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Update

SAC's Outstanding Former Students selected for 2003-2004

Dr. Tessa Pollack, President of Our Lady of the Lake University, and artist Ana de Portela have been selected as San Antonio College's Outstanding Former Students for 2003-2004.



Dr. Tessa Pollack



Ana de Portela

Dr. Pollack said her selection in 2002 as President of Our Lady of the Lake University marked an important homecoming for her. "San Antonio is one of those cities blessed to have such a concentration of educational institutions, and it is where I had such a formative experience at San Antonio College and Our Lady of the Lake High School," she said.

She earned an Associate of Arts degree in 1967 from San Antonio College, which she chose because it was very affordable. Her most influential teacher was Florence Lieb, Professor Emeritus of English. "She

propelled my interest in writing, which led me to major in journalism at UT Austin, and personally touched me in terms of career choices," said Pollack. She went on to earn a Bachelor's in

Journalism at UT Austin, a Master's in Education and Business at UTSA, and a doctorate in Educational Administration at UT Austin.

While teaching at John F. Kennedy High School, Pollack was recruited to work at SAC, where she progressed from Continuing Education Lecturer to Program Developer, Assistant to the President, and Dean of Occupational, Technical and Continuing Education. She was selected President of the Miami-Dade Community College Medical Center Campus, the Glendale Community College in the Maricopa County Community College District in Arizona, and Our Lady of

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Smoking proposal is passed at San Antonio College

At its monthly meeting this week, the College Academic Council unanimously passed a "San Antonio College Proposal on Smoking," presented by President Robert Zeigler, to gradually phase out smoking on the college campus.

His proposal comes after a series of open forums with students, discussions at various college groups, and surveys. In a survey of 422 students, 70 percent were supportive of smoking restrictions, including 39.6 percent of smokers who were surveyed.

Beginning in the Fall 2004 Semester, smoking on campus will be restricted to a few specified areas, which are sheltered and reasonably far from doorways. These will be identified and announced soon. Throughout the 2004-2005 academic year, free smoking cessation classes will be offered to help people end their addiction to smoking. Beginning with the Fall 2005

Semester, the entire college campus will be officially smoke-free. An information campaign will begin this semester to inform the college community of this plan and to encourage cooperation.

"We will be flexible about the exact timeline," said President Zeigler, "but we believe this is an important step to take to promote the health of our students, faculty and staff."

He added that smoking restrictions would eliminate second-hand smoke hazards for people with serious allergies, improve campus cleanliness, and save money (groundskeepers spend 60 hours a week just cleaning up cigarette butts). Zeigler said the effort also would align the college with the City of San Antonio's similar efforts and with national studies that clearly show how dangerous smoking is to our health and environment.

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Calendar of Events

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Fri.-Sat., March 12-13

Folk Dance Festival
Location: CPEC & McAllister Auditorium
Contact: George Ann Simpson, 733-2763,
gsimpson@accd.edu

Mon.-Sun., March 15-21

Spring Break - College Closed
All Administrative Offices will be closed
Thurs.-Sun.

Tuesday, March 23

The Holocaust: Let Us Remember Series
Presented by Dr. William Samelson
"Days of Disgrace and Redemption"
12 p.m., Methodist Student Center
For information, call 733-1441.

Tuesday, March 23

Bach Birthday Recital
Irene Liden, coordinator
7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium

Wednesday, March 24

Hot Potato Series
"Finding Your Spiritual Path," Rev. Sheree Harris, Colonial Hills UMC
12 p.m., Methodist Student Center
Free hot potato lunch. Everyone invited.
For more information, call 733-1441

Thursday, March 25

Faculty Recital
Guitars at SAC (Peter Carey, Paul Harper, and Terry Muska)
7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium

Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Ned Bailey, Professor of English, has announced the first scholarship in memory of her son Danny Stevens. The \$300 scholarship will be awarded May 1 to a declared Liberal Arts major with a 3.0 GPA, with a minimum of 12 hours completed before this semester and currently enrolled for at least 9 hours. Application forms may be picked up in the English Department Office at Gonzales Hall, Room 123. The deadline to apply is March 31. For more details, call 733-2505.

Pollack and de Portela place value on San Antonio community

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the Lake University.

She has been published and presented papers in numerous professional publications and at conferences. Also, she has served on many educational and civic boards, most recently on the boards of the United Way, World Affairs Council, and Alamo Public Telecommunications. She also is a member of Mayor Garza's Commission on Integrity and Trust in Local Government.

Selected honors include Nominee for Dissertation of the Year Award, the University of Texas at Austin; Distinguished Graduate and Visiting Scholar, the University of Texas at Austin; Arizona Woman Award 2001; Outstanding Educator, Hispanic Nurses Association of Dade County; "100 Influentials" in the *National Hispanic Business Magazine* in 1991; Miami Today Newsmakers Award; and the "Las Que Marcaron Brecha" Award from MANA de San Antonio and KLRN-TV.

Bruce M. Flohr, President of Flohr Enterprise, Inc. and Chair of Our Lady of the Lake University Board of Trustees, praised President Pollack as an excellent role model. "She grew up in the neighborhood where she now leads Our Lady of the Lake University. She is a perfect example of someone who worked very hard, took many risks, always accepted challenges, and persevered in adversity. Through her professional accomplishments and civic involvement, Dr. Pollack brings great distinction to her alma mater and is truly an outstanding former student of San Antonio College."

When artist Ana de Portela attended San Antonio College in the 1980s, she registered for an art class with Professor Mark Pritchett, Fine Arts Coordinator, which changed her life. "I was so overwhelmed with information, I dropped everything and took all art with Mel Casas, Ray Cox, and

Tom Willome," she said, adding, "I made an everyday relationship with the world of ideas . . . They prepared me for the global."

She later studied at University of the Incarnate Word, University of Vienna, National Autonomous University of Mexico, and Trinity University Journalism Institute. She credits her preparation at SAC as critical to her success at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, where she earned her B.F.A. in Sculpture. "My professors were extremely impressed with my critique skills and studio discipline, [which] came from my SAC professors," she said.

De Portela sees her art as integrally connected to community and audience. This is evident in her organization of participatory events such as the multi-media "Embracing Grandeur" that featured artists whose work she believes was marginalized or underrepresented, and an interactive mural and outdoor screening wall to pay homage to the recently destroyed west side landmark known as La Gloria. She has also worked for Americorps/VISTA domestic peace corps as Director for Video-in-the-Community.

She was the first Latina and the first Texas awarded an international residency in Germany, Die Hoge, which colleague Martha Funicella said, "recognizes individuals working in the realm of the socially temporal and the consciously objective in categories ranging from philosophy, literature, performance/visual art and social sciences."

De Portela has appeared in numerous one-woman shows as well as two-person and group exhibits in Texas, New York, Vienna, Berlin, Copenhagen, Venice, Brussels, Los Angeles, Cologne, and Leipzig. She has been a visiting artist at the Bundesministerium Fur Wissenschaft Forschung Kultur und Kunst in Austria and Amerikahaus Video in Leipzig, Germany.

Her honors include the Mildred Perle Caplan Award for sculpture from the Maryland Institute College of Art, and Who's Who of American Women.

Exciting NEWS!

Congratulations to **Dana Morris**, Senior Multimedia Specialist, for being named Employee of the Month for March.



Photo by Leonard Ziegler

Congratulations to **Ron Carswell**, CIS Networking Administration, who completed a third lab manual for Course Technology - MCSE Lab Manual for Guide to Managing a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Network. This lab manual provides the student with the hands-on instruction they'll need to prepare for the MCSE certification exam 70-291 and succeed as a Microsoft network engineer or administrator. Designed for classroom-led or self-paced study, the labs offer a unique, practical approach to learning that is a key component to the MCSE exams.

Congratulations to **Joan Fabian**, Visual Arts & Technology Instructor, who has a collaborative exhibit of drawings and paintings titled "Salsa and Tulips" with artist Pieter Zandvliet in Schiedam, Holland. Fabian attended the opening ceremony on March 7 in the Netherlands and gave the mayor Burgermeester Reinier Scheeres a book on San Antonio from Mayor Ed Garza as a gesture of International friendship between the two cities. Both artists gave a presentation at the Artoteek on their work and will inspire Dutch school children to do a collaboration for exhibit in April.

SAC smoke-free by 2005

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According to the College Tobacco Prevention Resource, "Tobacco use rose steadily on U.S. campuses through the 1990s. At current rates, an estimated 1 out of 9 of today's college students will die of tobacco-related illness." Their website at <http://www.ttac.org/college/facts/negative-effects.html> identifies the negative impact on our health and environmental, including academic and mental performance.

More details will be announced on restricted smoking areas and smoking cessation classes.

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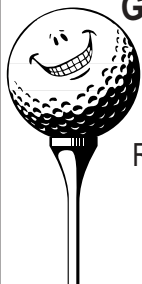
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SAC Alumni Association Golf Tournament



Sunday, April 4

Registration begins, 11 a.m.
Shotgun Start, 1 p.m.
Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club
2910 Harry Wurbach Rd.

For details, contact the Alumni Office at 731-6768.