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VITA offers free tax help at Palo Alto College

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will be offering free tax assistance services from Jan. 18 to April 17 at Palo Alto College for individuals and families who earn up to \$55,000 annually.

VITA services will be available in the Ozuna Library, Room 114. Hours of operation are Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Taxpayers are required to bring the following items to prepare a tax return with VITA:

- · Driver's License or Photo I.D.
- · Social Security Card or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) for filer, spouse, and any dependents
- · Birth dates for filer, spouse, and any dependents
- · W2 forms from all employers
- · Copy of prior year tax return (if applicable)
- · 1099 forms (if applicable)
- Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number)
- · If filing jointly, both spouses must be present

For additional information on VITA services, locations, and hours call the United Way Helpline at 2-1-1 or 227-HELP(4357) or visit www.VITASA.org.

The Alamo City Coalition for Family Economic Self Sufficiency (ACCESS) supports the VITA program in an effort to increase the financial stability of low-income working residents of San Antonio and Bexar County. In the 2010 tax-filing season, VITA volunteers completed over 37,000 tax returns through 26 VITA service sites in San Antonio.

Palo Alto College, one of the Alamo Colleges, is a fully accredited community college located on the Southside of San Antonio with 9,000 students. It awards associate degrees and short-term certificates and offers non-credit continuing education classes. The campus is located at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy. 16 or online at alamo.edu/pac.