



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SANTA ANA COLLEGE FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$25,000 GIFT FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON** *Donation will support STEM Scholarships and the Santa Ana College Promise Program*

*Santa Ana, Calif.* – The Santa Ana College (SAC) Foundation recently received a \$25,000 donation from Southern California Edison (SCE) to benefit two key SAC initiatives: the Santa Ana College Promise Program and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) scholarships. This marks the seventh year in a row that the Foundation has received such a gift.

“We are delighted and deeply grateful for Southern California Edison’s continued commitment to SAC students,” said Ken Purcell, SAC foundation board president. “SCE’s financial support allows students to focus on their education and achieve their academic goals.”

The Santa Ana College Promise Program (formerly *jAdelante!*) provides every Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD) high school graduate—who enrolls at SAC full-time—with many benefits to ensure their success. This includes priority registration, free tuition their first year, and guaranteed admission to either California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) or the University of California, Irvine (UCI) – as long as grade point average requirements are met for each institution.

SCE’s donation directly compliments the Santa Ana College Promise Program, by funding services for Promise students such as counseling and academic mentoring, among others.

STEM scholarship programs include dozens of opportunities for students who are planning careers within the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. STEM scholarship recipients often have the ability to reduce or even eliminate the time they spend working in order to gain more time for studies in their chosen field; thus, increasing their chances to complete their post-secondary education and earn a degree.

“SCE and SAC’s direct, public-private partnership makes a marked difference in the success rate of our students; not only in college, but also as they move beyond the classroom and into the workforce,” said Christina Romero, executive director of the SAC Office of College Advancement and Foundation. “The benefits are far-reaching, as ultimately these types of donations have a positive impact on economic development across Orange County and beyond.”

Edison International (parent company of Southern California Edison power and energy corporation) provides support for higher education purposes as well as other charitable causes through donations made possible by committed shareholders of the company. At no time are philanthropic efforts on behalf of the company funded through Southern California Edison customers.

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For more information about the Santa Ana Promise Program, please call (714) 564-6165 or visit [www.sac.edu/Adelante](http://www.sac.edu/Adelante). For more information regarding STEM Scholarships, please visit: [www.sac.edu/STEM](http://www.sac.edu/STEM). For more information about the Santa Ana College Foundation, please call (714) 564-6091 or visit [www.sac.edu/foundation](http://www.sac.edu/foundation).

**About Santa Ana College**

*Santa Ana College (SAC), which turned 100 years old in 2015, serves approximately 18,000 students each semester at its main campus in Santa Ana. The college prepares students for transfer to four-year institutions, provides invaluable workforce training, and customized training for business and industry. In addition, another 11,000 students are served through the college's School of Continuing Education located at Centennial Education Center. Ranked as one of the nation's top two-year colleges awarding associate degrees to Latino and Asian students, the college is also recognized throughout the state for its comprehensive workforce training programs for nurses, firefighters, law enforcement and other medical personnel. SAC is one of two comprehensive colleges under the auspices of the Rancho Santiago Community College District.*

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