



# Update

## New faculty introduced at Fall '07 convocation



Richard Armstrong  
Physics, Engineering  
Architecture



Shirley Carson-Davis  
Nursing Ed.



Brenda Clark  
Electronics  
Technology



Salvador Gutierrez  
Reading



Fred Kinman  
Internet Coordinator



Tracey Le  
Nursing  
Education



Elaine Luna  
Nursing  
Education



Cheryl Mallan  
Admin. Computer  
Technology



Dr. Sherry Marton  
Economics



Lisa Menard  
Counseling  
and Student  
Development



Claudia Oglivie  
Nursing  
Education



Tammy Perez  
Foreign Language/  
ESOL



Dr. Doris Rosenow  
Nursing Ed.



Kimberley Saxon  
English



Berne Smith  
Visual Arts and  
Technology



Melissa Sutherland  
Counseling and  
Student Development

### Letter from the President Dr. Robert E. Zeigler



Welcome back! I hope you are looking forward to another successful year at San Antonio College. This year will be especially exciting as "our look" goes through a transformation with two new buildings and a parking garage. Watch the website for updates on our progress.

Hopefully all of you were able to join us at Convocation last week. Keynote speaker Dr. Henry Cisneros did an outstanding job addressing "Why the Alamo Community Colleges Must Become the Best in the Nation." His references to SAC were especially noteworthy. He spoke about how the ACCD colleges are good, and gave examples of people in his life who attended SAC. His wife, brother, and friend all believe their academic experiences at SAC prepared them for more rigorous coursework at universities. And he credits SAC for being a part of his success.

Dr. Cisneros also shared how the Alamo Community Colleges contribute to a more global picture. The education we provide obviously helps students grow personally, and it enhances San Antonio's expanding role in the global economy. What we do plays a significant role in creating a strong workforce, a better educated population, and a city that is economically and culturally viable.

As we begin a new year, I would like to encourage you to continue in the great job you are doing. At SAC, we are fortunate to have faculty and staff who are dedicated to helping students succeed. Your excellent work is what makes SAC such a great institution.

Lastly, please know that the SAC Administration is here to help in your work toward student success. The Faculty Senate, Chairs Council, and Staff Council are also available to you. From all of us to all of you – good luck and keep up the great work!



Forty incoming 11th and 12th grade students from Jefferson, Edison and Fox Tech high schools recently graduated from San Antonio College's Summer Bridge Program, which ran for six weeks in June through July, with funding from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). With a goal to improve students' college-readiness levels, the program offered early assessment of students' placement levels with tests administered before and after the program, English and Writing remedial courses, as well as a remedial Mathematics lab.

"What impressed me most is that we started with 40 students, and finished with the same 40," said Ruben Flores, Dean of Evening, Weekend and Distance Education. "Moreover, while all students had to meet minimum requirements to participate, in the end, more than half (25) raised themselves up to college level."

Condolences to the family of Mike Coolbaugh, the baseball player and coach who died July 22 in Little Rock, Arkansas. In addition to a successful 17-year career in the Minor Leagues, Coolbaugh was a full-time SAC Online Honor Student.



## Calendar of Events

Events are free, except as noted.

Now through September 7  
Juried Student Art Show 2007  
Visual Arts & Technology Center Gallery  
Open during normal campus hours.  
Contact: Matt Fulmer, 733-2902.

### Friday, August 31

Opening of the Hispanic Heritage Art contest and Essay contest (entries due Sept. 28).  
Contact: Adolph Lopez, lopez@accd.edu.

Applications due for Alamo Community Colleges Leadership Academy for Success (ALAS), open to full-time faculty and staff who currently serve in a supervisory capacity or leadership role. Details at [www.accd.edu/ACCD/hr/ALAS/alas.htm](http://www.accd.edu/ACCD/hr/ALAS/alas.htm).

### Monday, Sept. 3

Labor Day Holiday – COLLEGE CLOSED

### Wednesday, Sept. 5

Service-Learning and Volunteer Fair  
Tons of Door Prizes will be given out!  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Loftin Student Center-Fiesta Room  
Contact: 785-6044  
or log on to [www.accd.edu/sac/service](http://www.accd.edu/sac/service)  
click "Special Events."

### Sept. 9-15

National Housekeepers Week

<http://sacweb.accd.edu/calendar/>



Demonstrating academic success and community service participation over the past 12 months, SAC student Mary Cokerham was one of 400 students nationwide awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

### Safety Reminder

Take precautions to secure valuables (such as purses and wallets) in your department and office area. If possible, use locked cabinets or places not easily accessible to passersby.

### San Antonio College Update

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Deadline for news is 5 p.m. Monday. Send news to Public Relations, FAC 313, call 733-2147, or send e-mail to [jhammond@accd.edu](mailto:jhammond@accd.edu) or [dmartin@accd.edu](mailto:dmartin@accd.edu). The Update staff reserves the right to edit items.

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## Hunt receives top honor

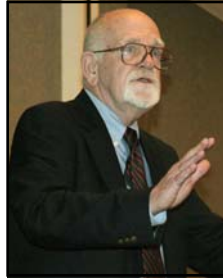


Photo by Tricia Buchhorn

Journalism-Photography Professor and Chair Emeritus Chester F. "Chet" Hunt, who last year retired from the department after 28 years, was recently honored with a Headliner Award from the

Association for Women in Communications - San Antonio chapter. Recognizing his professional achievement in the field of communications, Hunt received the *Edna McGaffey Media Excellence Award*, named for a former San Antonio College journalism student and a long-time columnist and feature writer for the *San Antonio Express-News*.

In other department news, photographers recently hosted local exhibits. More online at [www.accd.edu/sac/j-p/Boast\\_1July07.html](http://www.accd.edu/sac/j-p/Boast_1July07.html).



Continuing its commitment to community service and music education, Music & Humanities offered a free, month-long Music Theory College Preparatory Head Start Program for recent high school graduates who attended public high schools that did not offer an Advanced Placement (AP) Music Theory course. Participants pictured are: (front, l-r) Meryn Riley, cello, Incarnate Word HS, going to Baylor; Amy Dixon, clarinet, Taft HS, going to TSU; Shannon Griffith, voice, Jefferson HS, going to UTSA; and Amanda Austin, flute, going to UTSA (back, l-r) Isaiah Valadez, percussion and piano, Jefferson HS, going to UTSA; Michael Childress, trumpet, Taft HS, going to TSU; Chris Covo, percussion, MacArthur HS, going to TSU; and Nicolas Valdez, guitar, Jefferson HS, going to St. Mary's University.



## SAC Excellence ★

Congratulations to **Jacob Fuentes**, Facilities Management, named SAC Employee of the Month for August.



Service-Learning Coordinator **Audrey Grams**, Psychology Professor **Dr. Pamela Hill**, and Engineering Coordinator **Dr. Dan Dimitriu** were each nominated and received certificates for being Awards Finalists in the 2007 *Spirit of Service Awards* from Learn and Serve America. Grams was nominated for "Outstanding Learn and Serve Program" and Hill and Dimitriu as "Outstanding Service-Learning Faculty."

### Mona Aldana-Ramirez

was selected to serve on the State Educator Standards Advisory Committee. Though also nominated to serve as President-Elect of the Texas Consortium of Community Colleges for Teacher Education and Preparation, she declined the commitment given her current role with the San Antonio Math-Science Education Coalition (SAMSEC) and San Antonio Area Personnel Administrator (SAAPA) association, in addition to her normal duties as Coordinator of CE's Teacher Certification program.



In the Spring, The following employees received Enrichment (scholarship) Awards from Staff Council: **Tamotia Byrd-Franks**, Admissions & Records; **Lucia Guerrero**, Student Support Services Project; and **Francis Mendoza-Diaz**, Nursing Education.



Winding up (left) to throw the First Pitch for SAC Night at the Missions baseball game, July 19, is Tyler Gorentz son of Patricia Sanchez-Gorentz, Counseling.

Right, Carlos Maldonado, son of Isabel Lanford, Programs and Services for Women & Non-traditional Students, was selected for the "Chase the Puffy Taco" stadium game.



Right are SAC Radio, Television and Film students



(l-r) Nathan Moreno, Louis A. Canonico and Adam Elmhurst working as San Antonio Missions interns.

Right, SAC President Robert Zeigler, right, talks with Missions Director of Broadcasting Roy Acuff in the media booth during the game, which, despite a brief timeout for rain, the Missions won 9-5 against the Frisco Roughriders.

