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## Intense workshop benefits young journalists

The Journalism-Photography Department recently held its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Urban Journalism Workshop for 16 eager high school students, with department faculty and professionals (including many former students) who volunteered their time to help the next generation of journalists take flight.

During the intensive two-week workshop, students learned about ethics from Dr. Fred Blevens, University of Oklahoma journalism professor. They also learned to take notes, conduct interviews, write stories, take photographs and put together the final product of the workshop, the publication *You S.A.*, with their own articles and photographs.

"Meeting these 15 strangers and now becoming friends is an experience I will cherish," said P.J. Cabrera, Business Careers High School senior, whose positive reaction is one of many on the workshop website, [www.accd.edu/sac/j-p/UJWdaily2005.html#Finally](http://www.accd.edu/sac/j-p/UJWdaily2005.html#Finally).

At the closing luncheon, students were honored for individual achievements in areas of graphics, design, photojournalism, news reporting, and AP Style, and some received scholarships. The ACCD \$1,500 scholarships went to Andie Rangel (Seguin), Chanta Arrington (Warren), and Brandy Bineham (Taft); the Daugherty \$1,500 scholarships went to Ya-Nuri Felton (East Central), Jerika Maese (East Central) and P. Ryan Johnston (Taft). Brandy Bineham (Taft) and Rozanne DeBord (Reagan) were each nominated for the Dow Jones \$1,000 scholarship to study journalism.

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Photo by Tricia Bachhorn.

Reagan High School adviser Cynthia Mills (right) congratulates her students, seniors Eric Alonzo, William Patterson and Roxanne DeBord. DeBord will be the workshop nominee in the Dow Jones writing competition.

## SAC will offer evening classes in Comal ISD

Earlier this month, officials from San Antonio College and Comal Independent School District (CISD) signed an agreement to make it possible for SAC to offer evening classes at Smithson Valley High School, beginning with the Fall 2005 Semester. After the ceremony, students registered for classes on-site in the school's commons area.

Classes offered include English, government, math, history, psychology and Spanish.

Dr. Marvin Crawford, CISD interim superintendent, said, "The education partnership with San Antonio College will benefit our students and patrons in the Smithson Valley area. We hope people take advantage of the college-level courses being offered just a few miles from their homes."



Speakers at the event included Nancy Cobb, Comal ISD Associate Superintendent for Administration/Operations; Dr. Thomas C. Hoy, Executive Vice President for San Antonio College; and Charlie Cantu, Comal ISD patron.

For more information, call Director of Distance Education Helen Torres at 733-2045 or 733-2181, or Kari Hutchison, Director of Communications, Comal Independent School District, at 830-221-2045.

Pictured left is Dr. Thomas C. Hoy, SAC executive vice president, and Nancy Cobb, Comal ISD associate superintendent for administration/operations, shaking hands after the signing event.

## Calendar of Events

Events are free unless otherwise noted.



Now through Sept. 2 2005 Student Show Art Exhibit, a highly competitive juried exhibit in the VATC Gallery. Artwork may be viewed during normal campus hours. Contact Joel Knocke, Visual Arts & Technology, 733-2898.

### August 1-12

Phi Theta Kappa partners with 102.7 K-Rock and AM 550 KTSA to collect school supplies for kids in the Southside ISD. Collection boxes are throughout campus. Contact: Jeff Hunt, 733-2715.

### Saturday, August 6

Study Skills for Overcoming Math Fear and Failure, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with lunch break. Admission: \$35 (includes a workbook). Class size is limited - register now. Location announced at time of registration. Contact: Moody Learning Center, Suite 712, call 733-2052 or visit [www.accd.edu/sac/bsep/review.htm](http://www.accd.edu/sac/bsep/review.htm).

### Saturday, August 13

Latina Health Conference presented by KWEX-TV. Event includes children's vaccinations, bilingual presentations by medical professionals, and more. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Gym I & II. Contact: Tara Daugherty, 785-6335.

### Monday, August 15

District Convocation. 8:30 a.m. coffee 9 a.m. meeting, McAllister Auditorium. Contact: Charlotte Wolf, 733-2189.

College Convocation. 2 p.m., McAllister Auditorium. Contact: President's Office, 733-2190.

### Tuesday, August 16

New Faculty Orientation. 8:30 a.m., VATC 120. Contact: President's Office, 733-2190.

### August 16 and August 26

Due dates for Staff Council school supply drive for Travis Elementary. Contact: Gil Castillo, 733-2051.

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President Robert Zeigler poses with 11-year-old Ruby Helena Martinez-Berrier (left), who attends Alamo Heights Junior School and is the daughter of government instructors Michael Berrier and Susanne Martinez, and 7-year-old Alexis Welch, who attends Hopkins Elementary School and is the daughter of Angelica Gutierrez, who works in the Business Department. In a drawing, Dr. Zeigler selected Ruby's entry to throw the first pitch and Alexis' entry to chase the Puffy Taco around the bases during the July 14th SAC Night at the Missions game, for which the College was a major sponsor.



Congratulations to Math Professor **Gerald Busald**, who was selected to serve on the Texas Lottery Executive Director Search Committee. Busald and his statistics students have been critical of the lottery over the years for misleading ads, incorrect claims of the odds for winning, and faulty research reports. In an Associated Press article, he states, "I think I will have some tough questions to ask the candidates about those integrity issues." His selection was also covered by the *Dallas Morning News* ("I want to tell my students that there is truth in government, and I have not found it in the lottery") and the *Houston Chronicle* ("My only hope is...that we get a person with integrity who could help change the culture of the commission").

Hooray for English faculty **Liz Ann Baez Aguilar**, associate professor, and **Laurie Lopez Coleman**, assistant professor, who made presentations in the Children's Literature segment of the Latina Letters conference at St. Mary's University in July. Aguilar spoke on "Latinas Speak Out: Identifying Subject Patterns in Intermediate Narratives," and Coleman spoke on "Representing Our Pluralistic Society in Picture Books by Latina Authors and Illustrators."

Kudos to Public Administration Program Coordinator **Sylvia De Leon** for her work with the Tech Prep Summer Institute Camp on Career Clusters, which taught high school and college students about careers in criminal justice, public administration and business management, while they studied different regions of the world. The program culminated with a field trip to Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras, Mexico, where students visited actual sites that combine the careers. As the final project, students developed Power Point presentations for delivery to their respective schools.

## FGIC program expands SAC students get jobs

SAC received a second First Generation Students in College Grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) along with the U.S. Department of Labor, the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Education Agency.

"Totalling \$50,000, this grant, titled San Antonio College's Colegiantes: Primera Generacio, will provide \$500 scholarships per semester for 50 SAC students," said Ruben Flores, Dean of Weekend, Evening and Distance Education.

This award supplements an earlier \$25,000 THECB grant for this program.

In September, students selected for scholarships will be trained and then team up with and mentor four high school students at their former high schools, primarily Jefferson, Edison, Fox Tech and Lanier. The goal is to have a total of 200 students mentored throughout the school year, teaching goal-setting, study habits and college opportunities. The mentees will be encouraged to enroll in SAC's Senior Summer Program, a six-week transition-to-college program that offers up to six hours of college credit in classes taken with peers.

The Senior Summer Program, begun seven years ago, has grown from an enrollment of 195 students last summer to 236 students this summer. For more information, contact Project Co-Directors Manuel Gonzalez III at 733-2478 or Daniel Sustaita at 733-2496.

Job Placement Specialist Xandy Rocha says the Job Placement Center really does help students with employment. The following are just a few who have reported their interview schedules or job offers, though many others do not call to let the Center know when they get a job or even an interview.



Over the past six weeks, Undre was hired by San Antonio Independent School District as a Teacher Assistant, and just received a second job offer with the School of Excellence. Local insurance company USAA hired Michelle in the Claims Department, and Julia in Customer Service. Albert was offered a Team Leader position with Chic-fil-A.

Students in line for jobs include: Myriam, who interviewed with La Quinta for an accountant position (she was not hired but is working at the Food Bank); Diane, who had two interviews for secretarial positions; Mark, who interviewed with Brake Check; and MJ, who is considered a good prospect for an evening position with UPS.

The JPC holds job fairs every Fall and Spring semester to assist students in finding employment. In the '05-'06 academic year, fairs are set for October 5 and April 5. Call 733-6021 or 733-6026 for details, or visit them on the first floor of Moody Learning Center.

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Some of the topics that students researched and wrote about included junior volunteers at Northwest Volunteer Fire Department, date rape, drinking in high school, obesity, security in schools, the need for financial literacy, and a former high school math teacher who had to get a job at Sam's Club to earn enough to support his family.

Faculty for the workshop included Chet Hunt, department chair and *The Ranger Online* advisor, and *The Ranger* Advisors Irene Abrego, Tricia Buchhorn and Marianne Odom. For details, call 733-2870.

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