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Rodriguez and Ortiz selected San Antonio College's Outstanding Former Students

San Antonio Chief of Police Albert Ortiz and retired City Clerk Norma Rodriguez have been selected as San Antonio College's Outstanding Former Students for 2002-2003. They will be recognized at the college's Commencement Ceremony on May 10, at 10 a.m., at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium.



*Norma Rodriguez
Former City Clerk*



*Albert Ortiz
San Antonio Police Chief*

Norma Rodriguez was the first Hispanic, first woman, and longest tenured City Clerk in the history of San Antonio, serving in that position for 23 years. During her tenure, she initiated and completed work on a conservation/preservation process for historical city records dating back to the 1700s and personally helped obtain more than \$200,000 in grants to the city to complete the project. Rodriguez also initiated the transition of city records from a manual to a computerized system.

She was honored by the National Latina Organization in Washington, D.C. as the First Woman and First Hispanic City Clerk and President of IIMC, named to the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, received the Latina Honor Award from La Prensa, named the Municipal Clerk of the Year, named Grand Marshall of the Rey Feo Parade, and selected as Woman of the Year from the Nemo Herrera Scholarship Fund, among many other recognitions. She also served as president of the International

Municipal Clerks Association.

Rodriguez attended San Antonio College after graduating from Our Lady of the Lake High School in 1965 and taking evening courses while working at City Hall. She earned an associates degree and then went on to earn Municipal Clerk Certification at the University of North Texas.

"San Antonio College gave me the opportunity to continue my education, and it also had the right curriculum for me to major in Public Administration," said Rodriguez.

She recalls two outstanding professors who made a difference for her: English Professor Janice Clayton ("very supportive, a motivator") and Government Professor Glen Snyder ("a very great teacher, who shared his interest in politics").

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SAC offers first trilingual certificate in Texas

San Antonio College is now offering the first Trilingual Certificate Program in Texas. The certificate program provides training for interpreters working in environments in which American Sign Language (ASL), Spanish and English are used. The program is offered by the SAC Department of American Sign Language and Interpreter Training.

The certificate program consists of fifteen college credit hours and includes courses in Trilingual Interpreting I & II, Intermediate Spanish I & II, and Latino Interpreting Issues.

"As the Hispanic population continues to grow so does the need for trilingual interpreters in our community," said

Lisandra Gold, trilingual program coordinator. "San Antonio College is meeting a critical need by offering this program, especially in San Antonio."

The SAC Department of American Sign Language and Interpreter Training offers classes to individuals pursuing an associate's degree in ASL/Sign Language Interpreter Option or ASL/Deaf Support Specialist Option. Classes are also available for those who want to earn a foreign language credit or simply learn about deaf culture and American Sign Language.

For more information, contact Trilingual Instructor Lisandra Gold at (210) 785-6096 or via email to lgold@accd.edu.

Calendar of Events

www.accd.edu/sac/pubrel/calendar.htm

Friday, March 7

"Toyota in San Antonio" information session, Dr. Federico Zaragoza, St. Philip's-Southwest Campus VP of Administration, 8 a.m., NTC 025A. Students, faculty and staff are invited.

Saturday, March 8

Folk Dance Festival
Free to ACCD faculty, staff and students.
8 p.m., McAllister Auditorium.

Tuesday, March 11

Springfest Research on History
Participants will learn how to find full-text articles and/or images in subject-specific databases. Hands-on practice. Walk-in classes open to everyone, including general public.
1:40-2:55 p.m., MLC 230. For more information, contact Stephen Dingman, 733-2491.

Wednesday, March 12

Hot Potato Issues: "The Power of Persistence," 12 p.m., Methodist Student Center. Free Lunch. Everyone Invited.

Thursday, March 13

Honors Recital – Terry Muska & Madalyn Blanchett, coordinator,
7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium.

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

Roger Wright/Piano Dedication
7:30 p.m., McAllister Auditorium
\$10/adults, \$5/students. Call 733-2731.

Bexar County Community Workshops

The following remaining workshops will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- March 11, Precinct 3, SAPD Northside Substation, 13030 Jones Maltsberger
- March 12, Precinct 1, Harlandale High School, 114 E. Gerald Ave.
- March 13, Precinct 2, Holmes High School, 6500 Ingram Rd.
- March 17, Precinct 2, Jefferson High School, 723 Donaldson
- March 19, Precinct 3, Alzafar Shrine Center, 901 Loop 1604
- March 31, Precinct 1, Southwest High School, 11960 Dragon Ln.

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Outstanding Former Students

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Albert Ortiz wanted to be a policeman since he was in the sixth grade. He rose from Patrolman with the San Antonio Police Department in 1971 to Chief of Police in 2002, after years of experience and responsibility in a variety of police work.

Among other accomplishments, he planned and developed the Battered Women's Advocacy Project, served on the Texas Department of Regulatory and Protective Services' original Child Death Review Panel for Bexar County, was instrumental in planning and developing the Alamo Children's Advocacy Center and served on its Board of Directors, created the Officer Involved Shooting Team, the Special Operations Unit, and the original standard operating procedures for undercover Vice operations.

His many honors include Master Peace Officer Certification, the B'Nai B'Rith "Officer of the Year" Award, the Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center's "Distinguished Community Service" Award, the Texas Department of Human Services' "Contributions to Child Abuse Issues" Award, and the Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center's "Outstanding Voluntary Service" Award.

Ortiz attended San Antonio College in 1971 and then returned in 1989 to earn his associates degree in Public Administration. He later earned a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University, where he is a master's candidate in Criminal Justice.

"I was struck by the challenge and intensity of studying the core subjects at San Antonio College," said Ortiz. He recalls the faculty as very encouraging and warmly remembers the influence of Political Science Chair J.D. Horton and Urban Affairs instructor Richard Waldman.

Nominations for the San Antonio College Outstanding Former Student Award for 2003-2004 will be solicited in the fall.

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SAC Continuing Ed & NEISD offer Parent Academy

The San Antonio College Continuing Education and Workforce Development Division is partnering again this year with the North East Independent School District (NEISD) to offer the Family Specialists' Parent Academy, designed to promote parents' involvement with their children's education at the elementary school level.

San Antonio College will hold the final session at McAllister Auditorium on March 11, 9 a.m.-11:15 p.m., which will focus on higher education opportunities for the 216 parents enrolled in the program and their children. Speakers to include President Robert Zeigler, NEISD's Director of Compensatory Education Sue Moran, Dean Ruben Torres, Counseling Chairperson Jim Lucchelli, Counselor Ruben Whitney, and CE Program Manager and NEISD liaison Steve Sparks.

The college will award a Certificate of Completion and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to parents completing at least 80 percent of the academy's 10 two-hour sessions. For details, call Sparks at 733-2664.

Mark your calendar for Book Fair readings

Plan to bring your classes to Book Fair readings in VATC 120 **March 31-April 3**, and the Book Fair near the Gym and Planetarium on **April 5**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Authors will include Susie Flatau ("Red Boots & Attitude" & "From My Mother's Hands") **March 31**, 11 a.m.; poets Cyra Dumitru ("Listening to Light"), Carol Reposa ("Facts of Life"), Trish Bigelow, and Margie Roe ("Flight Patterns") **April 1**, 10:50-12:05; Edgar Award-winning novelist David Liss ("A Conspiracy of Paper" & "The Coffee Trader") **April 3**, 9 a.m. and ACCD student Poetry Slam at 7 p.m. (McCreless Auditorium); Patricia Portales, Sheila Sanchez-Hatch, and others reading from their work published in "Cantos al Sexto Sol"; and Bryce Milligan ("The Prince of Ireland"), Jean Flynn ("Jim Bowie - A Texas Legend"), and Paige Ramsey-Palmer ("Young Troopers") reading **April 5** at 11 a.m., 12 and 1:30 p.m.

Students support anti-slavery effort

Students in the Public Administration Club and ACCD Student Leadership Tier II organization donated \$350 to the American Anti-Slavery Group Sudan project. The organization seeks to free slaves, many of whom are children, in Sudan.

The students also honored Francis Bok, an ex-slave who was a featured speaker in a Black History Month event. Bok was captured at age 7 and was a slave in the Sudan for 10 years. Student representatives presented him with a copper sculpture of a phoenix, symbolizing a rebirth from ashes, and an image of the American Eagle, symbolizing freedom, in celebration of Bok's own successful efforts to seek freedom from slavery.

The American Anti-Slavery Group web site is www.iabolish.org. For more information about the San Antonio College Public Administration Club or the ACCD Student Leadership Institute Tier II, call 733-2888.



Guest speaker Francis Bok (center) is joined by students who honored his fight for freedom. They are, from left: Jeannie Prado, Sandra Hines, Angelica Gutierrez, Ignacio Salinas, Krystal Tipton, Delilah Quintanilla, and Cynthia Hernandez.

44th Annual Folk Dance Festival

The 44th Annual San Antonio College Folk Dance Festival, the largest festival of its kind in the Southwest, will be held this Saturday, March 8 at 8 p.m. in McAllister Auditorium. Groups from San Antonio, New Orleans, Houston, Baton Rouge, Austin, and Dallas will perform dances from the U.S., Mexico, Spain, Scotland, Hungary, and Russia.

ACCD faculty, staff and students will be admitted free. All others: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, and \$5 children. For more details, contact Nelda Drury at 342-2905.



San Antonio Education Partnership Lunch

At left, Rosa Maria Gonzalez, Associate Professor of Counseling, presents a SAC pennant to a San Antonio Education Partnership student at a luncheon held Feb. 26. At right, the featured speaker was City Councilman Julian Castro, who offered words of encouragement to students.

