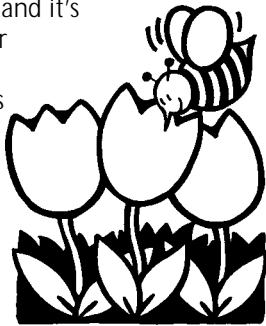


College events set for Spring semester

The Spring semester is here and it's time to mark your calendar for the many events to come. Here are a few of the highlights to look forward to:



- February is Black History Month and the SAC Black History Month Committee will offer two lectures: "America in Black & White" on Feb. 13 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in VATC 120; and "Slavery Still Exists" on Feb. 24 from 10-11:50 a.m. in McAllister Auditorium. Faculty in all disciplines are encouraged to bring classes to the lecture series. To reserve seating for classes, contact Gloria Pimentel by email to gpimente@accd.edu or call ext. 6073.

- The 2003 Young Women's/Young Men's Conference will take place on Feb. 22 with their theme, "If You Can Dream It, You Can Be It." This year, more than \$140,000 in scholarships will be given away – the largest amount since the conference began in 1984.

- The Texas Academic Decathlon will take place Feb. 28-March 1. Volunteers to

serve as judges, test proctors or timekeepers are needed. Contact Contest Coordinator Rick Hopkins at 733-2296, rhopkins@accd.edu.

- March will feature Women's History Week, March 3-7. A number of presentations will be offered throughout the week, starting with a kick-off coffee in VATC 120 at 9 a.m. on March 3. For a complete schedule, visit www.accd.edu/sac/vat/arhistory/arts1303/women.htm.

- The 9th Annual KSYM 90.1 FM On-Air Pledge Drive will take place March 3-9. For more information, visit www.ksym.org or call 733-2787.

- The SAC Alumni Association will hold their annual golf tournament on Sunday, March 30. For more information, contact Alumni Association Coordinator Mary Gomez Curll at 733-2359.

- The 8th Annual San Antonio College Book Fair Week, March 31-April 5, will feature author readings throughout the week, *(Continued on back page)*

SAC invites high school students to earn college credit during summer engineering program

San Antonio College invites high school students to participate in the Early Development of General Engineering (EDGE) Program during Summer 2003. The program session runs June 2-July 25, 2003 (Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.). Students may apply through Jan. 31.

The EDGE Program is designed to give high school students an opportunity to learn in a collaborative learning community environment at San Antonio College. During the eight-week session, students will be enrolled in College Algebra and Introduction to Engineering. Students will earn four college credits (free of tuition costs) that may be applied toward an Associate degree at SAC or may be

transferable toward a bachelor's degree in engineering at the University of Texas at San Antonio or other four-year university.

In addition to classroom instruction, students will receive supervised study and student success sessions that facilitate the learning process. Study techniques, guest speakers and special presentations related to the engineering field also will be provided. Program admission is open to 10th- and 11th-grade high school students and is based on academic standing. The application fee is \$25.

For more information, contact Dehlia Wallis, Learning Communities Coordinator, at 733-2009 or by email to dwallis@accd.edu.

Datebook

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

Monday, Jan. 20
Martin Luther King Day –
College Closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 21
Staff Council Meeting
2:30 p.m., VATC 120.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Staff Council Meeting
2:30 p.m., VATC 120.

Thursday, Feb. 13
Black History Month Event
"America in Black & White"
12:15-1:30 p.m., VATC 120.

Wed-Sat, Feb. 12-15
National Association of Developmental
Educators Conference Austin, Texas
Coordinator, May Ann DeAmond,
733-2401.

SAC Job Shadow Day on Feb. 4, volunteers needed

San Antonio College will participate in Job Shadow Day on Tuesday, Feb. 4. Through the Junior Achievement program, students from John Jay High School will be on campus to meet with "workplace hosts" and shadow them. Students will see what it's like to experience a normal day at work and take an up-close look at how skills learned in school are important in the workplace.

Students will arrive on campus at 9 a.m. and meet their workplace hosts during an orientation in the Loftin Student Center at 9:30 a.m. Job shadowing will take place in the morning followed by lunch provided in the LSC Fiesta Room. Hosts are encouraged to stay for lunch with their student. Students will leave campus at 1 p.m.

Volunteers are still needed to serve as workplace hosts. If interested, please contact Workplace Coordinator Xandy Rocha at 785-6026 or send an email to xrocha@accd.edu.

Spring events at SAC

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a student Poetry Slam April 2 at 7 p.m. in McCreless Auditorium, and the Book Fair Day outdoor festival on April 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on campus near the Gym and Planetarium. For more information, contact Dr. John Hammond at 733-2146 or jhammond@accd.edu.

- The Annual Health & Wellness Fair will be held on April 2, 9 a.m.-1p.m. in the Candler Physical Education Center Gym I. For more information, contact Wellness Coordinator Dawn Brooks at ext. 2768.

- The 9th Annual Multi-Cultural Conference is set for April 22-24. For more details, visit www.accd.edu/sac/english/portales/conf.htm.

- The SAC Commencement Ceremony is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 10 at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium.

For a detailed calendar listing of these and other events, visit the SAC Web Calendar of Events at www.accd.edu/sac/pr/calendar.htm. To submit information about your event, send via email to jomartin@accd.edu.

Congratulations, SAC!

This year's donations to the
ACCD-United Way Campaign
totaled **\$40,101** –
a **25% increase** over
last year's giving.

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– Susan Espinoza,
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SAC's Phi Theta Kappa to sponsor 'Locks of Love'

San Antonio College's Beta Nu Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society will host a "Locks of Love" event January 27, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon at the Loftin Student Center.

Volunteers are invited to donate their hair to the Locks of Love Foundation to help children suffering from hair loss. Stylists from K. Charles Salon will be there to offer free snipping and styling for donors.



The Locks of Love Foundation collects donations of hair to make custom wigs for children who have permanent hair loss, which can result from a variety of causes, including severe burns and a mysterious medical condition known as Alopecia Areata.

People of all ages can be donors; hair must be a minimum of 10" in length. Anyone interested should contact Dr. Teanna Staggs (stags@accd.edu or 733-2697) or Jeff Hunt (jehunt@accd.edu or 733-2753).

SAC's Methodist Student Center to celebrate 50th Anniversary & Semrad's 25th year as director

The 50th Anniversary of the United Methodist Student Center at San Antonio College and the 25th Anniversary of Dr. David Semrad's ministry as Director will be celebrated at a banquet on Saturday, January 25, 7 p.m., at the San Antonio College Fiesta Room, Loftin Student Center, following a tour of the Methodist Student Center (Dewey and Belknap).

Under Semrad's leadership, the United Methodist Student Center has served as a focal point for community inter-faith discussions at the San Antonio College campus and has sponsored mission and service learning projects for students over the years.

Semrad has also served as founding Board Chair of the San Antonio College Women's Center, helped initiate the Business Ethics education with UTSA's College of Business, helped establish and chaired the Southwest Texas Conference Russia Initiative, and was a Founding Board member of the San Antonio Education Partnership.

For more information, call the United Methodist Student Center at 733-1441.

Faculty Innovation Grant Deadline, Jan. 31

The Alamo Community College District Instructional Innovation Council (IIC) invites all faculty to apply for innovation grants for Spring and Summer of 2003.

New Information

- Faculty and part-time adjuncts may apply for funding.
- Prior year recipients may apply again this year.

Grant Proposals

The ACCD IIC has limited the purpose of the grants to include Special Projects, Innovative Curriculum, or Classroom Research. According to the posted guidelines, the "purpose of the grants continues to be to encourage faculty to grow and improve professionally." Grant proposals may include the following:

- Producing multimedia materials for classroom use or for use by individual students
- Incorporating new techniques such as cooperative learning, active learning, critical thinking, or problem solving
- Adapting assignments using the concept of learning styles or multiple intelligences
- Conducting research to assess the effectiveness of innovative techniques

The grants will be for the total amount of \$2000 (no monies for extra materials such as software or hardware). Recipients will receive one-third the amount at the time of the award and the remaining two-thirds after the project is completed and accepted by the Council.

Deadlines

Grant applications must be submitted to the college instructional Innovation Center by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31. Awards will be announced on Feb. 17. An Interim Report will be due from recipients in the Instructional Innovation Center on April 30. Work must be completed and final report submitted in hardcopy and electronic form to the Instructional Innovation Center by June 30. Grant work may be placed on the ACCD IIC Web site.

Applications are available on the Instructional Technology Center Web site at www.accd.edu/sac/iic/ For more information, contact Dr. Charlotte Wolf, Instructional Technology Center Director, at 733-2189 or Gary Smith, Employee Development Coordinator, at 733-2337.