



SAC community active in Katrina relief efforts

The SAC community of students, faculty and staff is active with Katrina Relief Efforts, including:

Drives to Collect and Deliver Supplies:

- Clothing (coordinated by Housekeeping, 733-2238 or 733-2247).
- Personal items (coordinated by Office of Student Life, 733-2680, Catholic Student Center and United Methodist Student Ministries).
- Money (SAC Bookstore, 733-5960, will donate to American Red Cross).

Phone Banks: Students, faculty and staff are helping with local TV station phone banks (coordinated by Martha Buchanan, Academic Support Specialist, 733-2826).

Service Learning: Faculty are invited to engage their students in service learning projects involving community service to help at the relief centers. (Coordinated by Audrey Grams, Service Learning Coordinator, 785-6044).

Adopt a Family: The SAC community is invited to adopt a family with supplies and aid, or, if they can, adopt them physically (coordinated by Dr. Joy Black, Dean of Student Affairs, 785-6202). SAC's administrative team is adopting a family.

Day Care: Child development staff are assisting with children's needs at shelters.



Representing just part of the SAC efforts are (left) Sylvia DeLeon, public administration professor and club advisor; Vernell E. Walker, business department chair; Angelica Gutierrez, member of the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) club and Geraldo R. Guerra, Public Administration Club member and student, who delivered clothing, personal items, and cash donations to Boys & Girls Town where 50 children and 20 adults from Louisiana are staying.

Nursing: In partnership with other colleges, a group of SAC Nursing Education students (Nursing Professor Carol Lewis, 733-2366) is helping at KellyUSA. They check on medications, listen to evacuees, assist with health assessments, etc.

Counseling:

- College counselors have been trained and are being dispatched to area in-take centers to provide personal and, if appropriate, academic counseling.
- The SAC Women's Center (Dr. Helen Vera, Coordinator, 733-2299) is working with the city's Office of Community Initiatives to provide on-site workshops.

College Admissions: SAC, along with all ACCD colleges, is providing quick admittance to college courses, particularly Flex II classes that begin in October, as well as Continuing Education courses, which can be offered at various times throughout the year. The college is also working with four-year colleges to refer appropriate students.

Various Assistance: Other personnel are helping with in-take at local centers, including staff and faculty from the Office of Evening, Weekend, and Distance Education; Enrollment Management; Learning Resources Center; Student Life, and others.

For more information call, Audrey Grams, Service Learning Coordinator, 785-6044.

Calendar of Events

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

Through October 1

An exhibit by Commercial Photography adjunct lecturer W. Scott Vallance, part of San Antonio's FotoSeptiembre event. Second-floor hallway of Loftin Student Center in Journalism-Photography Dept. Exhibit may be viewed during regular campus hours of operation. Contact: (210) 733-2870.

September 12 - October 14

Hispanic Heritage Month. Events scheduled throughout the SAC campus. Contact: Adolph Lopez, 733-2305.

Friday, September 16

Constitution Day 2005, Noon - 2 p.m. VATC room 120. Political Science Department panel discussion and debate regarding federalism, civil rights, civil liberties and other issues. Contact: 733-2545

Friday nights starting September 16

Friday Night Public Shows at Scobee Planetarium (provided that maintenance and remodeling of the planetarium are completed on time).
6:30 p.m. "The Rocket Trip" (1st-3rd grade)
8 p.m. "Wonders of the Night Sky"
9 p.m. Telescope viewing (weather permitting)
For ticket prices, contact: 733-2910 or visit www.accd.edu/sac/ce/scobee/MainMenu.htm.

Monday - Tuesday, Sept. 19 and 20

Blood Drive to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Loftin Student Center - Fiesta Room. Contact: Carrie Hernandez, 733-2641.

September 19 - October 28

Art Exhibit: "Paintings by Miki Lee" in the VATC Gallery, open during regular campus hours, Monday - Saturday. Artist lecture set for Thursday Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m. in VATC room 120. Opening reception to follow at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Joel Knocke at 733-2898, Debra Schafer at 785-6074 or Eduardo Rodriguez at 733-2160.

www.accd.edu/sacpr/calendar.htm

Adjunct instructors receive Excellence Awards

For the past three years, SAC's Office of Evening, Weekend and Distance Education has presented Teacher Excellence Awards to Adjunct Faculty, based on Departmental Chairpersons' nominations. To be considered, the following must be met:

- 1) Innovative Teaching Methodology,
- 2) Excellent Chair Evaluations,
- 3) Excellent Student Evaluations,
- 4) Participation in Academic Community,

and 5) Participation in Professional or Neighborhood Organizations.

Individuals receiving awards at the Fall 2005 Adjunct Faculty Convocation included: Dr. Marilyn J. Ward, Administrative Computer Technology; John De La Garza, Protective Services; Cynthia Sims, Journalism and Photography; James D. Dunn, Foreign Languages; Randi Wayland, Kinesiology; Anthony Lyle, Sociology; Sally Baynton, English; and John Browning, English.



A retirement reception was held last month for Carolyn Haisler, recognizing her 37 years of outstanding service with San Antonio College. During the reception, a video presentation featured co-workers who expressed their well wishes and told stories to illustrate her hard work, special attention to detail and, most of all, her friendliness.

Carolyn is pictured here with President Robert E. Zeigler, amid celebration and tears, holding a parting gift, a rare acrylic painting by Beth Eidelberg, titled "Secret Pathway." It is a rendition of a pathway at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. Eidelberg was named Artist of the Year in 1990 by The San Antonio Art League.

Housekeepers thanked

In a recent e-mail message, SAC Staff Council announced International Housekeepers Week, September 12-18, and asked everyone to personally thank the Housekeeping staff for the outstanding jobs they do year-round.

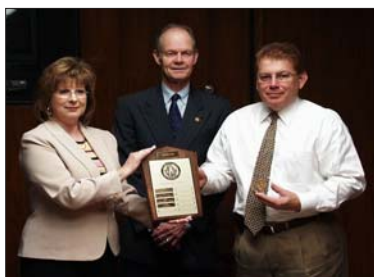
Starting in 1981 as a way to recognize the "doers" in the housekeeping field, the International Executive Housekeepers Association, Inc. turned National Housekeepers Week into a world-wide celebration in 1996.

"We've got great housekeeping staff here at SAC - all of them work hard everyday to make sure the campus is clean and inviting for students, employees and visitors alike," said Housekeeping General Foreman Bertha Norwood. "International Housekeepers Week is a great time to give them the recognition they deserve. Thank you Staff Council for the support and generous HEB Gift Cards."

Hispanic culture honored

On-campus activities Sept. 12 to Oct. 14 celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, starting with guest speakers and a Friday noon mass at the SAC Catholic Student Center. An essay contest will be announced later this week (due Sept. 30). On Sept. 19 and 20, Student Life sponsors "Contamos Contigo" ("we count on you"), a blood drive to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims. During the rest of the month, readings, guest speakers, movies and exhibits are planned, as is a formal dedication of the mural that portrays 500 years of Mexican-American history, noon on Oct. 3 in the Loftin Student Center; U.S. Representative Charlie Gonzalez will be the keynote speaker. Contact Adolph Lopez, 733-2305.

Vernell Walker, Business Chair, and President Robert E. Zeigler congratulate Leo Pacheco (right), who received the 2005 Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award for academic excellence and leadership. Mr. Pacheco earned his associates degree at SAC in Public Administration and is currently studying Business Administration at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville campus at Palo Alto College. He works as a Recruitment and Employment Analyst for the Bexar County Civil Service Commission.



The 2005-06 Staff Council includes, from top, (l-r) Ana Escamilla, Reading and Education; Christina Sandoval, Admissions & Records; Ester Coronado, Institutional Effectiveness; Staff Council President Richard White, Continuing Education; Nina Lopez, Institutional Effectiveness; Velia Tovar, Admissions & Records; Melinda Jo Rivero-Lara, Kinesiology & Physical Education; Delia De Luna, disABILITY Support Services; Annie Samano, Women's Center; and Cynthia Price, Institutional Research.

Staff Council starts anew

Last week, Staff Council's new president, Richard White, M.HRD, Director, Center for Professional Development, called to order the first Staff Council meeting for the Fall 2005 semester. New members were welcomed, a budget report was given and members were invited to sign up for committee work. Also, new officers were elected, which included: President-Elect Delia De Luna, disABILITY Support Services; Parliamentarian Velia Tovar, Admissions & Records; Secretary Christina Sandoval, Admissions & Records; Treasurer Ester Coronado, Institutional Effectiveness; and Reporter/Historian Ana Escamilla, Reading and Education.

As the meeting concluded, in recognition of International Housekeepers Week, Staff Council decided to donate \$100 in HEB gift cards to the hard-working Housekeeping Department at San Antonio College.



SAC Excellence ★

Hooray for engineering sophomore **John Ruiz**, who interned at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory during the summer and will attend UTSA in the fall. In August, Ruiz made a presentation at the Center for Adaptive Optics' (CfAO) Mainland Internship Symposium, held at the University of California at Santa Cruz. The presentation was based on his research at Lawrence Livermore and appears in the CfAO's Abstract Booklet for Research Presentations.



Congratulations to KSYM staff and students for going through the rigorous task to renew its broadcast license with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which was granted for eight more years as of August 1st.

Hooray for Jodi McMaster, J.D., Paralegal Studies Program Coordinator in Administrative Computer Technology, who was selected for the second time for *Who's Who Among American Teachers*, an honor that is granted to only 5% of all teachers. To be included, teachers must be nominated by an honor graduate as the most influential teacher in their entire academic career, K-College. The book and official announcements will be released later this Fall - www.whoswho-teachers.com/1whoware/default.aspx.



Kudos to Steve Samet, named the 2005-2006 President of the Texas College Counseling Association...the Division of the Texas Counseling Association, whose members are college/university counselors. He will present at the annual statewide TCA Conference in El Paso in November.

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