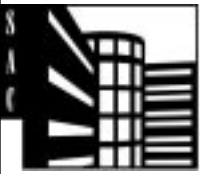


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## Young Women's/Young Men's Conference to award largest scholarship amount of \$140,000

Scholarships totaling \$140,000 will be awarded to high school seniors at the 2003 Young Women's/Young Men's Conference at San Antonio College on Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in McAllister Auditorium. This will be the largest amount awarded since the conference began in 1984.



"What better way to encourage student success," said Dr. Helen Vera, Women's Center & Adult Re-Entry Program Coordinator. "The conference is an opportunity for students to gain self-esteem and leadership skills, and the scholarships show them that someone believes in them."

The high school seniors who will be awarded a scholarship at the Young Women's/Young Men's Conference were required to submit an application, have a 2.0 GPA or "C" average, and write an essay about this year's conference theme - "If You Can Dream It, You Can Be It." The winners also committed to participate in the annual conference and attend one of the ACCD colleges (San Antonio, Palo Alto, St. Philip's, and Northwest Vista Colleges) in the fall semester in pursuit of an associate's degree.

"The ACCD Foundation Board of Directors feel that providing scholarship opportunities through the conference is an ideal way to

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For the past three years the Alamo Community College District (ACCD) Foundation, Inc., the 501(c)(3) non-profit support organization for the advancement of the ACCD colleges, has provided \$60,000 per year for 20 two-year scholarships at \$3,000 each. This year, an additional \$80,000 in scholarships will be awarded as a result of contributions made by the San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S.A.L.E). Up to 20 two-year scholarships at \$4,000 each will be awarded to students who meet the criteria for a S.A.L.E. scholarship.

## Texas Workforce Commission presents check

The Texas Workforce Commission presented a check Monday in the amount of \$341,160 to fund a Self-Sufficiency Grant in support of the Connections Program at San Antonio College.

The one-year grant administered through the Women's Center and Adult Re-Entry Program at SAC will be used to provide technical training to 120 participants in the medical administrative assistant field.

"We are excited to have the opportunity once again to offer this wonderful program to our community," said Dr. Helen Vera, Women's Center coordinator. "We know this program changes lives."

The Connections Program is a medical clerical training program that prepares participants with skills and job readiness training. Job placement and internship opportunities are available for participants who complete training. To be eligible, par-

participants must have a high school diploma or GED and must be eligible for food stamps or Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF).



From left, Travis Weaver, Employers' Customized Training Manager for the Texas Workforce Commission, presents the grant check to Dr. Robert E. Zeigler, SAC President, and Dr. Mary Helen Vera, Women's Center & Adult Re-Entry Program Coordinator. Also present on Monday were Jacque Burandt, Director of Staff Development & Human Resources Communications, University Health Systems, Deborah Ramirez, graduate of the Adult Re-Entry Connections Program, and Elsa Garrett, student in the Adult Re-Entry Connections Program.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Friday, Feb. 14

Valentine's Day

Phi Theta Kappa Local Honors Institute, 8 am-4 pm, McAllister Auditorium. Focus on health issues. Everyone invited. For information, call Carolyne Pakenius, Phi Theta Kappa Beta Nu President, 661-6362.

### Wed-Sat, Feb. 12-15

National Association of Developmental Educators Conference, Austin, Texas  
Coordinator: May Ann DeAmond, 733-2401.

### Tuesday, Feb. 18

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

SAC-Borders Faculty Book Series "Post 9-11 World: A Clash of Civilizations," presented by Philip Rogers 7 p.m., Borders at Quarry  
For complete schedule, visit [www.accd.edu/sac/pr/borders.htm](http://www.accd.edu/sac/pr/borders.htm)

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

Hot Potato Issue  
"Iraq: A War For Oil"  
12 p.m., Methodist Student Center  
Free Lunch. Everyone Invited.

### Friday, Feb. 21

Phi Theta Kappa Spring Induction Ceremony, 7-8:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. For more information, contact advisors Dr. Teanna Staggs, 733-2697, or Jeff Hunt, 733-2753.

### Saturday, Feb. 22

Young Women's/Young Men's Conference, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. For more information, contact the Women's Center at 733-2299, or visit <http://www.accd.edu/sac/student/wc.htm>.

### Tuesday, Feb. 24

Black History Month Event  
"Slavery Still Exists"  
10 a.m., LSC, Fiesta Room. To schedule a class, contact Gloria Pimintel at [gpiminte@accd.edu](mailto:gpiminte@accd.edu) or call 733-6073.

## Young Women's/Young Men's Conference

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ensure students are receiving the type of counseling and advice they need to successfully pursue a college degree," said Roland DuBay, ACCD Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. "Providing this kind of financial assistance would not be possible without the generosity of our private sector donors."

All scholarships are made possible as a result of major annual gifts from donors including USAA, the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, and numerous other donors. College faculty and staff contributions also go toward student scholarships.

Special guests at this year's Young Women's/Young Men's Conference include Mayor Ed Garza and KABB Anchor Michael Valdes. Motivational speakers include Dr. Martin Basaldua (Higher Education Planning Committee Chair for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and SAC Outstanding Former Student), Clarissa Davis-Wrightsil ("WNBA in SA 2003" Chief Operating Officer) and Freddy Hernandez (Comedian/Educator).

Although the scholarship application process is closed, all high school juniors and seniors are invited to attend the free conference for a day of information focusing on self-esteem, leadership and career development. The conference is presented by the Women's Center & Adult Re-Entry Program at San Antonio College. For more information, call the center at (210) 733-2299.

More than 539 students, parents and counselors from 41 San Antonio and surrounding area high schools and community agencies attended last year's conference. Seventy-two percent of the seniors who attended the conference were enrolled in an ACCD college by Fall 2002.

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For a complete calendar, visit [www.accd.edu/sac/stulife/blackhistory.htm](http://www.accd.edu/sac/stulife/blackhistory.htm).

### Monday, Feb. 17

"Europa"  
R & B Group Performance  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., LSC, Fiesta Room

### Tuesday, Feb. 18

Dinner Theater: A Raisin in the Sun  
6-8 p.m., LSC, Fiesta Room

### Monday, Feb. 24

Lecture Series: Slavery Still Exists  
10 a.m.-12 p.m., LSC, Fiesta Room

### Tuesday, Feb. 25

"Tim McWright Quintet"  
B-Bob Group Performance, 11 a.m. -  
1 p.m., LSC, Fiesta Room

### Thursday, Feb. 27

Film and Lecture Series with Artist  
Michael Ray Charles, 10:50 a.m.-  
12:05 p.m., VATC 120

### Essay Competition

12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m., LSC, Fiesta  
Room

### Friday, Feb. 28

Soul Fest: Celebration with Music,  
Food and Fun, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., LSC,  
Fiesta Room

## Scholarship opportunities for students and staff

### For Students

The Women's Center is accepting applications for the Phoenix Scholarship for women. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. For eligibility details, call 733-2299. Deadline is Feb. 24.

The Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation is accepting applications for financial awards of \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. Hispanic youths are encouraged to apply. For eligibility details and an application, visit [www.hispanicheritageawards.org](http://www.hispanicheritageawards.org). Deadline is March 6.

### For Staff

Staff Council is accepting applications for Spring Scholarships to be awarded for coursework applied toward GEDs, associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees, and graduate degrees. Scholarships are for \$250 each. For eligibility details, visit [www.accd.edu/sac/staffcnc/homepage/Scholar.htm](http://www.accd.edu/sac/staffcnc/homepage/Scholar.htm). Deadline is March 3. Staff who were awarded for the fall semester were Gregg Ramirez of the Student Support Services Project and Stella Diaz of the Bursar's Office.



Congratulations to **Ron Carswell**, A+ N+ MCSE CTT+ CCNA, assistant professor of computer information systems, for recently completing the requirements for the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) credential, which is the premier certification for professionals who analyze the business requirements and design and implement the infrastructure for business solutions based on the Microsoft Windows® operating system and Microsoft Servers software. Implementation responsibilities include installing, configuring, and troubleshooting network systems. The MCSE credential is one of the most widely recognized technical certifications in the industry. By earning the premier MCSE credential, individuals are demonstrating that they have the skills necessary to lead organizations in the successful design, implementation, and administration of the most advanced Windows operating system and Microsoft .NET Enterprise Servers. Carswell also received the Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) credential earlier last year.

Congratulations to **Gloria Lang-Jones**, Associate Professor of Counseling, for receiving a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Texas A&M University at Kingsville. The title of her dissertation is "The Effect of Freshman Orientation as a Student Retention Strategy in South Texas Public Community Colleges." Jones' graduation on Dec. 13 also was a family tribute to her father Dr. Harold W. Lang because she wore his doctoral robe for the graduation celebration.

## Challenger Memorial

Photo by Craig Coroneros



College leaders Bill Richardson (left), Faculty Senate President, and Dr. Robert Zeigler (right), SAC President, join a Department of Public Safety Officer in a moment of silence to honor the astronauts lost in the Columbia Shuttle tragedy on Feb. 1.