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Student graduates receive praise and degrees

Cheering was radiant as 390 SAC candidates for graduation, plus family and friends, participated in commencement at Freeman Coliseum on May 6. Adding a regal ambiance to the event was the SAC Brass Ensemble, directed by Peter Kline.



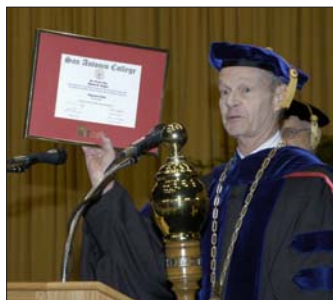
Faculty, staff and graduating students from the Interpreting for the Deaf department at SAC.

Commencement speakers included 2005-06 Outstanding Former Student Dr. William Breit, Professor Emeritus of Economics at Trinity University, as well as graduating student Alexandria C. Sanchez (AA in Speech). Sanchez served on the college's Institutional Effectiveness Steering Committee, as Leadership Officer for SAC's Phi Theta Kappa-Beta Nu Honor Society and as a volunteer speech tutor at Burbank High School. In the Fall, she will attend UTSA to pursue a Master's Degree in Speech Communication.

According to Assistant Director of Admissions Joe Jacques, an initial total of 500 students are candidates for graduation this academic year, receiving Associate Degrees in the Arts and Sciences, and Applied Sciences, as well as scores of certificates. Once grades are finalized in June, degrees will be mailed.

New this year are associate degrees awarded to individuals who meet conditions of the reverse

transfer program: students who have earned at least 30 credit hours from SAC and a bachelor's degree from an accredited Texas public institution of



higher education, and who have sent back to SAC the transcript from the accredited Texas public institution of higher education.

The first such degree – an AA in Liberal Arts – was awarded by Executive Vice President Thomas C. Hoy to President Robert E. Zeigler. "Wow!" exclaimed a very surprised Dr. Zeigler. "While my education included bachelor, master and even doctorate degrees, I am most proud of this one from SAC, thank you."

SAC Women's Center receives national award

The SAC Women's Center & Adult Re-Entry Program recently received a 2006 Model Program Award from the American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC), a leading national organization that champions women and maximizes their potential. The award highlights the accomplishments of colleges

that support equity for women and work in the spirit of AAWCC.

The Center was judged on 1) essential features; 2) mission, goals and objectives; 3) services and program scope; 4) impact on the women it serves; and 5) uniqueness and potential for being replicated. The award was presented at

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At the Chair Academy's 15th Annual International Conference held April 19-22 in Tucson, AZ, the Exemplary Leadership Award went to SAC President Robert E. Zeigler, nominated by his colleagues for demonstrated best leadership practices, and commitment to his institution, its departments and the students served. Attending with Dr. Zeigler, center, were SAC Department Chairs (l-r) Jessica Howard (Music & Humanities), Alex Bernal (English), Jesse C. Horton (Political Science), and Stella Lovato (Allied Health).



Calendar of Events

All events are free, except as noted.

Now through Sept. 8

2006 Juried Student Art Show in VATC Gallery. Contact: Joel Knocke, 733-2898.

Tuesday, June 6

Excellence in Education Lecture Series presents leading literacy expert Dr. Marilyn Jager Adams. 6 to 7:30 p.m. McAllister Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Contact: Mona Aldana-Ramirez, 785-6221.

Sunday, June 11- Friday, June 23

22nd annual Urban Journalism Workshop at San Antonio College teaches teamwork and journalism to high school students. Contact Journalism Dept. at 733-2870.

Thursday, June 15

2 p.m. in McCreless - Workshop with Rick Najera: "An Argument for Comedy in the Latino World." Free and open to the public.

7:30 p.m. in McAllister - Presentation by Rick Najera: "Illegal Comedy: A Latino Perspective." Free and open to the public. Sponsored by SAC Fine Arts and Cultural Events Series (FACES).

Friday, June 16 - Sunday, July 2

Opening of "Pain of the Macho" written by Rick Najera and presented by SAC Theatre. Curtain at 8 p.m. Reception follows.

Performances are set for 8 p.m., June 16-17, June 22-24 and June 30-July 1; and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, June 25 and July 2.

Tickets: Free to all ACCD Students, Staff and Faculty. \$12 - General Admission; \$8 for other students, military and seniors.

The play is part of TeatroFEST 2006, the city-wide festival founded by the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center to celebrate the Latino voice in American theater. Contact: Charles Falcon, 733-2726.

GOLF TOURNEY RE-SCHEDULED

SAC Alumni Assoc. Golf Tournament for Scholarship has been re-scheduled for Friday, Sept. 29. Shotgun start, 2 p.m. SilverHorn Golf Club of Texas. Fees: Four-person scramble: \$75 pp/\$300 per team of four. Contact: Martin Ortega, 733-2270 or Mary Curll, Alumni Coordinator, 410-7379.

For additional listings, please visit www.accd.edu/sac/pr/calendar.htm

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the AAWCC Awards Breakfast held in April during the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) Convention in Long Beach, CA. Additionally, the Center will be featured in the AAWCC publication, *Quarterly*, and on its website, www.aims.edu/aawcc/.

"We are excited to receive this prestigious award, especially at this time when we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Women's Center at San Antonio College," said Dr. Helen Vera, coordinator of SAC Women's Center and Adult Re-Entry Program. "Our program changes lives. Women come to us not realizing their own potential and are soon empowered by learning to acknowledge their own strengths and capabilities."



From the SAC Women's Center are: (top, l-r) Elena Favela, Nicole Hebert and Carolina Treviño; (bottom, l-r) Roxanne Royalty, Lorraine Rivas, Rose Mary Alexander, Annie Samano and Dr. Helen Vera.

With a menu of services that evolves to maintain student retention, comprehensive programs of the SAC Women's Center enhance abilities and self-esteem, and ultimately become a catalyst for transformation and family strengthening. For details, call the Women's Center at 733-2299.

Scholarships for Travis

SAC officials recently announced that a \$500 scholarship will be offered to any student who completes the 5th grade at Travis Elementary School, beginning with the Spring '06 class of 5th graders, and who later meets criteria for completing their high school education before enrolling at SAC.

President Zeigler said this is one more way that SAC encourages young people to continue their education after high school. For details, contact his office, 733-2190.

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Deadline to submit items is 5 p.m. Monday. Send news to Public Relations, FAC 313, call 733-2147, or e-mail your items to jhammond@accd.edu or dmartin@accd.edu. The Update staff reserves the right to edit items.

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★ SAC Excellence ★

Congratulations to **Marilu Argumedo** with the Counseling Department's College Access Program, named SAC Employee of the Month for May.



Bravo to Professor of History **Nora McMillan**, who will attend the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) 2006 Summer Institute "Maya Worlds: on-site in Chiapas, Guatemala, Honduras and Belize." Fifteen internationally distinguished scholars, plus local indigenous speakers, will conduct sessions and field excursions to Maya archaeological sites and Maya contemporary communities to study pre-Columbian history and Maya culture.

Hooray for Professor of English **Irma Ned Bailey, Ph.D.**, who will attend the NEH 2006 Summer Institute "Representations of the 'Other': Jews in Medieval Christendom" at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. Treating the experience of Jews as paradigmatic, 'otherness' will be examined across several disciplines: history, philosophy, theology, canon law, literature and art history.

Also, **Bailey** was selected by the Fulbright American and Italian Commission Boards as a Senior Lecturer to teach a graduate course in British and American Romantic literature at the University of Salerno (Italy) for the 2007 Spring semester.



Bravo to **KSYM 90.1 FM** for being named #1 Best Local Radio Station in the San Antonio Current's 2006 "Best Of" issue.

Kudos for **Maria Jimenez** with the College Access Project, who received a \$250 scholarship to attend the Leadership Loop 2006 professional development training series designed to boost skills required for business success. SAC and the San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce hosted the series earlier this month, with support from Merrill Lynch.

Congratulations to Associate Professor of History **Carol A. Keller**, who will participate in the 2006 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program, "Argentina and Uruguay: From Colonialism to the Future," to learn the society and cultural heritage of a region historically and geographically similar to our own. She is also working closely with **Professor Dean Lambert** in Chemistry/Earth Sciences/Astronomy to develop a web-based Geographic Information Systems curriculum module, "Mapping Argentina and Uruguay Across Time and Space," for use by ACCD faculty and students, and other educators.

Good luck to Dental Assisting student **Cari Jones** who goes to the SkillsUSA National competition next month in Kansas City, MO. She is pictured below, second from left, with classmates **Irma Meza** and **Kimberly Villanueva**, who also placed at the SkillsUSA Texas state competition. Advisor and Dental Assisting adjunct faculty member **Karen Gonzales** is on the right.



SAC's **Phi Theta Kappa Beta Nu** chapter was for the first time named a "Distinguished Chapter" (in the Top 25, out of 585 competing two-year college chapters worldwide) at the 88th Annual PTK International Awards Convention. Also, Beta Nu received a *Leadership Hallmark Award* for the Top 20 schools illustrating outstanding campus and community leadership, and the *Service Hallmark Award* for the Top 20 schools showing outstanding campus and community service. Chapter President **Pedro Ledezma** received the *Distinguished Chapter President* award for outstanding leadership and service year-round to the campus and community.

Last March, Beta Nu was named a *Texas Top Chapter*, receiving the highest ranking of "Five Star Status," among other honors.



Bravo to the SAC winners at the 2006 National Association of Teachers of Singing South Texas Regional Competition. Student winners are (l-r): **Carlos Saenz** - Semifinalist (Junior Men); **Diana Rodriguez**, 1st Place Finalist (Adult Beginner); **David Ramos** - Semifinalist (Freshmen Men); **Christopher Morales** - Semifinalist (Freshmen Men); and **Emanuel Ramirez**, 4th Place Finalist (Freshmen Men).