Education is essential to the social and economic viability of a community. I am excited to offer this annual report to the valued stakeholders of Santa Ana College and public education as evidence of contributions to our community by students, faculty and staff at our campus.

Situated in the heart of Orange County and in the bustling city of Santa Ana, Santa Ana College is not only a transformative learning institution, but also serves as a hub for much of the county’s activity, whether it’s thousands of kindergartners learning about planning for college or being a site of election rallies as the country is immersed in one of the most momentous presidential races in history.

Since Santa Ana College opened its doors in 1915 with 25 students, years of innovation and progress have been poured into every facet of this campus. As a result, Santa Ana College has been continuously acknowledged as a leader in preparing students for higher levels of learning and a lifelong career. Recognition of our efforts include top rankings by the national publication, Community College Week, which ranked Santa Ana College 8th among the top 100 associate degree producers for Hispanic students in the nation and 18th among the top 100 associate degree producers for Asian American students in the nation. Much of our progression is tied to a common vision and unified focus: a dedication to students.

A year is a significant amount of time and yet can only provide a small glimpse of Santa Ana College progress. However, this annual reflection is of the utmost importance in sharing the highlights of our achievements. I am sure you will share my amazement at what a year looks like at Santa Ana College.

With warm regards,

Erlinda J. Martinez, Ed.D.
Santa Ana College President
ABOUT SAC

Location: 1530 W. 17th Street
Santa Ana, California
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Size: 65 acres

Santa Ana College is part of the Rancho Santiago Community College District serving the communities of Anaheim Hills, Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park.

Background:
In 1915, Santa Ana Junior College opened its doors to 25 students as a department of Santa Ana High School. It was the second junior college founded in Orange County, behind Fullerton College, and the fourth oldest in all of California.

Santa Ana College (SAC) is known for its academic programs as well as top-ranked student services. Students can enroll for full semester, mini-semester (GR8 Weeks), weekend and online classes. A wide variety of courses are available in business, math and sciences, arts and humanities, and career and vocational education. SAC offers over 300 subjects leading to the associate degree in science or arts or vocational certificate of competency.

Academic Achievement:
Transfers to four-year colleges/universities: 1,678
Associate degrees and certificates: 2,200

Mascot: The Don

Fees: $20 per unit for California residents

Programs and Services:
While Santa Ana College offers over 200 concentrations, or majors, leading to the associate degree in science or arts, it also offers programs at off-campus sites for students seeking basic skills and technology proficiency so they can pursue other goals. These off-campus sites include:

Centennial Education Center (CEC)
CEC provides a full spectrum of non-credit continuing education to address the adult learner population. In addition to English-as-a-Second-Language courses, it offers adult basic education, citizenship, high school completion, parent education and vocational training.

Marketplace Education Center (MEC)
Located in the heart of downtown Santa Ana, this center presents free non-credit courses to those seeking occupational training, basic skills, English language development and related instruction for independent living.

Orange County Sheriff’s Regional Training Academy
Located in Tustin, this facility will enable Santa Ana College and the Sheriff’s Department to serve more than 800 Academy cadets annually while expanding the weekend and evening education and training opportunities for existing law enforcement officers in Orange County and around the state.

Regional Fire Training Center
This center is used for fire technology, prevention, lecture, and applied practice courses and is located in the city of Santa Ana. It is used by students enrolled in the Fire Academy program as well as fire professionals for continuing education purposes.

Workforce Development and Career Center
As a resource for continuing education, this center is housed in the RSCCD operations center on Broadway and Santa Clara and specializes in courses tailored to the needs of business and industry. The center is the access point for business owners as well as individuals to gain educational advantages that enhance workplace performance.
**Enrollment Statistics**

**Ethnicity**
- American Indian: 1%
- African American: 2%
- Asian: 11%
- Latino: 45%
- Caucasian: 31%
- Filipino: 1%
- Pacific Islander: 1%
- Other: 3%
- Decline to State: 5%

**Gender Distribution:**
- Male: 54%
- Female: 46%

**Educational Goals:**
- Vocational Certificate: 6%
- Employment: 27%
- AA/Transfer: 37%
- Personal Development: 10%
- Teaching Career: 2%
- Undecided: 13%
- Other: 5%

**Age of Students:**
- Under 18: 3%
- 18-21: 27%
- 22-29: 27%
- 30-39: 17%
- 40-49: 15%
- Over 49: 10%
Student achievement is the cornerstone of any success of Santa Ana College. Buoyed by an enrollment increase of 22 percent over the past three years, faculty, staff and the administration have been challenged, yet energized, by the task of maintaining consistency in delivering top quality services and programs to students. The results have been extraordinary as student accomplishments can be seen from the local to the national level.

Making A Difference:
The Marketplace Education Center (MEC) Community Learning Center (CLC) class has also been nominated for the 2007-2008 CASAS EL Civics: Making a Difference in the Community Awards. This award recognizes agencies across California that encourage students “to actively use their newly acquired language and literacy skills to interact with their communities in ways that make a difference for themselves, their families, and their communities.” Students enrolled in the MEC CLC class have completed a sequence of nutrition-themed lessons focused on making healthy meal choices. As a culminating effort, students created healthy meal plans for themselves and discussed making healthy meal choices with their family and friends in their local community.

Math & Science Students Soar:
A total of 47 Santa Ana College students participated in the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) regional and national STEM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) leadership conferences. The conferences provided students with the opportunity to perform research, engage in leadership activities, network with fellow peers and learn about graduate admissions processes.

Student Success
University Link, a partnership with UCI, guarantees admission for students meeting UCI entrance requirements. U-Link students may also attend other universities of their choice.

- 37 students from U-Link will transfer in Fall 2008
- 28 will be attending a UC campus
- 9 will be attending a CSU campus
Celebrate Citizenship:
Santa Ana College’s School of Continuing Education Student Outreach & Career Center hosted the first ever Citizenship event celebrating nearly 300 new U.S. citizens. The ceremony represented the first class of citizens to graduate since SAC joined the Ya es hora ¡Ciudadania! (It’s Time for Citizenship) campaign in Spring 2007. The campaign is a partnership of La Opinión, Univisión KMEX 34 and the National Association of Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund which brought together an alliance of more than 400 organizations and institutions nationwide in a year-long campaign to educate, inform and motivate eligible permanent residents to apply for U.S. citizenship.

The Power of Mentoring:
Through Santa Ana College’s Transfer Mentor Program, SAC students are connected with alumni currently enrolled in their second year at UC Irvine and CSU Fullerton. The program helps students to navigate the transfer process and promotes the retention of transfer students. It offers scholarship assistance to 15 mentors and 30 mentees.

Transfer Success Priority for Students:
The University Transfer Center at SAC was the recipient of a $275,000 award by the USDA Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI) Grant program. The Partnership for Transfer Success in USDA Career Majors Program (PTSP) aims to fill a void in the workforce of talented and diverse scientists, nutritionists, engineers and other professionals in fields related to the USDA. Partnerships have been established with USDA agencies, UC Irvine, and Cal Poly Pomona to advance the program’s objectives of ensuring successful transfer and retention in selected majors and to raise awareness of career opportunities. Twenty students have been selected to be part of the first program cohort, receiving specialized counseling, scholarships, internship placement and transfer support.

New ESL Certificate Programs:
Six new certificate programs were created for students to complete beginning and intermediate level ESL core classes. The classes, created collaboratively by the ESL Departments at the School of Continuing Education for SAC and SCC, integrate listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Student Success:
Evan Thompson, nursing student, received a 2008 Board of Trustees President’s Scholar award. He participated in a Service Learning Center project as part of the nursing program’s requirements and volunteered as a nursing assistant at the Mental Health Association, a drop-in center that provides services and resources to homeless individuals with a psychiatric diagnosis. While volunteering there Evan encountered a suicidal patient who was waiting for emergency psychiatric services. Evan’s intervention led to a successful outcome with the patient.
Efforts to Rev Up Graduation Recognized:
Santa Ana College’s School of Continuing Education (SAC/SCE) was awarded a $350,000 California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Grant from the State Chancellor’s Office. SAC/SCE also partnered with Santa Ana Unified School District to establish two components of The Graduate Success Program (GSP): credit recovery to assist high school students in completing core subjects required for graduation; and CAHSEE preparation which helped students master language arts and mathematic skills needed to pass two state-mandated high school exit exams. The two components of the program succeeded in helping 409 SAUSD students meet graduation requirements ultimately adding 129 high school graduates to the Santa Ana community this year.

College Student Newspaper Racks Up Awards:
The Santa Ana College student newspaper el Don was presented its 10th National Newspaper Pacemaker award in 13 years and its 14th overall at the Associated Collegiate Press National College Media Convention in Washington D.C. in October 2007. The National Pacemaker is considered the Pulitzer Prize of collegiate journalism. As a result of the Pacemaker award, el Don has qualified for induction into the Associated Collegiate Press Hall of Fame which will take place in October 2008.

Faculty Distinction Roundup:
The faculty of Santa Ana College is comprised of locally, regionally and nationally recognized scholars and experts of their field. Most important to them than their credentials is the joy they receive from helping students realize their educational and professional goals. Below are some highlights about faculty over the past year:

Julie Davis, adjunct faculty member in the Women’s Studies discipline received the 2008 Adjunct Faculty Award from the Academic Senate of Santa Ana College. Davis was also invited to the University of California Irvine’s Third Annual Educator Recognition Reception for making a significant impact in the life of one of her former students who transferred to UCI.

Adjunct faculty member (now retired) of the Modern Languages Department, Ertuvan Kanatsiz, received the SAC Alumni Award and was one of four new members inducted into the 2008 Santa Ana College Foundation Alumni Hall of Fame.

Sociology Professor David Dobos was elected as a Board Member of the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo.

History Professor Angie Veyna was selected to present “The Women of Orange County,” focused on famous and successful women of Orange County, to the Central Orange County Chapter of the League of Women Voters.
Dr. Thomas Osborne's (Professor and Chair, History Department) article “Teaching the U.S. History Survey as if the Pacific Mattered (a Lot)” was published in Perspectives on History (the magazine of the American Historical Association) in April 2008. Dr. Osborne also organized a panel session entitled “Teaching World, American, and California History as if the Pacific Mattered (a Lot)” for the Pacific Coast Branch conference of the American Historical Association.

Anthropology Professor, Sandra Wood, led the effort at SAC to promote Basic Skills education and worked with faculty to transform teaching and learning strategies to promote student success.

Professor of English, Bonnie Jaro, provided leadership for the college on the Accreditation Self-Study, Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment, and Program Review activities.

Professor Rosemarie Hirsch, Nursing, attained the National League for Nursing Educator Certification while on sabbatical this year.

Dr. Gina Giroux, Assistant Director, Nursing Department, presented information on the Center for Nursing Expansion and Innovation Grant at the annual convention of the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing.

Fire Technology Program on Track - The Fire Technology Department participated in a very successful accreditation review by the Fire Marshall’s Office in January 2008. Highlights of the exit interview included commendations regarding library resources, exceptional support staff, organized records and documents, wellness program (best practice) and excellent administrative support.

Alumni success story:

Vicente Serrano
SAC TV/Video department alumnus

Vicente Serrano visited SAC-TV from Chicago where he is the top news anchor on the Telemundo station there at age 28. He is also producing a documentary that is being considered for entry in the Cannes Film Festival in France for next year.

“When I got to the United States more than ten years ago I did not know a word of English and at Santa Ana College I found the support I needed. The personnel at the TV Production Department really went the extra mile to help me to overcome the obstacles of the recent immigrant and to become the professional I am now. Without the guidance and dedication of Terry Bales I would not come to the point in my professional life I enjoy now. The program you have at SAC is one of the most advanced in the country. If someone has doubts about what I am saying, just look around and you will find the examples of success because of what people like me learned in those classrooms and studios.”
In November 2002, voters in the Rancho Santiago Community College District approved Measure E providing $337 million for renovation and new construction at both Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College. In addition to the classroom building, other completed projects at Santa Ana College include the Exercise Science Locker Room Complex, renovations to Dunlap Hall, upgrades to the Administration Building, the Digital Media Center, renovations to the Fine and Performing Arts Building, and the Orange County Sheriff's Regional Training Academy.

**Criminal Justice Academy**
The grand opening for the Orange County Regional Sheriff's Training Academy was held on September 11, 2007 in memory of the fallen law enforcement during the attacks of 9/11. More than 800 attendees, including elected officials from the local, county, state and federal levels were on hand to commemorate the occasion. In the first year, four academy graduations and one fire academy graduation have been held at the new site.

**Classroom Building Groundbreaking**
In February 2008, a ceremony was held to celebrate construction of a new two-story classroom building at Santa Ana College. When completed, the building will house 20,000-square-foot with 16 classrooms for approximately 45 students each. Two of the classrooms on the ground floor will be equipped for future distance learning. An exterior courtyard tucked between the classroom building and the existing pool storage facility will serve as an outdoor classroom. The structure was designed to incorporate the use of sustainable elements to create both a cost-effective and energy efficient building.
New $15.4 million Exercise Science Locker Room complex will serve some 5,100 students annually.

New Exercise Science Classrooms

Exercise Science Locker Room Dedication Ceremony (Spring 2007)
Locally, regionally, and nationally, SAC leverages partnerships with private and public partners that has produced immeasurable benefit in the programs and services offered by students. Engaging parents, business, government, educational partners and the like, the results have been outstanding. Highlights include:

**Biology Program Takes Learning Up a Notch**
The Biology Department partnered with California State University, Fullerton and Mount San Antonio College in a Streamlined Teacher Education Program (STEP) proposal, “TEST UP: Talent Expansion in Science and Technology-An Urban Partnership” National Science Foundation grant. The grant proposal identifies activities to increase students’ awareness of science, technology and math programs.

**ABE, GED, Health & Safety Departments**
The Adult Basic Education (ABE)/General Education Diploma department initiated broad-based, sustainable professional development activities; acquired engaging curricula resources for developmental students; integrated multi-media technology; revised the curriculum to infuse best practices into reading, writing and math courses for ABE and GED students.

New and successful partnerships for instruction in ABE, GED and Health & Safety include Centro Cultural, Latino Health Access and the tremendous expansion of program for residents at the Phoenix House. New ABE Family Literacy classes were offered at Santa Ana Unified School District sites to address the literacy needs of the SAUSD parents and families.

**Adult Students Benefit From OC Collaborative**
The SAC Older Adult Program (OAP), through its participation in the California Community College Educators of Older Adults (CCCEO), is now a member of the newly formed Orange County Regional Collaborative (OCRC) which addresses issues in serving older adults. The OCRC is comprised of community college education providers, non-profit groups, health care agencies and foundations with the common goal of providing effective educational programs for the county’s older adult population. Both CCCEO and OCRC have partnered with the Partners in Care Foundation which has provided financial support for two SAC OAP adjunct faculty to be trained as Master Trainers. Our Master Trainers will train additional adjunct faculty in new curricula and SAC will contribute data on these new offerings to county, regional, statewide, and national studies of the contributions this training makes to improve the lives of senior citizens.
SAC Criminal Justice Serves As Training Center for OC
The Criminal Justice Academy (CJA) at Santa Ana College has taken the leadership role for Orange County in making sure that the Federal guidelines for training are met. The CJA organized more than 20 classes for all of Orange County in the areas of ICS 300 and 400, which provide training and/or resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System. By October 2008, nearly 1,000 people will have been trained by the CJA in the ICS 300 and 400 courses.

Pharmacy Technology
To better train students for current and future jobs, the Pharmacy Technology department expanded both the compounding and outpatient pharmacy components of PHAR 056 (Pharmacy Operations). VTEA (Vocational and Technical Education Act) funding provided for additional faculty training, as well as the purchase of software, equipment, and supplies to enhance the curriculum.

Hundreds Turn Out To Learn About Chemistry
The Chemistry department hosted the Middle School Science Olympiad at the local level in February 2008. The event attracted 200 students from 15 middle schools in Orange County who competed in different fields of science, including astronomy, biology, chemistry, and geology. The second round, competing at the national level, was also held at SAC and involved 85 students from local high schools competing for a spot on the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad team.

Entrepreneurial Partnerships
In combination with the Rancho Santiago Community College District’s Women’s Business Institute, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Merchants, Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs were given the opportunity to learn information to help them begin or improve their own business at the 2008 Feria Para Empresarios. The ‘feria’ gives Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs a unique opportunity to network with business experts and organizations, and is offered free to the community.
Established in 1968, the Santa Ana College Foundation enhances the educational opportunities at Santa Ana College by linking community organizations, businesses, alumni, faculty, staff and funding sources, thus preserving our near century legacy of “A History of Success, A Future of Promise.”

Pageant of the Trees
In 2007 the fourth annual Pageant of the Trees, hosted by The First American Corporation, experienced record success in attendance and fundraising, with proceeds going to benefit student programs at Santa Ana College. A total of $42,000 was raised during the event.

College Advancement and Board Leadership
The Foundation welcomed two new board members: Kristen Crellin, president of alumni relations at California State University, Fullerton, and the director of community relations at Schools First Federal Credit Union and; Tony Rivas who joined the SAC Foundation Board as a SAC alumnus, business owner, community leader and college counselor. James A (Tony) Ellis was also elected as the new Santa Ana College Foundation Board President replacing Ken Purcell.

Giving Highlights for 2007-2008
- The SAC Foundation received more than $67,000 from the annual Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) Chancellor’s Ball held in October 2007. Proceeds helped to support student scholarships, programs and services.
- A total of 150 staff and faculty supporters made contributions to the Foundation through payroll deductions.
- Grants totaling $10,000 were received from The Boeing Company to support Tomorrow’s Teachers-Today’s Academic Success Math/Science Initiative.
- The Santa Ana College Ed Arnold Golf Tournament, held in May 2008 at the SeaCliff County Club in Huntington Beach, netted more than $52,000 to help support the Athletic Hall of Fame and student-athlete scholarships.
- The President’s Circle, launched in May 2007, raised over $19,000 by year-end and created stronger relationships with alumni, community and friends of Santa Ana College.
- In partnership with Schools First Federal Credit Union (formerly OCTFCU), the Foundation initiated its first official faculty and staff-based mini-grant program, now called Innovation Grants, to provide much-needed supplies and program assistance. Eight members of the faculty and staff received grants totaling $3,000, and another $10,000 has already been committed and awarded for 2008-2009.
Alumni Association Launches
A revamped Alumni Association website was launched, featuring an alumni portal that allows the Foundation to obtain information from alumni and allows alums to connect with each other. Through this website, the Foundation has obtained new contact information from more than 3,000 valued alums.

A new monthly e-newsletter also updates alumni and friends of the college about the college and Foundation activities.

2008 Hall of Fame Achievement Awards
Continuing the Santa Ana College tradition of recognizing outstanding alumni, four honorees were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame in June 2008 in a ceremony at the SAC Phillips Hall. Inductees were also recognized at the annual college commencement ceremony.

- Doug Davert, Attorney and Civic Leader
- Heather Ann Herbert, Attorney and U.S. Army Captain
- Ertuvan Kanatsiz, Professor (Retired)
- David Valentin, Commander of Human Resources, Santa Ana Police Department

In Summary
During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Santa Ana College Foundation, through more successful fundraising and individual donations, increased its assets and support of students. With the college’s increasing enrollment and curriculum targeted to Orange County’s economic development, the Santa Ana College Foundation is well positioned for continued success in favorably impacting the lives of our deserving students. We encourage you to join us and help us to help others.

“You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.”
Winston Churchill
Annually, the classified staff and faculty of Santa Ana College are recognized in programs that bestow awards for excellence in performance. The following recipients were honored in 2008 for their contributions.

**Distinguished Faculty Award**
Robert Jenkins  
Professor, ESL, School of Continuing Education

**Adjunct Faculty Award**
Jose A. Lopez-Mercedes  
Adjunct Professor, ESL and Instructional Technology

**Adjunct Faculty Award**
Julie Davis  
Adjunct Professor, Women’s Studies

**Occupational Education Excellence Award**
Terry Bales,  
Chairman for TV/Video Program

**Publications Award**
Ralph Osterkamp  
Continuing Education, ABE/GED- Adult Basic Education Instructor

**Publications Award**
Becky Ettinger  
Assistant Professor of Nursing, Health Sciences

**Curriculum Development Award**
Mary Anne Anthony, Professor of Mathematics &  
Lynn Marecek, Professor of Mathematics

**Classified Employee of the Year**
Cassie Armstrong  
Administrative Secretary, Disabled Students Program and Services

**H-O-T-T (Half-of-the-Time) Award**
Jimmy Nguyen  
Administrative Clerk, Business Division, SAC

**Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award**
Margaret Klase  
Administrative Secretary, Student Services

**Professional Achievement Award**
Lorena Marquez  
Transfer Center Specialist, Center for Teacher Education
The mission of Santa Ana College is to be a leader and partner in meeting the intellectual, cultural, technological, workforce and economic development needs of our diverse community. Santa Ana College prepares students for transfer, employment, careers and lifelong intellectual pursuits in a dynamic learning environment.