

# SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

*Programs & Services for Women &  
Non-Traditional Students*

WOMEN'S CENTER • SEGUIR ADELANTE COMMUNITY CENTER • MI CASA CENTER

## Women in History Essay Contest

### Essay Contest Purpose:

In honor of Women's History month, the SAC Women's Center invites SAC women students to explore and celebrate the histories of women by participating in our essay contest.

The purpose of the essay contest is to honor San Antonio College women students, staff, faculty and/or administrators who encourage and promote sensitivity to and awareness of issues that relate to women.

### Women Making History:

Students are to choose one San Antonio College woman student, staff, administrator or faculty member (members of the Department of Programs & Services for Women & Non-Traditional Students are to be excluded) and write about that woman's contribution to the college, community, city, or to the state of Texas.

### Awards:

Two students will be selected to receive the Ann Richards Endowed Scholarship for Women. These two \$500 scholarships will be awarded on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Criteria:

Essays should include a persuasive explanation of:

- Why the student chose to focus on a particular woman and what this woman means to the student.
- How the woman has impacted and/or transformed the environment for women through her actions
- How the woman supports and advocates for women
- Essays should be well organized, with an introduction, body, and conclusion
- Essays should include specific examples

### Essay Contest Rules:

- All San Antonio College women students enrolled in 6 or more hours with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 may participate
- Essays should be a minimum of 500 words, typed, and double-spaced.
- Essays must have a title. The title of your essay should be at the top of the first page. Do not put your name on the essay. Put your name on the entry form only.
- Complete an official entry form and staple to essay.
- Winners must agree to attend the awards ceremony on March 17, 9:30 a.m.

**Deadline: March 5, 2009**



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## Women in History Essay Contest Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the woman you selected to write about: \_\_\_\_\_

Their title/position: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/Department : \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity do you know her? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known her? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check which one of the following categories the woman you are writing about meets:**

### **SAC Student:**

Individual demonstrates commitment to an improved environment for women students; shows commitment to women's issues through volunteer work, elected position, advocacy, and/or other forms of leadership on or off campus.

### **SAC Staff:**

Individual strives to improve the work environment for women; positively promotes women in the workplace (this could include improving the climate for women around them; positively supporting, and advocating for women).

### **SAC Faculty:**

Individual fosters an environment that is supportive to the needs of women; provides class content and lectures that are inclusive in their approach and sensitive to women's issues; promotes initiatives aimed at improving the climate for women around them; positively supports, promotes, and advocates for women.

### **SAC Administrator:**

Individual encourages and directs attention to an improved environment for women through policy formation, goal setting, programs, staff selection, etc.; positively promotes women's issues in the workplace.

