

The PAPER SAC

Containing Information of Interest to the Santa Ana College Campus Community

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MESSAGE from the



President

SAC is experiencing many changes in its physical appearance. Measure E dollars have opened the doors to new opportunities such as the construction of the new exercise science locker room complex, the renovation of the administration building, and the construction of a new classroom building. The college will continue to evolve as we move forward in closing College Avenue to make way for additional construction projects. It is anticipated that College Avenue will be closed in May.

My commitment stands firm in moving the college's master plan forward to strengthen our delivery of instruction and service to our students. Our campus will experience some dramatic changes and some inconveniences, but our commitment to students has and must continue to remain strong.

Have a restful spring break!
Erlinda

First Lady of California Visits Our Campus

California's First Lady, Maria Shriver, visited Santa Ana College on Wednesday, February 7, to promote the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Initiative. This is a government cash assistance program designed to help eligible, low-income families and individuals by crediting up to \$4,500 on their tax returns. Her visit launched the start of the Connect California Campaign to educate working families about the tax credit and guide them along the path to self-sufficiency.

Shriver partnered with Orange County United Way, Legal Aid Society of Orange County and the city of Santa Ana to host a resource fair on SAC's campus with over 75 organizations, companies and financial institutions to provide the community with information and services.

Families and individuals who visited took advantage of free tax preparation services, signed up for free checking and savings accounts through onsite financial partners, and took part in free literacy seminars, offered in both English and Spanish. Using I-CAN! E-file over 40 people successfully filed their taxes. Thanks to the EITC initiative, approximately \$84,037 was returned to filers.



First Lady of California Maria Shriver, is pictured with President Erlinda and Chancellor Hernandez at the EITC event on February 7.

"I am very happy to be able to partner with legal services for this event," said Maria Shriver. "The main message here is there is a lot of money California residents can claim through the Earned Income Tax Credit. This program brings the government to the people and anyone who hears about this should tell a friend, then, see if they're eligible to apply. There is money that belongs in people's pockets—four thousand dollars could make a huge difference in people's lives and in their family's lives."

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Norman Fujimoto Joins the Team

Norman Fujimoto officially joined Santa Ana College on January 4, 2007, as vice president of academic affairs. Prior to joining the SAC family, he served as instructional dean of the science, engineering, mathematics and computer and information sciences division at Cerritos College.

Fujimoto brings with him many years of experience as a college administrator. In this new capacity, his primary goal will be to focus on students—making sure their needs are met. “We need to prepare students for future endeavors whether that may be at a CSU, UC or a professional certificate. It’s all about the students,” stated Fujimoto.

Fujimoto will serve as the chief instructional officer for the college responsible for all aspects of academic programs and instructional support services. He will also oversee professional development, class scheduling, the college catalogue, university articulation, instructional budget, allocation of instructional services and library services.

His transition to SAC has been relatively smooth, and he attributes that to the committed staff, faculty and administrators here at the college. “Everyone has been so welcoming, and it reinforces my decision to come to this college. Everyone wants to help students succeed—we are all working toward the same common goal and moving forward,” said Fujimoto.

On February 14, the college hosted a welcome reception in the Chavez building for Fujimoto where staff, faculty and administrators had the opportunity to meet him in an informal setting. He was received with open arms, which added to Fujimoto’s excitement.



*Vice President
Norman Fujimoto*

With a proven record of accepted grant proposals, he plans to continue to support that effort here. “Santa Ana College has been exceptional with grant acceptances because staff remains proactive. I will encourage administrators and faculty to keep looking at additional proposals that benefit the college and above all our students,” said Fujimoto.

Fujimoto earned his Master of Arts in Teaching in Chemistry from Andrews University in Michigan and his Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Loma Linda University in California. He has a passion for fishing, which he entertains in his free time where ever possible. He was introduced to fishing at the age of five, and it continues to be his favorite pastime, which he shares with his two sons Darren and Jonathan. Fujimoto lives in our surrounding community with his wife, Sue.

Fujimoto’s passion for higher education and genuine desire to help students succeed makes him a valuable asset to SAC. Please join us in welcoming Norman Fujimoto!

WELCOME!

First lady continued

Escorted by **President Erlinda Martinez** and Chancellor Eddie Hernandez, Maria Shriver spoke with various organizations located throughout the mall area of the college and graciously posed for photos with students and members of the community. “I think if you can make a difference in one person’s life, you have spent your time well,” said Shriver.

With the support of staff, faculty and administration, this event benefited our students and community members.

For more information about the EITC initiative and qualifications, call 888-3MYREFUND (888-369-7338) or 866-9MIDINERO (866-964-3463) for information in Spanish. Families and individuals can file their taxes and claim the Earned Income Tax Credit online for free by visiting www.icanefile.org/myrefund through the tax season.



Presenter Dick Szafranski encourages staff, faculty and administrators to reshape today's education to fit tomorrow's world at the staff development day on February 2.

Staff Development Day

On Friday, February 2, the entire district gathered together to participate in the first all-staff development day, which was held on the soccer field at SAC. This event allowed staff, faculty and administrators to meet with individuals throughout our district, connect names with faces, and meet new people.

The program consisted of two presenters who talked about the future of higher education and how the district as a whole could prepare for the ever-changing needs of our students. There were also breakout sessions where everyone was asked to address issues and find solutions.

The breakout session allowed staff and faculty to work together in contributing different elements to the discussion, ultimately collecting a well-rounded perspective. This positive, team approach makes a difference in the service staff, faculty and administrators provide to students and our community. Everyone is working for the same common objective—to help students meet their educational goals.

Although this event was not intended to address all challenges, it was established to unite staff and faculty to foster teamwork and create positive solutions. This was a cost-effective event, and the camaraderie and energy it evoked proved positive. Special thanks to all the staff involved who worked tirelessly to make this event a success!

Counselor **Caroline Baca-Frye** won a writing contest. Her story about a bad travel experience, will be featured in a book titled "I Should Have Stayed Home." Congratulations Caroline!

Sherri Blake, student services coordinator, has recently completed her first half marathon (13.1 miles). She began running as a way to "get back in shape" in August of 2005 and has since completed four 5Ks and one 10K. Go Sherri!



College Cabinet cruises through campus.

Many thanks to the transportation and maintenance departments for their generous gift to College Cabinet of a small, electric cart. The project was lead by **John Quiggle**, but everyone in both departments worked tirelessly to restore this vintage cart, which has been a part of this campus since 1959. Keep an eye out, you just might spot one of the cabinet members driving around campus. Beep-beep!

We would like to acknowledge **Joe Chavez**, a SAC student, for his heroic efforts. On February 26, he saved the life of a woman involved in a traffic accident by administering CPR when she stopped breathing. Chavez is also a U.S. Marine reservist. His valor is inspiring and to be commended!

Dr. Javier A. Galvan, professor of modern languages, published a 42-page article titled "The Brazilian Empire: 1822-1888." He was commissioned to write this article for a multi-volume historical work called "The Encyclopedia of World Empires" to be published in 2008.

Congratulations to **María Garcia**, facilities coordinator, who completed her bachelor's degree in management at the University of Phoenix in December 2006.

Please congratulate **Nora Schug** for being nominated as the Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Commission on Athletics (COA). She will be honored in April at the COA annual convention in Ontario. Nora has been part of the SAC family since 1989. If you see Nora, congratulate her in bringing such honor to our campus.

Student Program Specialist and Counselor **Francisco X. Suarez** was awarded the Classified Professional Achievement Award. Francisco has overcome many barriers after immigrating to this country. Congratulations Francisco, in all your success!

Good luck to **Kathy Taylor**, associate professor of mathematics, who will be taking on Lance Armstrong's nemesis Mount Ventoux in Provence, France. Kathy is up for the challenge of this difficult 13-mile ride scheduled for this summer.

Rhys Williams, instructor of fine and performing arts, will present the final lecture of the Getty Villa Museum's "Point-of-View" series where he will discuss ancient and modern glass-making techniques. The presentation will take place in March in conjunction with the *Molten Color: Glassmaking in Antiquity* exhibition.

Kudos

to the School of Continuing Education



Henry Kim, Xuan Pham, Martin Melgarejo, President Martinez, Kathy Mennealy Maynor Baquedano and Nilo Lipiz present the exemplary award to the board of directors.

In January, the Board of Governors of California Community Colleges presented an Exemplary Program Award for 2006-2007 to the Student Development Program for the School of Continuing Education. This award recognizes innovative noncredit programs.

The student development program is housed at the Centennial Education Center and is the state's only noncredit program to have a comprehensive program that includes leadership and a student association. The primary goal of this program is to promote student interaction, networking, leadership training with peer support and student mentoring. This is accomplished through clubs, activities, directing and facilitating a conference course, informational fairs and guest speakers. Established in 1997, and over 5,000 students have participated and benefited from the program thus far.

President **Erlinda Martinez**, Program Coordinator **Henry Kim**, and Student Association President **Maynor Baquedano**, traveled to Sacramento to receive the award and attend a reception. Great job in meeting the needs of the students!

CALENDAR

Of Events

A P R I L

- 2** Deadline to nominate alumni for the Hall of Fame
- 4** Day of Mourning for former President Gerald Ford (Observed)
- 5-6** Spring Break (Observed)
- 14** Faculty Jazz Concert
5:00 p.m., Phillips Hall Theatre
- 18** Career Opportunity Day in the Criminal Justice Field
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.,
Campus Mall Area

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- 10** Don Mariachi
8:00 p.m., Phillips Hall Theatre
- 11** Exercise Science Locker Room Complex Grand Opening, noon.
- 21** The 2007 Ed Arnold Golf Classic,
SeaCliff Country Club,
Huntington Beach, 11:00 a.m.
- 28** Memorial Day (Holiday)

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