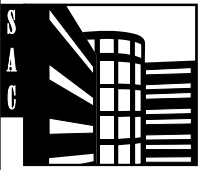


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New Fire Science equipment improves training

In July, the Fire Science Program at San Antonio College received a new "cascade system" trailer, which will be used to quickly and easily replenish students' oxygen tanks that are used during training. The new equipment was manufactured by Ferrara Fire Apparatus, based in Baton Rouge, La., at a cost of \$19,000 and funded by a Carl Perkins grant.

"Previously, we had to toss the empty tanks into the back of a truck and go to a firehouse to fill the bottles, but this new system makes it possible for us to re-fill them right away," said Gary Fox, Fire Science Program Director.

Fire Science students must practice using the air tanks as part of a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), which are used in SCBA practice with live fires, according to Fox. Each student's tank is rated for 30 minutes at a capacity of 4,000 pounds of air, said Fox.

The new trailer can hold six tanks, each of which contains 6,000 pounds of air. These are connected by tubes to a refill station,

SAC deaf students will transfer to leading institutions

Five deaf students who have completed their studies at San Antonio College will transfer for the Fall 2003 Semester to outstanding four-year institutions with predominantly deaf student enrollments, according to Jo Hilton, Interpreting Services Manager.

Danielle Cotugno, Darlene Rodriguez, Jessica Tristan, and Jeshal Patel are transferring to Gallaudet University, and Virginia "Vicky" Gonzalez will transfer to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a sister college of Rochester Institute of Technology.

"We gave them a great starting place, and I'm very, very proud of all of them," said Hilton.

Hilton said Jessica Tristan first entered the program in the summer of 2002, when she took the American Sign Language I class and learned sign language for the first time. She said most of the communication at Gallaudet, where Tristan will be going, is done in sign language.



Photo by Leonard Zeigler

From left, Dean of Professional & Technical Education Betty Larson, President Robert Zeigler, and Fire Science Program Director Gary Fox, stand beside the new "cascade system" trailer.

where an operator can re-fill two tanks at the same time. As one tank is emptied, the system automatically uses the next tank in a cascading sequence.

Last year, the Fire Science Program had an enrollment of 282 students. The program provides the only college-credit Fire Science instruction in San Antonio. For more information about the program, contact Fox at 733-2887.

"The ASL-Interpreter Program at SAC is a good program. There are staff members who know sign language, and some of the teachers are deaf," said Tristan.

She added, "You can socialize with other deaf people, which helps students who are learning sign language to do better at it," noting that students also get to learn about the deaf culture.

Tristan was the only deaf student in elementary, middle and high school, graduating from the International School of the Americas magnet at Robert E. Lee High School. She relied on note-takers and a power pack to hear the teachers, whom she warmly recalls as being very interested in how she was doing in her classes and concerned that she understood everything.

The 20-year-old plans to earn her degree in Deaf Education and to work at a school for the deaf. She said, "I want to be able to help deaf students have self-esteem, show them that they can be successful in life, and be a role-model" - goals she may already be achieving.

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, Aug. 18

SAC Fall Convocation
Faculty Convocation, 8:30-11:30 a.m.,
College-Wide Convocation, 2-3 p.m.,
McAllister Auditorium.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

New SAC Tenure-Track Full-Time
Faculty Orientation/Luncheon,
8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m., VATC 120 &
Employee Lounge, Loftin Student
Center.

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

New Adjunct Faculty Orientation,
5:30-7 p.m., VATC 120.

Tues. & Wed., Aug. 19 & 20

International Student Orientation
Workshops, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., VATC 120
Contact: Dolores Ramirez, 733-2306.
Free lunch on Aug. 20.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

ACCD New Employee Benefits
Orientation for all new full-time
ACCD faculty members
8:15 a.m.-5 p.m., ACCD Killen
Community Ed & Service Center, 201
W. Sheridan, Bldg. E.

Faculty & Staff Student Activities
Appreciation Brunch with President
for Club Advisors and Committee
Members, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Employee
Lounge, Loftin Student Center.

General Adjunct Faculty Meeting,
5 p.m., McCreless Auditorium.

Departmental Meetings for Adjunct
Faculty, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Joint Chairs Meeting, 2-5 p.m.,
VATC 120.

Friday, Aug. 22

Problem-Based Learning Workshop for
faculty, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., VATC 120
Limited seating. For reservation, call
Manuel Gonzalez III, 733-2986,
mangonza@accd.edu or visit
www.accd.edu/sac/title5/pblflyer.pdf.

PREP celebrates 25th year



The PREP (Prefreshman Engineering Program) celebrated its 25th year, and San Antonio College was one of the institutions in San Antonio that participated in the effort to encourage an interest in math and science among middle and high school minorities and women.

The free, three-year summer program, which ran June 9-July 31, accepts applications from students who have completed the 6th Grade. Students must succeed at each year's level to be invited back for the next year.

Students in the first year study logic, computers, engineering, and problem-solving at Northwest Vista College, St. Philip's College, Palo Alto College, UTSA (1604 campus), and UTSA Downtown. Second-year students study physics, algebraic structures, and problem-solving at San Antonio College, Our Lady of the Lake University, and Incarnate Word University. Third-year students study statistics, technical writing, and problem-solving at St. Mary's University.

The colleges of the Alamo Community College District enrolled 369 students this summer, 90 of whom studied at San Antonio College.

For more information, contact Russell Garcia Jr., San Antonio College Site Director, at 785-6081.

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Student wins Coca-Cola Scholarship



President Robert E. Zeigler congratulates Becky Perez, a work-study student in the Public Relations Office, for receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. She is one of 400 students nationwide to receive a Coca-Cola Scholarship. The Foundation, which was created in 1986 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Coca-Cola and establish a legacy for tomorrow's leaders, is supported by the financial commitment of local Coca-Cola Bottlers and The Coca-Cola Company.

KSYM Thanks!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting KSYM's 2nd annual Koolemov & Feedum Fest.

It was held [July 5] at Sam's Burger Joint. We donated \$727 cash, 500 cans of food, and a stack of electric fans to the Ella Austin Community Center. Also, we thank the fine bands that donated their time and effort to our cause - The Swindles, Mike Rosenthal, Echosquad, John Cockerell, and Ology. Big time thanks to Sam's Burger Joint - these people support community causes year-round. This was our most successful food drive yet!



I would also like to thank the KSYM staff and DJs who worked hard during the 2002-2003 school year. This ends our best year for fundraising. Both our fall and summer food drives raised over \$1,100 cash and, literally, a ton of food for local charities. Last spring, Our 9th annual pledge drive raised over \$55,000 dollars for KSYM. This is money we need to upkeep equipment, order supplies, and do repairs to the station.

Thanks to San Antonio College (faculty and staff) for supporting us year-round. We are proud to be a part of the college and ACCD community. This last bit of "thanks" goes to the City of San Antonio for remembering local charities. In times like these, it's important that WE ALL should volunteer our time and efforts to charitable causes.

Brian Parrish
 KSYM Program Director



Scholarship winners from the 19th Annual Urban Journalism Workshop received \$1,500 ACCD Scholarships to study journalism at San Antonio College. The scholarship winners are **Kyla Perry** of Devine High School, **Mary Zamora** of Clark High School, and **Sandra Zuniga** of McCollum High School.

Some Visual Arts & Technology faculty exhibiting their work this summer include: **Jessica Barnett DeCuir**, Adjunct Faculty, "Grid Rhythm," mixed media works on wood, at Ursuline Hall, Ursuline Campus of the Southwest School of Art and Craft, July 3 - September 6, Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; **Rose Harms**, Adjunct Faculty, "Wunderkammer," cyanotype and hand-made paper installation at the Airport Art Spaces Terminal 2 on view June - August, 24 hours/7 days a week; **Eduardo Daniel Rodriguez**, Associate Professor, "Suddenly Normal: Drawing Conversations," at the Joan Grona Gallery, Blue Star Arts Complex, July 3 - 31, Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m.

Congratulations to English Professor **Cynthia Leal Massey** for being selected as a finalist in the Women Writing the West 2003 WILLA Literary Awards. Winners are selected by professional librarians and historians. Massey was chosen as a finalist for her book *Caballeros of Ruby, Texas*, published by Panther Creek Press.

Congratulations to **Rose Rosales**, Connections Program case manager, as she was recently named vice president of the San Antonio Chapter of the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas. Rosales is also the editor for the chapter's newsletter.

Congratulations to **Brady Thompson**, director of the Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA) of the SAC Continuing Education Training Network. Ninety-four percent of 139 students successfully passed the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement's Licensing Examination on the first administration. The training academy is one of the largest training providers of the Texas Peace Officers in Texas.