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New Collaborations

A new endeavor also began for the Foundation in collaboration with the Associated Student Government. The Summer Session Rescue Fund began as an idea presented by a small group of students to help raise money to bring back some classes that were lost due to budget cuts to summer school. Facing costs of $4500 to save a class, and with much cooperation and participation from SAC faculty/staff, students, our Foundation Board of Directors and some inspired community members, contributions to the Summer Session Rescue Fund enabled the college to add back one class to the summer 2009 schedule. We are proud of the collaborative achievement.

2009 Hall of Fames

Continuing the Santa Ana College tradition of recognizing outstanding alumni, four honorees were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame in June 2009 in a ceremony at the SAC Phillips Hall. Inductees were also recognized at the annual college commencement ceremony.

• Robert David Hall, Actor
• Daniel Hohneker, Professor (Retired)
• Craig A. Hunter, Deputy Chief of Police, Anaheim Police Department
• Thanh Minh Nguyen, M.D., Ph.D., Pediatrician

In addition, the foundation co-hosted our Athletic Hall of Fame with the Athletic Department. This year’s honorees that were inducted were:

• Dave Alexander, Wrestling
• Fred Fuller, Track & Field
• Lester “Bus” McKnight, Football
• Joyce Lyman, Softball

Note worthy

The Alberto Radillo Scholarship Fund exceeds Past Scholarship Distribution

This year one of our most endowed scholarship funds, the Alberto Radillo Scholarship, approved a record breaking distribution of student scholarships of over $44K to Santa Ana College students. Among the student recipients was Kevin Gomez, who will be transferring to UC Berkeley in the Fall, where he will major in Business. Kevin was selected for a $6,000.00 scholarship from the Alberto Radillo Scholarship Fund. Kevin stated “My parents don’t live here and I have no other family support. I literally would not have been able to attend UC Berkeley if it wasn’t for the Radillo Scholarship and Santa Ana College”.

Arlene Radillo Green, daughter of Alberto Radillo, states about her contributions to Santa Ana College, "It is an honor to give in memory of my father’s passion for education and students. Being a part of these scholarships and being able to meet these wonderful Santa Ana College students is also a real honor, I wouldn’t have it any other way”.

Planned Giving Program Achieves Tremendous Milestones

An alumni of Santa Ana College and Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Carl Sawyer, who passed away on June 27, 2008 left a bequest to Santa Ana College's Nealley Library and Athletic Hall of Fame.

Although the Planned Giving Program is in the beginning stages, this bequest and two others from our alumni and friends provide a wonderful testament to the impact that Santa Ana College makes on students and the community.

Alumni Relations

A revamped Alumni Association website was launched, featuring an alumni portal that allows the Foundation to obtain information from alumni and allows alumni to connect with each other. Through this website, the Foundation has obtained new contact information from more than 4,500 valued alumni.

A quarterly e-newsletter also updates alumni and friends about the college and Foundation activities.

As a part of alumni cultivation efforts, the SAC Alumni Relations program hosted its inaugural Alumni Speaker Series. This event allows selected alumni to speak directly to current students about their educational journey and career choices. The direct interaction between these two groups is life changing. Corporate underwriting opportunities are available for this series, which also provides lunch to participants. The Foundation will be continuing the series in the 2009-2010 academic year.

Philanthropic Events

In 2008-09, the foundation hosted several fundraising events netting a total of over $150K dollars for students, programs, and the strategic efforts of the Foundation.

• The Sixth Annual Pageant of the Trees - $53,000
• 11th Annual Chancellor’s Ball - $38,000
• The Ed Arnold Golf Classic - $42,000
• President’s Circle - $18,000
In the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the Foundation received over $546,000 in revenue/donations. The Foundation has received a steady flow of donations over the last five years. Support from private donors, alumni, community foundations, including the RSCCD Foundation, district faculty and staff make our growth and success possible. Internal support makes a difference and in 2008-09, a total of 156 staff and faculty donated nearly $33,000 through payroll deductions.

In partnership with institutions and corporations like Southern California Edison, The Kellogg Foundation, The Orange County Community Foundation, Wells Fargo, Kivianos Club of Santa Ana and the Federal Government, the foundation has grown its private grants to support programs. Distributions for students and programs were at an all time high this year with more than $580,000 distributed in the forms of scholarships, program funding and departmental and faculty support.

As the Foundation continues to grow, the exploration for other opportunities to maximize it's flexibility for the future is underway.

Over the last few years a small percentage of expenses have gone towards resource and business development activities to identify new funding opportunities, expand the foundation's service offerings and increase overall awareness of Santa Ana College. In addition, the foundation continues to support other community organizations and their efforts to enhance central Orange County and the City of Santa Ana.

\section*{In Summary}

During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the Santa Ana College Foundation, through more successful fundraising and individual donations, remained strong to support 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 and favorably impacting the lives of our deserving students. We encourage you to join us and help us to help others.

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