



## SAC's Emergency Management Associate of Applied Science degree will be first in Texas

By this spring, San Antonio College will be the first college in Texas to offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Management Administration, pending anticipated approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"The goal of Emergency Management is to safeguard a community through disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery," said J.D. Richardson, Chairperson of the Protective Services Department. He added that the need for communities to do disaster planning, in the light of the growing threats to our nation, highlights the importance of having trained, professional Emergency Managers.

Richardson said the program is ideal for fire, police, and emergency medical

personnel to expand their professional capabilities and also for the traditional student to work in the emergency service field in an administrative capacity.

The range of skills learned in the program includes critical thinking, problem-solving, organization, contingency planning for manmade and natural disasters, and the coordination of local, state, federal and private agency functions in a disaster.

Students may enroll in the program this Spring Semester in core academic courses, then enroll in technical courses available in the Fall 2003 Semester, pending board approval.

For more information about the program, contact J.D. Richardson at 733-2187 or by email at [jrichard@accd.edu](mailto:jrichard@accd.edu) or [jrichard@moment.net](mailto:jrichard@moment.net).

## Coordinating Board approves SAC's Distance Ed Plan

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recently approved San Antonio College's plan for distance education and off-campus instruction. This approval means the college plan meets state rules and regulations for procedures, standards, and quality of instruction.

Examples of these rules and regulations include approval by the accrediting organization Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for delivery of the A.A. and A.A.S. degrees at a distance (including via Internet), an evaluation plan in place for programs and technology, maintaining faculty qualifications equal to

that of classroom instructors, provision of appropriate student services, and maintaining appropriate distance education facilities and equipment at both on-campus and off-campus sites.

San Antonio College offered the first Internet course in San Antonio and also the first associates degree program via Internet in Texas. Currently, more than 3,000 students are enrolled in Internet classes, in addition to about 1,225 in telecourses, 1,000 at off-campus sites, and 1,700 in dual-credit classes.

For more information about Distance Education, call 733-2181.

### Goldwater Scholarship Deadline

For students interested in math, science or engineering:

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship & Excellence in Education Program.

Information Session: Dec. 2, 2 p.m., CG 201 • Application Deadline: Jan. 17, 4 p.m.

Contact Professor William Haley, 733-2712

## Datebook

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

### Saturday, Nov. 23

San Antonio Legal Trivia Challenge sponsored by Paralegal Department and Pi Lambda Alpha. For more information, contact Program Coordinator Jodi McMaster, 733-2022.

5th Annual KSYM "Alternative to Hunger," non-profit, fundraising concert at 7 p.m., Sam's Burger Joint, 330 E. Grayson St. For more information, visit [www.ksym.org](http://www.ksym.org).

### Thurs., Nov 28-Sun, Dec. 1

Thanksgiving Holiday - College Closed (Weekend College Closed).

### Monday, Dec. 2

Early Music Ensemble  
Madalyn Blanchett, director  
2 p.m., McAllister Auditorium

Guitar Ensemble  
Terry Muska, director  
7:30 pm, McAllister Auditorium

### Tuesday, Dec. 3

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

Latin Jazz Combo, Alice Gomez, director  
7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium

## SACPAC collects donations to assist children in need

The SAC Public Administration Club is collecting items and monetary donations to help provide meals and Christmas gifts to children and their families at the Ronald McDonald House.

Food, clothing, books, coloring books/ crayons, and money may be donated in the Business Department in MLC 508 through Dec. 6.

For more information, contact SACPAC member Jason Rodriguez at 341-4944 or faculty sponsor Sylvia DeLeon at 733-2888.

## Journalism students win 22 state awards

Journalism students won 22 awards, including 19 individual awards, at the Texas Community College Journalism Association Convention at Midland College in October.

*The Ranger* and *The Fourth Write* won first place in general excellence in the large school division, and SAC took Sweepstakes for the third consecutive year.

Winning 11 first-place awards were Eric Lyle Kayne, Cynthia Esparza, Clem Spalding, Jennifer Harrelson (twice), Josie Garcia, Amber Tafoya, Raymond Jordan, Claire Andres, Brian Parrish, and Jan Kilby.

Second-place awards went to Kayne (twice), Garcia, Andres, and Joel Luna (twice). Andres also won third and honorable mention awards.

## Library online tutorial

The SAC Library offers an online tutorial for anyone interested in learning effective search techniques for using the SAC library and the World Wide Web. The tutorial can be accessed at [www.accd.edu/sac/lrc/librns/eileen/intro.htm](http://www.accd.edu/sac/lrc/librns/eileen/intro.htm) from any computer with an Internet connection.

The online tutorial provides a comprehensive orientation to the library's online resources and instructions for searching the library's catalog, databases, and the Web. It was developed by SAC librarians Eileen Oliver and Tom Bahlinger, with technical assistance from librarian John Hammer.

"The library tutorial that you and Tom developed is superb," said Dr. Veronica Pantelidis, from East Carolina University. "It's easy to understand, and very much to the point."

### San Antonio College Update

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## Forensics team scores in two competitions

The San Antonio College Forensics Team took many high honors in November competitions with two- and four-year colleges in the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association and with two-year colleges in the Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association.

Led by Faculty Advisor Jolinda Ramsey, the San Antonio College Forensics Team students are Adrienne Lawrence, Jacob Rodriguez, Jamile Morris, and Suzanna Johnson.

Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association (Nov. 2-3):

Team/Overall: Winner - Limited Entry Individual Events Sweepstakes; 4th (out of 21 schools) - Open Individual Events Sweepstakes; Morris - 4th Overall Tournament Speaker.

Individual: Morris - 1st Place Dramatic Interpretation, 1st Poetry Interpretation; Rodriguez - 1st Program Oral Interpretation, 6th Poetry Interpretation; Johnson - 1st Informative Speaking, 3rd Novice Persuasive Speaking; Lawrence - 2nd Novice Informative Speaking.

Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association (Nov. 15-17):

Team/Overall: 2nd Place Overall (out of 12 Texas community colleges); Morris - 2nd Speaker Overall; Rodriguez - 3rd Speaker Overall.

First Half:

Individual: Lawrence - 1st Place Informative Speaking; Rodriguez - 4th Poetry Interpretation, 6th Program Oral Interpretation, 3rd Prose Interpretation, 1st Dramatic Duo Interpretation with Jamile Morris, 6th Speaker at tournament; Morris - 1st Dramatic interpretation, 1st Prose Interpretation, 1st Dramatic Duo with Rodriguez, 2nd Poetry Interpretation, 2nd Speaker at the Tournament

Second Half:

Individual: Lawrence - 1st Place Informative Speaking, 6th Persuasive Speaking; Rodriguez - 1st Prose Interpretation, 1st Dramatic Duo Interpretation with Morris, 2nd Program Oral Interpretation, 2nd Poetry Interpretation, 2nd Speaker at Tournament; Morris - 2nd Prose Interpretation, 2nd Dramatic Interpretation, 1st Dramatic Duo Interpretation, 4th Poetry Interpretation, 3rd Speaker at Tournament.



Congratulations to students **Jonessa Barios**, **Celeste Curiel**, and **Sergio De Los Santos**, who will perform at the Gardenia and Musical Club of San Antonio at their holiday luncheon on Dec. 6 and also will receive \$1,000 scholarships. Assistant Professor **Mary Lou Russell** received the same scholarship when she was a San Antonio College student in the 1960s and is now Barios' teacher.

Graphic Arts Assistant Professor **Nancy Wood** and interactive media students **Michael Cassanova** and **John Gattas** have their Web interface designs featured in a new textbook, *The Digital Designer*, published by Delmar Learning. The book features outstanding examples of new media designs created at colleges and universities across the country.

**Haydee Victoria Suescum**, Visual Arts & Technologies Adjunct Professor, recently attended the opening of an exhibit "Del Centro a la Isla" in Habana, Cuba, which features her work as well as artists from Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Belize, and Honduras. Suescum has exhibited her work throughout Central and South America.

English Assistant Professor **Liz Ann Baez Aguilar** made a presentation on "Eve Raleigh and Jovita Gonzalez, the Mexican-American assimilation in their novel Caballero" at the Conference of the Asociacion Internacional de Literatura in Barcelona.

Math Assistant Professor **Fermin Ortiz** and his wife Gracie were featured in a *San Antonio Express-News* article on their starting a second family by adopting three children from the Children's Shelter. Ortiz expressed that the shelter is in constant need for volunteers to interact with, play with, and tutor children. Holding babies is also needed. For more information, contact Ortiz via email at [fortiz@accd.edu](mailto:fortiz@accd.edu).



New additions to the Ortiz family: Xavier (3), Joaquin (5), and Xochitl (4).