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Breit recognized as SAC Outstanding Former Student

Dr. William Breit has been selected San Antonio College's Outstanding Former Student for 2005-06. An Emeritus Professor of Economics at Trinity University, he has served as an Adjunct Scholar for the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research since 1977. He will be honored at SAC Commencement Ceremonies in May.

After graduating from Thomas Jefferson HS (where his chemistry lab partner was future Nobel Prize winner Floyd Curl), in 1950, Breit attended SAC at its original downtown location, and then in 1951 after it moved to its current location, he earned an AA degree.

Breit said that his most influential professor was Truett Chance. "He stressed how economics is a way of thinking, very helpful in solving all kinds of societal problems."

Continuing to study economics, Breit earned B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of Texas at Austin, and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He has taught economics at Michigan State, Louisiana State University, University of Virginia and Trinity, where he was a Distinguished Professor of Economics and is currently Professor Emeritus.

Breit describes his economic philosophy as eclectic, taking the best ideas from the best economists, which include John Kenneth Galbraith and Milton Friedman, who also was the first in a series of Nobel Prize-winning economists Breit brought to Trinity for a lecture series he created, which led to the MIT Press publication he co-edited titled "Lives of the Laureates."

Also a mystery writer, he has penned three novels with Univ. of Virginia colleague Kenneth G. Elzinga under the pseudonym Marshall Jevons (the names of two 19th century economists). Based on Friedman, the sleuth character solves crimes using economic principles.

Among Breit's many honors are the Phi Beta Kappa Book Prize for "The Antitrust Penalties," Michigan State's Distinguished Alumni Award, a Southern Economic Assoc. Special Session in 2001 titled "The Worlds of William Breit," and the 2002 Southwestern Social Sciences Assoc. Distinguished Achievement Award.



Calendar of Events

All events are free, except as noted.

Saturday, March 11

48th Annual SAC Folk Dance Festival. Proceeds benefit dance and theatre scholarships. 7:30 p.m. McAllister Aud. Admission: \$10 (\$8 - seniors) Free for ACCD students and employees. Contact: Evelyn Heny, 227-0814.

Monday-Sunday, March 13-19

SPRING BREAK (Administrative Offices will be closed Thursday-Sunday.)

Tuesday, March 21

Bach Birthday Recital
Dr. Jessica Howard, coordinator.
7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium.
Contact: Music & Humanities, 733-2731.

Thursday, March 23

Faculty Recital: Peter Kline, trombone.
7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium.
Contact: Music & Humanities, 733-2731.

March 27 - April 2

KSYM 90.1 FM Pledge Drive
Call 733-2800 or visit www.ksym.org.

Monday, March 27

Bill Welborn, piano.
Mark Alexander, coordinator.
7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium.
Contact: Music & Humanities, 733-2731.

Wednesday, March 29

"Aging Parents" Managing and Utilizing Resources. 1 - 2 p.m. RTVF Bldg., rm 101. SAC Faculty and Staff only please. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association and the SAC Wellness Team. Contact: Yvonne Lozano (M.S.G), Gerontology, 785-6130, or ylozano@accd.edu.

Wednesday, April 5

SAC HealthFest, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., CPEC Gym
Contact: Dawn Brooks, dbrooks@accd.edu

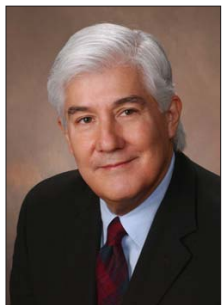
**For additional calendar items, visit
www.accd.edu/sac/pr/calendar.htm**

We need volunteer help!

The Annual SAC Book Fair is set for Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information or to sign up,
call Public Relations at 733-2147
or send e-mail to dmartin@accd.edu.

THECB Commissioner to report on "Closing the Gaps"



The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund A. Paredes, Ph.D. will give a "Closing the Gaps" status report on Wed., March 22, 10:15 a.m.

in McAllister Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. A THECB initiative, "Closing the Gaps" includes strategies to dramatically increase the number of college graduates, particularly minorities, by the year 2015.

Prior to coming to THECB, Dr. Paredes was Vice President for Programs at the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, where he was responsible for scholarship and outreach programs.

Previously, he was Director of Creativity and Culture at The Rockefeller Foundation and

Associate Vice Chancellor-Academic Development at UCLA, where he also had been a professor of English since 1973.

Dr. Paredes received a B.A. in English and a Ph.D. in American Civilization from the University of Texas at Austin. He also served in the U.S. Army, including a 14-month tour in Vietnam.

Raised in El Paso, Dr. Paredes has researched and written about Mexican-American literature and culture and the impact of demographic changes on American culture and education. He has been a consultant on English language usage for American College Testing and on Latino Education for Univision. He has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Latino Education Advisory Committee for the California State Department of Education and The Commission of 125, a strategic planning body for UT-Austin.

For more information, call 733-2147.

ACCD, OLLU renew 2+2



(l-r) Dr. Eric Reno, NE Campus president; Dr. Angie Runnels, St. Philip's College president; Dr. Tessa Martinez Pollack, OLLU president; Jeff Hassmann, assist. to the president of NW Vista College; and Dr. Robert Zeigler, SAC president.

Last month, ACCD officials renewed an articulation agreement (2+2) with Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU).

In an effort to benefit all ACCD

students wanting to earn four-year degrees, the renewed agreement enables ACCD students to be jointly admitted from their home institution to OLLU. In addition to aligning course curriculum credits, the agreement allows eligible ACCD students, while they are attending community college, to receive an OLLU student ID and have access to OLLU resources and facilities including the Sueltenfuss Library and fitness center.

Also, a new partnership with Northwest Vista College will merge their existing Information Security & Assurance program with OLLU's nationally certified Computer Information Systems & Security program, making it easier for students to excel in one of the fastest growing fields in the country.

For details, call the SAC Transfer Center, 733-2099.

Career Planning Seminars Thursday, March 23

9:30-9:45 a.m.

- ~ Computer Information Systems
- ~ Protective Services
- ~ Admin. Computer Tech/Court Reporting
- ~ Gerontology

10:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

- ~ Computer Information Systems
- ~ Real Estate Management
- ~ Radio, Television & Film
- ~ Engineering

Loftin Student Center - Fiesta Room
Contact: Career Planning Office, 733-2144

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

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SAC first for ROTC award

ROTC Cadet Jenny Valdivieso, a biology sophomore, was the first San Antonio College student to receive a new scholarship that provides funding for one year at this college and two years at UTSA. The scholarship is valued at \$120,000 (\$20,000 per semester), plus a \$400 book allowance per semester and stipend for living expenses. According to ROTC Instructor SFC Michael Trujillo, SAC is the first community college in the nation to offer this type of scholarship program.

"Some students may come close to using that amount but will never exceed it even if their major is nursing and they attend UT Health Science Center," Trujillo said.

Ms. Valdivieso plans to continue her studies at UTSA after completing her work at SAC.

For more information, contact SFC Michael Trujillo at 785-6421.



ROTC scholarship recipient Jenny Valdivieso joins (from left) Professor of Military Science Michael K. Podojiol, President Robert E. Zeigler, and Interim Dean of Arts & Sciences Bill Richardson.

Service training opens

Dr. Charlotte Wolf and the Customer Service Committee announced a Certification program for faculty, staff and administration, consisting of six classes with 10 classroom hours. The first session starts March 10. Among the topics are: how to identify customer needs, dealing with unhappy customers, ethics, conflict resolution, communication and credibility.

Upon completion, participants will receive a small gold-toned SAC Customer Service logo lapel pin (when 10 training requirements are completed); and a Certificate of Completion and one Continuing Education Unit (both awarded at the August graduation ceremony). In order to maintain certification, participants must annually complete three additional classes.

Training dates will be included on the Instructional Technology web calendar at www.accd.edu/sac/iic/training/. Reservations required; call 733-2188. More details on the SAC Customer Service web site at www.accd.edu/SAC/IIC/Customerv-cert/.



SAC Excellence ★

Congratulations to **Jessica Cummings**, Admissions Clerk II in Admissions and Records, named SAC Employee of the Month for March.



Bravo for Professor of English **Bill Shute**. His sequence of poems, "Twelve Gates to the City: The Labours of Hercules in the Lone Star State" was accepted for presentation at the *In The Tracks of Hercules* conference. The celebration in art, music, sculpture, poetry, prose, and film of The Labours of Hercules was held at St. Paul's School in London, England, in December. Shute's poems were also featured in the conference book and website (www.lucistrust.org/hercules/index.html). His entire twelve-part work will be published in book form in April by Word Mechanics of Palm Springs, CA.

Hooray for Image Resource Specialist **Joan Fabian**, whose art exhibit *Drive-By Incubation*, her first solo art exhibition in the Southeast, opened March 9 at the romo gallery in Atlanta, GA. The exhibition continues through April 15. Visit www.romogallery.com for more details.



Kudos to SAC faculty, staff, students and friends who read to children at Travis Elementary during Read Across America on March 2. Started by the

National Education Association (NEA), the day celebrates reading and recognizes the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Pictured above is SAC Assist. Professor of English **Patricia Portales**, and, left, SAC Music Business Program Advisory Committee member **Mark Landis**, Director of Programming, 102.7 JACK-FM.

