor and Director of Assessment, and Carla Mendiola, Adjunct History Instructor, in announcing the mural project.



Under the direction of lead artist Jose Cosme, Visual Arts & Technology student, the San Antonio College community is invited to contribute to the mural, along with students from throughout the San Antonio, Harlandale, and other school districts. Cosme displayed sketches of designs for the panels on the east wall of the Fiesta Room. The Student Financial Aid Office is providing scholarships for the lead student artists in the project.

The Office of Student Life is providing funds for the project, and San Antonio Cultural Arts will document progress with video and still photography.

The Hispanic Heritage Committee is co-chaired by Lopez and Emma Mendiola, Instructor and Coordinator of Strategies for Success.

# Exciting NEWS!

Congratulations to students **Mike Sierleja** (right) and **Artis Owen**, who won awards in the Brookhaven College "Texas Two" design



Photo by Leonard Ziegler.

competition, according to their instructor **Brook Rosser**, Visual Arts Assistant Professor. "Twelve SAC Visual Arts & Technology students had pieces accepted into the competition," said Rosser, who added, "Eleven of the pieces were from my courses, which included Typographic Design, Design Comm II and Portfolio." Sierleja won Best of Show for his Sony Digital Camera Ad Campaign, and Owen won Third Place for his San Antonio Public Library Logo.

Congratulations to **Elvira Ortiz**, Women's Center Adjunct Counselor, who was selected as one of Fox Tech High School's Distinguished Graduates for 2003-2004 and recognized at the Distinguished Graduate Night. Honorees are selected based on success in their chosen field and giving back to the community. Previous recipients are Ray Ellison, Roy Barrera Sr., and Dr. Ricardo Romo.

Congratulations to the **Forensic Team students**, led by Instructor **Jolinda Ramsey**, who placed 5th among 19 two- and four-year colleges competing in the Pussycat Swing Speech Tournament at the University of Houston Nov. 7-8. Individual awards were: **Suzanna Johnson** - 2nd Place in both Communication Analysis and Informative Speaking, **Adrienne Lawrence** - 5th Place in Informative Speaking, and **Jeff Thompson** - 4th Place in Impromptu Speaking and 6th Place in Informative Speaking.

Former Journalism-Photography student and Pulitzer Prize winner **Rodolfo Gonzalez** is featured on the CD-ROM Best Newspaper Writing 2003 under the category "Photojournalism Community Service," produced by the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Poynter Institute for Media Studies. Gonzalez is also a finalist for the Community Service Photojournalism Award, which honors photographic reporting "that offers compelling visual content and has had such an impact on the community that changes came about as a result."