



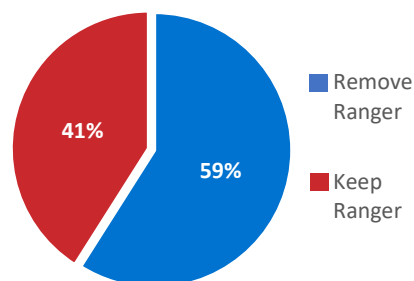
## Ranger Mascot Survey Results Summary

Survey conducted June 25 – July 8, 2020

- **Total opinions shared = 535**

- Support Keeping the Ranger = 218 (41%)
- Support Removing the Ranger = 317 (59%)
- Alumni = 111 (21%)
- Community = 130 (24%)
- Faculty = 38 (7%)
- Staff = 50 (9%)
- Students = 206 (39%)
- Response only = 383 (72%)
- Response + Comments = 123 (23%)
- Response + Comments + Speak = 29 (5%)

Online Survey Results



- **Alumni = 111 (21%)**

- Keep = 46 (41%)
- Remove = 65 (59%)
- Response only = 79
- Response + Comments = 25
- Response + Comments + Speak = 7

- **Staff = 50 (9%)**

- Keep = 7 (14%)
- Remove = 43 (86%)
- Response only = 38
- Response + Comments = 11
- Response + Comments + Speak = 1

- **Community = 130 (24%)**

- Keep = 44 (34%)
- Remove = 86 (66%)
- Response only = 90
- Response + Comments + Speak = 36
- Response + Comments + Speak = 4

- **Students = 206 (39%)**

- Keep = 109 (53%)
- Remove = 97 (47%)
- Response only = 151
- Response + Comments = 43
- Response + Comments + Speak = 12

- **Faculty = 38 (7%)**

- Keep = 12 (32%)
- Remove = 26 (68%)
- Response only = 25
- Response + Comments = 8
- Response + Comments + Speak = 5

- **TOTAL WRITTEN COMMENTS SHARED = 152**

- Keep = 55
- Remove = 97
  
- Alumni = 32
- Community = 40
- Faculty = 13
- Staff = 12
- Students = 55

<b>Support KEEPING the Ranger</b>	
<b>ALUMNI (11)</b>	
Alumnus	I support keeping the ranger mascot. Instead provide education and classes on the actual history of “historical figures that have been immortalized” by honestly discussing their entire history with respect to racism and why we/you/our past upheld these historical figures/persons. If we do not learn and teach the actual history nothing will change and we will make the same mistakes.
Alumnus	It's part of tradition. Why are we changing everything? It's part of history. It makes us no better than ISIS. Destroying everything that made America. How do you change anyone or anything if you erase history? You learn from the past and hope not to repeat it. These kids half the time don't even know why they're Destroying or taking down something. They don't know the history of it because they were never taught it. Please, keep our tradition, our history alive. Not all things are bad, or evil. So, everything that offends one side gets taken down. Now isn't that wrong to do to those that are in law enforcement ? What's next Veterans or military? I'm deeply disappointed in all this. This isn't the America I remember defending when I did two tours in Afghanistan. Then coming to SAC . Im very sadden by this.
Alumnus	What I can't believe this has been ongoing for a year. All who's feeling are hurt, go to a safe Zone and keep Rangers. What do not like is,... everything has to have a hispanic reference. Other culture matters too. Seriously, not a racial comment, Or intent. Mariachis at every event et al “Si San Antonio” on visitor cards. Excluding...White culture is not acceptable anymore.
Alumnus	It is a mascot signifying San Antonio College. It does not signify the police brutality. It's a fake character.
Alumnus	This has been the mascot for decades! Don't let those current trendy people who want to be acceptable and feel better about themselves bully you into changing your name for the sake of some pseudo socially accepted change that all of a sudden upsets their fragile hearts. If you give into them for this where will it stop?

Alumnus	We are in the grip of a Cultural Marxist insurgency and this is just another attempt to destroy our joint past and replace it with a false past. Rangers were an integral part of our shared history and on balance have been instrumental in who we are. We could for instance remove all instances of Martin Luther King Jr who has become to be known as the Harvey Weinstein of the Civil Rights Movement. All people and civilizations have flaws and all are the result of at some level creative destruction. We celebrate these for their contributions not for their faults. This must stop here. As we have seen with recent riots it is not really about the individual statues and the moral character of these is more about an excuse for incrementalism and what will be next. The simple answer as we have seen is everything. Do your part to stop evil. Stop it here and stop it now.
Alumnus	I want the Ranger mascot to be left alone.
Alumnus	It seems to me that until recent months, there has been little to no offense taken by statues, monuments, team names, mascot names, etc. Now all of a sudden, everything offends everyone. Shouldn't students be more concerned with getting their education, so they can obtain jobs and be productive members of society? Four generations of my family have proudly served as Texas Rangers. They have been there when things hit the fan and no one else was willing to go in. They have been there to hunt down the worst of the worst fugitives bringing a little calm to victims. Everyone thinks the Texas Rangers are great when they want or need them, but to pay homage through a name is offensive? SHAME ON YOU ALL!! If we are going to start renaming or changing everything that could be offensive to others, how about going back to Durango St? How about it be mandatory that everyone in this state/country must speak English? My ancestors had to learn English when they came from Germany, why shouldn't everyone else? It could be offensive to those who did not support Cesar Chavez and/or don't speak Spanish, to leave these matters unchanged. Keep the mascot Ranger!!!!
Alumnus	San Antonio College was founded in 1925. Why are we changing the mascot name? Because it may offend others? This is part of history. If we keep changing names because it can offend someone, we may never find the right, non-offensive name. I feel that we need to leave names alone. We have become too sensitive as a society. Names can make us remember what it was like before and how we can move forward as a society.
Alumnus	As a SAC student in the late 1960s, I only saw the Ranger mascot as a cute little cowboy figure, not a mean Texas Ranger. That is what he still is and should be kept as the mascot. I understand that some groups have problems with the mascot, but I believe that most people do not. My brother, sister, and I all attended San Antonio College our freshman and sophomore years, majoring in education and music. We all worked in the Music department office. We all have fond memories there. Please keep the Ranger as the SAC mascot for future students, too.
Alumnus	As a proud Texan and proud alumni from the Alamo Colleges, this is a part of our history. Good or bad it is irrelevant to erase what helped build this state to what it is today. It can't be erased, the past can only be learned from and I find it personally offensive to even consider changing it.

<b>COMMUNITY (13)</b>	
Community	What is the RANGER? Dog, cat, mouse, ...
Community	The giving in to the generation of participation trophy crybabies has to stop. Never has anytime in recent history have crybabies been given their way for the most ridiculous of things. America has become a land of wimps and fetal position temper tantrum throwing children. This is what is happening to the generations now when parents have stopped parenting. SAC would just be another institution who gives in for the appeasement to nonsense. America is dying because of it....
Community	Enough of this. There are positive characteristics to the Texas Rangers. Please do not be bullied into changing the mascot. I appreciate that you asked for opinions.
Community	It is getting to the point where everything is considered offensive. Instead of trying to rewrite history, we should learn from it. Statues and other symbols can be used as a way to educate people not to repeat the mistakes of the past.
Community	The Texas Ranger is an honorable, heroic profession that kept peace and provided justice in the early days when there were many outlaws that menaced the general population who had little protection except the Rangers. Texas Rangers continue to uphold the rule of law and continue to be from many ethnic backgrounds. Rangers have been from all ethnic backgrounds over their tenure in Texas. Anyone who wants to sully the reputation of the Texas Rangers does not know their history and just wants to promote their false narrative and continue to promote anarchy. Removal of this mascot would be a travesty.
Community	In the midst of so many bigger priorities for SAC, that is, education in the time of COVID-19, I do not support time and money be spent changing something so superficial and hardly known. My statement to support keeping the Mascot has nothing to do with supporting the Mascot itself or what it represents, but rather my input on how the time, money and energy at SAC is better spent. Perhaps when I learn more about the Mascot, I will have an opinion there.
Community	How on earth is a Texas ranger racist this is the lack of educated people in this country. You don't like it don't look at it.
Community	Texas Rangers are an honorable group of distinguished men and women that risked their lives, sometimes more, to protect Texas. It's an honor for any entity allowed to utilize their image in any way and better make sure to do right by those that dedicated and sacrificed their lives to protect our great state and it's citizens. Only a fool would think otherwise.
Community	This is complete BS!! the ranger is a significant part of the SAC and surrounding colleges under the name Alamo colleges. just because the "people" assume it represents racism don't mean it does

Community	Unless the Rangers openly discriminate against hiring Hispanic, Black or other ethnic groups, there is nothing offensive or racist about the name. Without law enforcement, we have anarchy. There is nothing shameful about an educational institution using a law enforcement organization as its mascot.
Community	I am Hispanic. Keeping the Ranger is not racist. The Texas Ranger has a justified honored part in our history. They took part in the fight against the dictator Santa Ana, who massacred people in southern Mexico as well as the Alamo. This whole push to get rid of, erase, and re-write our history is right out of George Orwell or Hugo Chavez. Our history happened, good or bad, and should be taught as it happened and not erased. If our kids don't learn our history, they might very well repeat it, and we will have ourselves to blame. This is the greatest country on earth. Our history has not been perfect, but the greatness of our nation is that we have evolved. We are a more perfect nation than we were in 1850, whereas there are slave markets TODAY in Tripoli, Libya. Keep the Ranger. They were a force for good then and are a force for good to this day as Texas State law enforcement officers.
Community	During the early days of the Texas Rangers (ranging companies established by Stephen F. Austin and his '300' families) we were at war with hostile Indians and opportunistic marauders who killed and pillaged Austin's people. It is pretty certain that some of the 'rangers' went beyond their orders to defend, and that they may have been outside the law. But, it was war, and war is very unkind. The current Texas Rangers is one of the most revered law enforcement units in the country. Many of the Department of Public Safety troopers look forward to the day they can apply for the Rangers because of the unit's generally very positive history and achievements.
Community	The college should keep the Ranger mascot as the TX Rangers are a historic Law Enforcement organization that brought peace to Texas. The current anti-police hysteria and paranoid hate is a ridiculous, illogical, out-of-historical-context, culture cancelling, shallow, reverse racist manipulation of institutions, by subversive elements to gain control of power. It's moronic. Worse is the cowardly submission of many community leaders to these anti-democratic leftists, some of whom are members of faculty and administrations of higher education across America. It's time to take a stand to support America and American history! Keep the Ranger!

**FACULTY (3)**

Faculty	While I do not care if we keep the Ranger mascot, I mostly do support it. WHAT I MOSTLY CARE ABOUT IS WHAT WE REPLACE IT WITH. I don't care if we replace it with an animal or fruit or anything else except anything that has to do with Black heritage. Why? Because it is not fair that Blacks are knocking down everything and anything that has to do with non black heritage and replacing it with Black heritage. What makes my Hispanic heritage less important than theirs? While oppression of any kind to any race is wrong, somehow society has come to believe that reverse discrimination is going to undo the wrong that has been inflicted on the Black community. An institution of higher learning should not have such a flawed and irrational belief. Also, as far as police and the blacks are concerned, one question: in ANY major city, which neighborhood has the highest crime rates, whites, hispanics or blacks? The fact that blacks are targeted more by police is not simply a matter of race, it's a matter of what the numbers show. I ask that SAC see this through rational eyes and not through irrational and emotional eyes. Thank you
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Faculty	While I sympathize with and comprehend the emotions of those that feel the Ranger mascot symbolizes a law enforcement agency with a troubled history, that history is over 120 years ago. No one alive today lived through that period. During the season of disrespect and overt hatred towards law enforcement, this appears, regardless of previous discussion, yet another attempt to erase history and distance SAC from law enforcement. Instead, we (as an institution of leadership) should support law enforcement and be a symbol of unity, not divisiveness. The Ranger mascot is very appropriate in this charge, the modern Texas Ranger history has more than proven to be supportive of all Texans, all skin color, all ethnic origins, all races! The Texas Rangers are the very agency that investigates law enforcement misconduct in this state. The Texas Rangers are the state's lead agency that works beside federal agencies to protect civil rights and bring to justice those that infringe upon those Constitutionally protected freedoms. We should keep Junior Ranger as the official mascot of San Antonio College! Thank you, and God Bless Texas.
Faculty	Need to tell the whole story!
<b>STAFF (0)</b>	
<b>STUDENTS (28)</b>	
Student	The Mascot has been around for years and hasn't caused any harm.
Student	If they decide to keep the Ranger Mascot I would like to audition for the role!!
Student	We cannot continue to pander to the counter culture in the country/state/city/college. If we continue to try and erase the history of our country, we will be bound to repeat it. I for one cannot understand why we constantly bow down to these children that have nothing better to do. We have more freedoms in this country than most country in the world and I have been to over 30 countries. There are more important problems in this country than what the mascot of the school looks like. I picked this school for the degree programs and how the faculty made me feel during my enrollment process and though my first two semesters in the Alamo College Districts of Schools. This should be a non issue in my opinion.
Student	This might be because I'm an older student and not as woke as I should be, but I like the idea of a Zorro type mascot. I read the comics and watched the movies growing up and he is reminiscent of England's Robin Hood or Gothams Batman. This is a character that stood up against the injustices of a tyrannical society upon all people of Spanish California (i.e., white, black, and indigenous). If anything this mascot should be accosted with Zorro, who is Spanish, and not a Mexican bandit.
Student	I support the Ranger staying as a mascot because they never stated that it was a Texas Ranger people are making assumptions based off of well assumptions and it's not fair for the college to spend thousands of dollars revert rebranding because of the assumption we can't continually erase history But we can use it to educate and inform the Texas Rangers on today or not persecuting actively or hurting any group of people

	back then if they had it was the norm and we've changed we shouldn't hold that against people for things they didn't even be a part of
Student	I support in keeping the Ranger as San Antonio Colleges mascot. Keeping history tied to the creation of a wonderful community, I believe is very important in keeping on with the successful legacy in the academics.
Student	This is ludicrous and offensive that a RANGER, of all possible mascots, is an issue with people. The mascot does not indicate being a Texas Ranger, or any other specific affiliation, and it is insane to think that the college council is potentially going to bow to those complaining about this representation. Honestly, it is pretty indicative of the lack of intellectual mentality of the student body and staff that would consider the mascot to be a problem, and I would hope that an institution of learning would be able to resolve the issue and focus it's students on their course work instead of worrying about useless symbolism.
Student	Texas was a free state way back when, and the Texas Rangers would actually help freed slaves/escaped slaves get away to Mexico and so if changing the mascot has anything to do with Black Lives Matter movement or police brutality, it wouldn't be right to change it seeing as they were "the good guys". Now if this has absolutely nothing to do with that, then why change it? I think it's a fitting mascot for the Alamo City.
Student	Ranger is good but if not Volunteer would be cool to as mascot
Student	But, we should present the Ranger mascot in a diverse sort of way, that recognizes persons of diverse backgrounds. perhaps appeal to an earlier time when Rangers were more like Minutemen on the frontier.
Student	The Ranger is an iconic staple of SAC; changing the mascot would be yet another failed attempt to rewrite history. Agreed that murderers in uniform need an overhaul, but the reason behind the protests has spun out of control. Reform the bad aspects of the police force; leave history, and ALL of its celebratory markers alone!
Student	I think it is wrong what is going on across the country right now in terms of monuments and historical places being taken down or destroyed. The Texas Rangers are the most well known law enforcement in Texas, and they have a place in Texas forever. The Texas Rangers are an honorable mascot, and it should remain that way.
Student	History remains how we learn from the past and introduces heritage for the future generations. The desecration and elimination of past symbolism weakens our cognizance of history. Is it not a better solution to scrutinize the past and understand how society arrived at this crossroad and reflect on change moving forward? If you shroud the past, then you no longer have a baseline to merit how the past influences the present and this remains a crucial perspective for understanding current as well as future problems within society.

Student	I do not agree with changing the name at all. It seems as if everybody is worrying about things that do not matter why don't we worry about things that will make a difference in this world.
Student	What is going on right now in our nation is unbelievable. I completely understand what happened in our past is not what we stand for as a nation or as an individual. Many things happened that is downright wrong and huge mistakes happened. However, history is not meant to be liked or enjoyed by everyone. History is meant to learn from. For us not to repeat it again. For us to just erase history so easily, can have serious repercussions. I understand it is only the name of our mascot, but for us to remove and erase this from our history is also just as wrong.
Student	Why is there a strong sense of urgency to take action? I'm curious as to why SAC has to "stand with" or agree with every "social" issue out there, or always want to be "politically correct"? Not every student has liberal views or "stands with" or wants to be "politically correct" and compromise their values or salvation. Sometimes students with different views may feel discriminated against or offended when the school "takes sides" on certain issues. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to offer my feedback. God Bless
Student	The mascot has never been questioned as a racial sensitive subject. This feels like a business action to satisfy the crowd looking for any small insignificant reason to have their voices heard. Why not years ago if this was such a concern? I will personally not lose sleep over the changing of a school mascot but find it disturbing how quick the college is to send out newsletters about a fictional character that somehow is racist and represents oppressive groups.
Student	I find it offensive that history is being twisted to portray proud protectors of families and communities as monsters to push a political agenda. It shows a lack of historical context and understanding, and contempt for United States and Texas history. To erase our heritage is to embrace tyranny of thought dictators.
Student	I'd appreciate it if he dressed differently for different locations, and maybe used a newer design. Overall I think it's fine though
Student	I will continue to support my school and my Mascot.
Student	I respect the university for allowing its stakeholders to have a voice in this conversation. I am also a strong supporter of equality and strive every day to uphold this belief. However, I do not believe we should remove history from our campus. Yes, the Texas Rangers have a dark history, but to do away with their name insults all the good works that its members have done and continue to do today for our state. We should celebrate those positive contributions and keep our mascot.
Student	Cancel culture is toxic and has no place in academia.
Student	I like the Ranger, masked or not. He reminds me of Zorro and the Lone Ranger. Is it necessarily pc? No, not really, because human history is flawed and dirty and messed up to the extreme. The thing is, this ranger isn't anyone else's Ranger, he's SAC's



	<p>Ranger. He doesn't have to symbolize anything that we don't put on to him. He's also much cooler than any generic large cat, dog, wolf,, fast bird, wild horse, or other normal school animal. Let him be the Ranger that everyone in our history who looked like him, with the mask and hiding his identity from the corrupt law, couldn't be. He doesn't have to be a thief or a racist or a bandit he can be a bona-fide San Antonio hero if we let him.</p>
Student	<p>I just want my opinion to be heard. This deal with the mascot and removing things because someone decides they are offended is getting ridiculous. It's a Ranger! why are we changing it?</p>
Student	<p>There is absolutely no reason to change the name of SAC's mascot. Changing the name will change absolutely nothing. Moreover, it will lead to further name change demands. Be adults.</p>
Student	<p>As a transplant to Texas and army veteran I wanted to go college here. From my history class I did learn something about the hurt that Texas rangers caused in Texas. I was not aware the was a mascot at this school until recently. I see groups putting their hurts on the ranger concept. We as students need to work on putting the mascot in positive community events. The Ranger mascot is an idea that can change and evolve. We can be the change we want to be in the community by engaging the community in dialogue.</p>
Student	<p>The Texas Ranger was the foundation of keeping the peace here in Texas long before the formation of the SAPD or a police chief. The Ranger is seen as part of Texas history and is synonymous with the way of life back in the day and even now. Please don't let a few people ruin it for all of us. I am a native American woman from the Choctaw nation and I do NOT see the ranger as offensive or upsetting. History is history and I don't want history to be erased.</p>
Student	<p>Hitler's Fear of the Texas Rangers is why he did not invade the US. Adolf Hitler, in his youth, read about the Texas Rangers in novels. (Where the ARMY RANGERS got their name.) The US Army Rangers, including LTC Rudder's battalion, were assigned the toughest job on D-Day. They were to scale the cliffs facing Omaha Beach and silence the resistance at the top. By the time his men reached the top they found the bunkers and pillboxes deserted. It was several weeks before LTC Rudder found out what happened to the troops facing his men. A German soldier who had been in the unit facing Rudder's men was captured and said intelligence identified the unit as a battalion of Rangers. It also identified their commander-LTC James Earl Rudder, also identified his home was Texas! Every German there grew up on Karl May novels. They added it up: Battalion of Rangers + commander from Texas = Battalion of Texas Rangers! The Germans were brave men, but they weren't foolish. They knew from Karl May what they were facing. They executed a strategic withdrawal rather than face the men May painted as the most ferocious fighters on the face of the earth, men who took no prisoners and gave no quarter. And that's how the Texas Rangers helped win WW II.</p>

## Support REMOVING the Ranger

### ALUMNI (21)

Alumnus	<p>Thank you for creating this formal space to be heard. I am grateful to the SAC leadership for your willingness to have these difficult and necessary conversations. As an educator and scholar-activist, I have to believe people are capable of change and would not do this work otherwise. I believe SAC is capable of change. We can all do better. Leadership comes with great responsibility and this school needs to decide whether it wants to perpetuate historical violence or step up as leaders in our community. I believe SAC can join the many colleges and universities across the country who are beginning to grapple with their own histories of racism that live on in building names, mascots, campus monuments, history of the lands on which they are built, and much more. It is time. I believe SAC will better serve students and wider society by fostering a campus culture of teaching and learning grounded in an understanding of history and contemporary reality. It is time.</p>
Alumnus	<p>I have the honor to serve as the Alumni President of San Antonio College. I personally believe it is long overdue to retire The Ranger mascot to the history books, however I would like to iterate the three points made by the Alumni Board regarding this matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) We acknowledge and wholly condemn the heinous acts carried out by the Texas Rangers throughout history. We believe that discrimination and systemic racism in any form should never be celebrated nor exalted.</li> <li>2) A sense of belonging is a crucial component to student and academic success. A mascot must be congruent to the values and experiences of the student body in order to further cultivate a sense of belonging.</li> <li>3) We believe that the student perspective should be prioritized amidst other stakeholders. While faculty, staff, alumni, and community members all have invaluable input, a mascot should be a student-led initiative.</li> </ol> <p>In closing, change of this nature should originate and be led by the students. We must trust our current student body to lead us into a new era of inclusion and understanding. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
Alumnus	<p>The ranger signifies a long history of state-allowed police brutality against the black and brown people of Texas. By keeping the ranger, it has been agreed that the money of those in power is more beneficial to the college rather than the culture and lives lost by the rangers in their reign of terror and brutality in getting white Texans what they wanted without providing for others to continue their way of life that had been around longer than what the rangers have been. The ranger needs to be changed from a paramilitary police force and humanoid entity to something that wasn't used to harm and hurt people of color. Thank you.</p>
Alumnus	<p>Having a mascot that is a cute version that represents police brutality is offensive to college students and alumnus. There could be a better representation of spirit to show the main community college of San Antonio without the need of having the gnome ranger as the mascot.</p>

Alumnus	<p>As a Native American and Mexican American former student of SAC, I have offered my support to the students who have started this initiative when it first took off a couple of years back. SAC had the opportunity to address this problematic mascot back then. But seeing as you're wanting to jump on the bandwagon of what's happening across the nation (i.e the removal of statues that celebrate a violent and imperialistic white-washed narrative), this is the PERFECT TIME to make, not only the "right" decision, but a 'just' one as well. You have the tools and the scholarship available to you to make your most informed decision. What the Texas Rangers stood for was violence. Now is the time to vote to change the mascot.</p>
Alumnus	<p>I stand in support of San Antonio College students with Somos la Gente, who feel any association with the Rangers is inappropriate and are asking for a non-human, non-violent and non-racist mascot. San Antonio College was established in the middle of the worst periods of violence against Mexican Americans in Texas about 100 years ago, with thousands of Mexican Americans hunted, lynched, and labeled as bandits by the Texas Rangers. This is the legacy in The Ranger name and mascot, glorifying the murder of the grandfathers and great grandfathers of the current student population. In 2019, President of San Antonio College Dr. Robert Vela unveiled a new mascot called Antonio (a bandit) “after the city and college, not because he’s Latino.” Vela claimed that the student government didn’t like the Gnome Ranger mascot that represented SAC at events the past five years, that was also hastily created, to “distance the college from the historical controversy surrounding the Texas Rangers.” Instead of taking time to create a thoughtful and respectful mascot, administration has thrown at students two racist and offensive mascots in the last 5 years. ANY association with the Rangers is inappropriate because the Texas Rangers originated as a vigilante group that hunted slaves, killed Mexicans and killed Native Americans. We encourage San Antonio College and Alamo Colleges to listen to students and alumni to finally Change the Ranger to something more thoughtful and appropriate to the student body that we can all be proud of.</p>
Alumnus	<p><i>(same comment provided by two different alumni)</i></p> <p>I stand in support of San Antonio College students with Somos la Gente, who feel any association with the Rangers is inappropriate and are asking for a non-human, non-violent and non-racist mascot. San Antonio College was established in the middle of the worst periods of violence against Mexican Americans in Texas about 100 years ago, with thousands of Mexican Americans hunted, lynched, and labeled as bandits by the Texas Rangers. This is the legacy in The Ranger name and mascot, glorifying the murder of the grandfathers and great grandfathers of the current student population. In 2019, President of San Antonio College Dr. Robert Vela unveiled a new mascot called Antonio (a bandit) “after the city and college, not because he’s Latino.” Vela claimed that the student government didn’t like the Gnome Ranger mascot that represented SAC at events the past five years, that was also hastily created, to “distance the college from the historical controversy surrounding the Texas Rangers.” Instead of taking time to create a thoughtful and respectful mascot, administration has thrown at students two racist and offensive mascots in the last 5 years. ANY association with the Rangers is inappropriate because the Texas Rangers originated as a vigilante group that hunted slaves, killed Mexicans and killed Native Americans. We encourage San Antonio College and Alamo Colleges to listen to students and alumni to finally Change the Ranger to something more thoughtful and appropriate to the student body that we can all be proud of.</p>

Alumnus	There are bad interpretations of this Ranger mascot. It's also a very immature characterization for a serious and award-winning college to have. Although I graduated from SAC, I seriously thought about transferring my home college to a different Alamo College just because of the horrendous mascot. There are so many better ideas out there. We can do better SAC family!
Alumnus	I am ashamed, disappointed, outraged, and sad that SAC has a Ranger mascot that is rooted in racism, discrimination, and murder. Being of Mexican-American cultural heritage, the Ranger mascot is a personal and despicable affront to me. Please get rid of the Ranger mascot and send him to the dust-bin of history. Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard.
Alumnus	The Texas Rangers were used to terrorize Mexican Americans in South Texas whenever it suited the the local whites. They were ruthlessly violent in their mission to maintain white supremacy in the Texas-Mexico border area. It's time to dispense with the myth and acknowledge the truth about the Texas Ranger and their role in the ethnic cleansing of the borderland. It's long overdue to select a mascot that is inclusive and representative of something WE can ALL be proud of. It cannot be beyond the reach of learned people to avoid selecting notorious murderers and violators of human rights as the image of this institution of higher learning - unless the goal is to romanticize their efforts and impress upon the community that this is who we are at our core. "We now allow you on campus and are willing to take your money but never forget how we behaved when we had unfettered power!" As an alumnus with a degree in History and a proud Mexican-American, I never purchase school merchandise because I refuse to adorn my chest the image of a state-sponsored terror squad. I hope you make the easy decision to do what is right.
Alumnus	The history of oppression surrounding the Texas Ranger is not news to those in the Latinx or SAC community. Advocates have been working for years to change our mascot. The time is past due for this change that honors our Latinx majority student body and community - to not acknowledge and contend with this history of hurt is to be practice willful ignorance and arrogance. As a SAC alum and now ABD in sociology, I credit SAC with bringing me to a critical consciousness that acknowledges the systemic oppressions in our world. Because I love SAC I want us to do better by our students and community. The Ranger is a symbol of hatred and oppression and against all that our community stands for. I look forward to a new future where we argue instead of a pony, frog, or owl is a better mascot for SAC, rather than undisputed historical fact.
Alumnus	I remember when I first started my education at SAC, that I felt then as I do now that that "Ranger," sounds out of place for representing all San Antonio College students. Although, SAC has a diverse student body with many different ethnic groups within, there seems to be a large population of Hispanic students there. So, with this in mind I would have gone with a flashy mascot name like "the San Antonio College Aztecs," as the "Ranger," moniker just sounds too bland and passé to me, kind of like buying some delicious tacos and then forgetting the salsa. We are in San Antonio you know. Whatever title is chosen make sure that it is a flashy one for marketing SAC, as most young students are attracted to the glitz and flash in a title!

Alumnus	Texas Rangers have a long history of violence and hatred toward minorities. I do not want this to represent my school.
Alumnus	As a fellow SAC alum I ask for the mascot to be changed to a more suitable mascot. My grandfather and great grandfather were murdered as with other men during the Porvenir Massacre 1919
Alumnus	A movement is taking place in which symbols of oppression all around this country are being taken down. As a recognized Hispanic serving institution, SAC is doing students a disservice in not educating and overlooking the history of the lynchings of Mexican Americans and Black people in Texas by the Texas Rangers. Furthermore, the Texas Rangers of today continue to uphold white supremacy by contributing to the disproportionate incarceration of Black people and Latinos by enforcing laws that unjustly criminalizes and leads to more violence against them. I support the students, educators and community who have long spoken out against this racist mascot. I appreciate that SAC is beginning to pay attention to what is happening around them and hope that they do as the Dallas Airport recently did by completely removing the offensive Texas Ranger. This would be the least that could be done in a time where deaths of Black and brown people at the hand of law enforcement are finally gaining more public concern.
Alumnus	Upholding an organization that was directly responsible for countless acts of racial violence as the SAC mascot does an immense disservice to the community and fosters an aura of implicit discrimination on campus that is unacceptable, especially in a learning environment.
Alumnus	A mascot represents our community and the culture of that community. For too long minorities have accepted a white supremacy culture as a norm and the Ranger as a mascot represents just that. In order to represent the best of our community, we must have a mascot that does not represent the worst of our past.
Alumnus	I do not give one **** about this. Why are we even talking about this when multiple buildings at SAC are old and worn down and in need of major repairs? Why are we not talking about all the **** that needs major fixing? Why are focusing so much on a stupid mascot while ignoring the bigger issues that face the SAC community?
Alumnus	The Mascot should reflect diversity not in anyway make any ethnic group less represented or demeaning. Systematic racism shouldn't be tolerated. I WANT to continue to say "I'm SAC Proud" . It's time for change!
Alumnus	Tiger
Alumnus	I am in favor of and mascot that unites the students no matter their background or identity. Possibly an animal that represents peace and harmony or strength and unity. Or simply olive branch or a natural element that's is grounding. A mascot that's one can have pride in and explain with confidence is essential.

<b>COMMUNITY (27)</b>	
Community	<p>The massive protests around the police killing of George Floyd show that communities of color and their allies will no longer tolerate decades of dehumanization. This has occurred not only with the issue of police brutality, but the entire ideology that structures our institutions, including those of higher education. The SAC "Ranger" is one of those cultural aspects that harken back to a white supremacist past when the routine denial of due process by law enforcement—particularly the Texas Rangers—against Mexican Americans was sanctioned by the highest state officials. But this isn't just about the past, but the future of San Antonio and Texas, which will be Latinx. Community colleges are a key gateway to higher education for Latinx students, thanks to their accessibility and affordability. Today, the College Council can demonstrate its commitment to that future by repudiating the racist past. The half-measures of recent years is not longer adequate. Turning the page on "the Ranger" will signal to current and future Latinx students that SAC cares not only about educating students but in making them feel at home. And it will signal to all students that SAC is responsive to their needs. I urge the College Council to drop "the Ranger" as SAC mascot and to initiate a student-led process to adopt a new one.</p>
Community	<p>San Antonio has a 64% "Hispanic"-identified population, and in SAC, a Hispanic Serving Institution, it is unconscionable and offensive to maintain a relic to the historical violence against Mexican Americans &amp; Chicanx. Our students internalize these brutal messages that directly contradict SAC's mission statement to "empower our community for success." San Antonio has so many symbols and possibilities for mascots worth celebrating-- there's no reason to maintain a murderous figurehead at such an important local institution of higher education.</p>
Community	<p>As a historian, I can spend time discussing the violent history of the Ranger Force since its inception in 1823, specifically one of its darkest chapters during the 1910-1920 period. However, I will instead focus on the 1968 Commission on Human Rights that took place in San Antonio. Those hearings, now accessible online, include testimony by many individuals. Ranger abuse of power to intimidate and harm Mexican American farmworkers is evident in those hearings, especially during 1966-1967. Testimony on Ranger abuse during labor organizing efforts in Texas reveals the harrowing presence of the Rangers. One organizer was grabbed by Captain A.Y. Allee and recalled how he “grabbed my neck and pulled me toward him as he shoved a shotgun into my ribs. I did not know whether or not I would be shot or only banged up.” Court ruled the Rangers were violating the Constitution [and] declar[ed] five labor laws unconstitutional. But, no Ranger paid for the physical harm caused to that organizer nor other farmworkers and organizers. There is much more evidence in the hearing transcript. I ask SAC to look at the transcript of the 1968 Commission on Human Rights, among other lengthy documents, that is solid evidence of Ranger wrongdoing. To keep a school mascot name that honors the Rangers contradicts the actual historical record, which lays bare Ranger actions that deserve all but honor and recognition. Sources: Hearing Before the United States Commission on Civil Rights, San Antonio, Texas, December 9-14, 1968; <a href="https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015002680141&amp;view=1up&amp;seq=9">https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015002680141&amp;view=1up&amp;seq=9</a></p>

Community	<p>San Antonio College's effort to justify the preservation of The Ranger mascot produces revisionist, apologist history. SAC has ignored the racial trauma that the Texas Rangers wrought on Texans for 200 years. This does a disservice to students and dishonors the goals of higher education. The history of the Texas Rangers is one of violence to local communities. These are the same communities of current and former SAC students. What values does SAC project when it says yes to the racism of Rangers as slave catchers, as perpetrators of violence against indigenous folks, and murderers of Mexican Texans? Are these SAC values? If San Antonio College ignores historical truths, it clings to archaic value-systems that are no more moral in the nineteenth-century than today.</p> <p>The legacy of the Texas Rangers has been championed by revisionist scholars, journalists, politicians, and colleges who have represented Ranger history as noble heroes. Historian Walter Prescott Webb characterized the Rangers as defenders of the "law" in a "lawless land." The canon of new historical scholarship reckons with the brutality of Ranger history. For more information on the subject read books by Clive Webb and William D. Carrigan, or Monica Muñoz Martinez, then reference <a href="https://refusingtoforget.org/">https://refusingtoforget.org/</a>. This moment is an opportunity to Change the Ranger and follow the exemplary example your student organization Somos la Gente have advocated for by asking for a non-human, non-violent, and non-racist mascot for over 2 years.</p>
Community	<p>We have read countless stories about the treatment of the rangers to our Mexican and Mexican American people. I have heard them first hand from my family members. If you haven't then you should get educated and learn something. It is undisputed that they were a cruel organization that caused terror and harm to people. So why not honor the worthy instead? Why keep that symbol of hate as a monument? I say keep the ranger where it belongs; in the textbooks and classrooms so that our kids can know exactly who they were and exactly what they did but keep them away from any form of honoring or monument or mascot symbol to be worn on a t-shirt with pride. I want to be able to send my child to SAC with pride, not with a warning label about the racist mascot she's about to encounter when entering SAC.</p>
Community	<p>Currently, communities across the U.S., to include gente in San Antonio, are advocating for the removal of statues &amp; symbols that glorify colonization &amp; its continued impact on Black &amp; Brown communities (such as poverty, profits over human beings, historical erasure in history books and school curriculum, racialized/gendered oppression, homophobia and transphobia, etc. all stem from colonization). Your own student population has done the work of uncovering and learning about the history of Mexicans and Mexican Americans in San Antonio and Texas, and how the Texas Rangers are responsible for lynching Black, Indigenous and People of Color as part of a racialized project to police and eradicate these communities in support of white settlement in Texas (stolen territory). Your own student population refuse to allow the Texas Rangers to be celebrated and honored with a mascot, especially at a community college made up largely of Mexican descent and Latinx students. To honor the Rangers is disgusting and disrespectful to your students and the larger community. I do not support keeping the Ranger as mascot. The glorification of lynchers and colonizers must stop and it is way past due to tell the reality of what Black and Brown communities have experienced in Texas and it's time to elevate and center our histories, as well as community leaders past and present, who represent dignity, justice and reflect the makeup of the city and of SAC.</p>

Community	We all know the rangers were created to oppress Mexican and African American communities many Mexicans in Texas were killed by rangers taking lands away. It's like having a KKK mascot and we are in San Antonio that's embarrassing.
Community	We are currently witnessing vigorous protests across the country and the world against racist power in response to the murder of George Floyd and other Black people at the hands of police. Institutions, images, and symbols that glorify despots, slaveholders, and colonizers are also coming under intense scrutiny as people come to consciousness about how racism lives through symbols and social structures and also how the legacies of slavery and attempted genocide of Native Americans impress upon the present. SAC's Ranger mascot is part of this landscape of symbolic violence to be eradicated. The Ranger mascot is undeniably associated with the Texas Rangers, a vigilante group that acted as enforcers of the law but whose intended purpose was to murder and terrorize Mexicans and other people of color into submission. They enacted countless brutal acts against Mexicans, Native Americans, and Blacks after the US-Mexico War and well into the 1960s. They did so with impunity. The Rangers were responsible for lynchings and the massacre of entire communities such as the village of Provenir, Texas. The relatives of those murdered or disappeared have not forgotten and nor have we, the students, faculty, and community supporters of San Antonio College. Symbols of oppression, violence, and white supremacy have no place in educational spaces especially as representations of SAC's identity and sports teams. In the spirit of our ancestors and in solidarity with the students who initiated this movement, I support the removal and replacement of the Ranger mascot. It is long overdue.
Community	The Texas Rangers do not have a place of Honor for remembering men who murdered thousands of Mexicans Americans. They committed thousands of murders, lynching, mutilated burned their bodies and threw them in the Rio Grande. They were greedy men who stole Mexican American's properties. The Texas Rangers.. have NO place of honor for remembering men who committed grotesque and violent racial discrimination against innocent Mexican Americans. All statues and Portraits should be removed . Thank you for the opportunity to share my support TO NOT KEEP RANGER MASCOT
Community	In my opinion the Ranger represents the Texas Rangers that are infamous across South Texas for inflicting violence in terror upon Mexicans and Americans of Mexican descent in Texas in the early 20th century. We must acknowledge and bring to public consciousness the atrocities the Texas Rangers inflicted upon people of color and their descendants in Texas. The Texas rangers worked closely with the Ku Klux Klan and were involved in public lynchings of both Black and ethnic Mexicans across Texas. Maintaining the Ranger as a mascot in a college predominately enrolling Hispanic students is a form of curriculum violence and a failure to acknowledge peoples true histories, trauma, and narratives. In all fairness, the true history of the terror the Texas Rangers inflicted on Blacks and ethnic Mexicans in Texas has been erased for many years, but has recently been brought to light by many scholars including Monica Munoz Martinez of Brown University and a 2016 exhibition at the Bullock Texas history Museum. We know better now and should stop glorifying a symbol of death and terrorism and change the mascot to something that reflects the fortitude and resilience of Texans.



Community	<p>Since SAC’s student population is 62% Hispanic and 9% Black, according to the Fall 2019 student profile posted by Dr. Vela on SAC’s website, the Texas Ranger’s brutal treatment of Latinx and Black people makes them unworthy of the honor. The Rangers, according to Brown University Professor Monica Muñoz Martinez, were a state-sponsored terror squad who carried out anti-Mexican violence. It is past time for San Antonio College to have a more inclusive mascot representing its student body.</p>
Community	<p>I acclaim your efforts to rename the SAC mascot as we reflect, renounce and work to change the injustices that have taken place recently and in the past in our country. Though difficult to change traditions, this is an opportunity to right a wrong of the past. Whenever I am confronted by a glorified tribute to the Texas rangers* especially in public places, it is a wrenching affront to my sensibilities. Because of intensive research by scholars from Refusing to Forget, a public history project, and other historians, we now have proof of the true history of the rangers. I urge you to do your own research on this dark period of Texas history. I and my family are fifth, sixth and seventh generation direct descendants of Jesús Bazán and Antonio Longoria who were assassinated by the rangers in 1915, as were hundreds of other innocent people, including women and children. Their only crime was their ethnicity. Many were American citizens, like my great grandfather Jesús and my grandfather Antonio. The Bazán-Longoria family is but one of hundreds affected by these atrocious acts. We cannot forget the injustices. It is ingrained in our DNA, an inherited generational loss that we keep in the silence of our hearts. Please rename the mascot with a worthier designation that exemplifies the history and values of SAC and the many opportunities and successes given to all who have passed through its doors of knowledge.</p> <p>*author's note: word intentionally not capitalized</p>
Community	<p>It is time to retire the Ranger mascot at San Antonio College. This city does not need or want a mascot that represents racism and violence against the Indigenous, Mexican and Mexican American people that constitute the majority of people in this community and at the college. Surely there is a more positive, non-offensive and non-gendered mascot that will better serve the image and the needs of the college and our community.</p>
Community	<p>I'm an Associate Professor in the Mexican American Studies Program at UTSA. As a professor in the program, I teach courses on Mexican American history, borderlands culture, and social justice education. This past semester, I curated my Introduction to Chicana/x/o Studies around the theme of state-sanctioned anti-Mexican violence, from early Anglo settler colonialism to present-day police and border patrol brutality targeting Brown people. My students were horrified by the history of racial violence inflicted by the Texas Rangers. Most grew up thinking the Texas Rangers were brave, honorable men -- not white supremacist murders who killed Mexican people with impunity. Many of them couldn't understand how SAC's leadership could continue to use a racist mascot as a symbol of school pride in a community college serving a predominantly Mexican American student body.</p> <p>Mascots are supposed to create a sense of belonging for students. In no way does the image of a Texas Ranger create a sense of belonging for Mexican American students. On the contrary, it creates immense uneasiness and unnecessary anxiety for students, and great distrust with an institution that is supposed to serve them and their communities. It's time that SAC reckon with its complicity in perpetuating this racial violence and that it drop the Texas Ranger mascot once and for all.</p>

Community	The Ranger figure has long symbolized devastation and destruction to Mexican American communities and people. Having the Ranger as a college mascot is an insult the many who felt the brunt of racist violence at the hands of the Texas Rangers. The mascot should be removed immediately.
Community	Los Rinches were cowards, murderers, and rapists. They deserve disrespect and condemnation, they should not be a symbol of anything except evil.
Community	I do not believe it is just to continue to honor racist namesakes. Yes, it is a part of history that cannot and should not be erased, but there is no reason to celebrate a mascot with despicable origins.
Community	As an invested community member and sister college alumni from NVC, I am unequivocally saying San Antonio College needs to remove and replace The Ranger as its mascot. While change isn't always easy, it is often times necessary. We need to stop allowing ourselves to become desensitized to symbols that represent pain and trauma in our community. It may seem trivial to some to change something so seemingly ingrained into SAC. However, removing said symbol of "Los Diablos Tejanos" is the very least institutions like SAC should be doing. Incidents like the Porvenir Massacre will not be glossed over or forgotten. The Rangers symbolize terror and the deaths of innocent people of color. Unless that is what SAC represents, The Ranger should not be it's mascot.
Community	Hi, i think a ranger is no longer what the sac community needs. I suggest an apple or apples. Who doesn't love apples.
Community	It's a racist symbol. That's it. It's not offensive, it's racist. It has a history of racism behind it, and by keeping the ranger, you're perpetuating that racist history. Change it.
Community	I believe the Ranger Mascot is a racist and stereotypical representation And needs to be done away with. It's time for a change. This has gone one way to long. The fact that y'all can't see this is ridiculous and egregious.
Community	I stand in support of San Antonio College students with Somos la Gente, who feel any association with the Rangers is inappropriate and are asking for a non-human, non-violent and non-racist mascot. San Antonio College was established in the middle of the worst periods of violence against Mexican Americans in Texas about 100 years ago, with thousands of Mexican Americans hunted, lynched, and labeled as bandits by the Texas Rangers. This is the legacy in The Ranger name and mascot, glorifying the murder of the grandfathers and great grandfathers of the current student population. In 2019, President of San Antonio College Dr. Robert Vela unveiled a new mascot called Antonio (a bandit) "after the city and college, not because he's Latino." Vela claimed that the student government didn't like the Gnome Ranger mascot that represented SAC at events the past five years, that was also hastily created, to "distance the college from the historical controversy surrounding the Texas Rangers." Instead of taking time to create a thoughtful and respectful mascot, administration has thrown at students two racist and offensive mascots in the last 5 years. ANY association with the Rangers is inappropriate

	<p>because the Texas Rangers originated as a vigilante group that hunted slaves, killed Mexicans and killed Native Americans. We encourage San Antonio College and Alamo Colleges to listen to students and alumni to finally Change the Ranger to something more thoughtful and appropriate to the student body that we can all be proud of.</p>
Community	<p><i>(same comment provided by two different community members)</i>  I stand in support of San Antonio College students with Somos la Gente, who feel any association with the Rangers is inappropriate and are asking for a non-human, non-violent and non-racist mascot. San Antonio College was established in the middle of the worst periods of violence against Mexican Americans in Texas about 100 years ago, with thousands of Mexican Americans hunted, lynched, and labeled as bandits by the Texas Rangers. This is the legacy in The Ranger name and mascot, glorifying the murder of the grandfathers and great grandfathers of the current student population. In 2019, President of San Antonio College Dr. Robert Vela unveiled a new mascot called Antonio (a bandit) “after the city and college, not because he’s Latino.” Vela claimed that the student government didn’t like the Gnome Ranger mascot that represented SAC at events the past five years, that was also hastily created, to “distance the college from the historical controversy surrounding the Texas Rangers.” Instead of taking time to create a thoughtful and respectful mascot, administration has thrown at students two racist and offensive mascots in the last 5 years. ANY association with the Rangers is inappropriate because the Texas Rangers originated as a vigilante group that hunted slaves, killed Mexicans and killed Native Americans. We encourage San Antonio College and Alamo Colleges to listen to students and alumni to finally Change the Ranger to something more thoughtful and appropriate to the student body that we can all be proud of.</p>
Community	<p>This discussion has taken place on and off through the years and I am happy to see that it is now formally taking place through the shared governance process. My position to remove the mascot has been expressed in the past as a former faculty member and administrator and it remains the same today. I am proud to have been a part of SAC for many years and am grateful for the opportunity to serve students alongside amazing colleagues. I am thinking of a few of those colleagues now who shared my position but unfortunately are no longer with us. Dean Ruben Flores, Counselor Rudy Ortiz, and Director Adolph Lopez are looking down with pride I'm sure to see this process unfold. Si se puede! :-) Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this very important issue.</p>
Community	<p>The SAC mascot should not be the Ranger due to this law enforcement organization’s practices is targeting Mexican Americans and African Americans in the early 20th century. The Texas Rangers helped uphold white supremacy in the early decades of the twentieth century by suppressing civil rights activists &amp; labor organizations. Please choose another mascot that will reflect the values of SAC and its student demographics.</p>
Community	<p>I am an Assistant Professor of History at Our Lady of the Lake University but I come to you today as a concerned member of the San Antonio community and as a Mexican American woman. As you by now already know, the Texas Rangers have an extremely contentious past with the ethnic Mexican community. Since Latinx students make up 60% of your current student population (as of 2017-2018), it would behoove you to recognize the violent past of the Texas Rangers and the havoc they unleashed on unsuspecting ethnic Mexican people and communities. During our current context, our</p>

	nation is collectively coming to terms with our tragic past and removing symbols of hate such statues of Confederate leaders. SAC should follow suit and also remove the name of the symbolic representation of an unequal power hierarchy where white Texas Rangers were at the top and the larger ethnic Mexican citizenry at the bottom. Thank you for you consideration.
Community	Ranger represents an odious history of oppression and attacks on the Mexican American community and more generally people of color. A mascot should memorialize a positive and socially just history. Names and labels that seem to represent innocuous, neutral or positive icons but are revealed to honor a hurtful, damaging and unjust history should be done away with. The history of the Mexican American community, as well as other communities of color, have ample examples of individuals and icons to revere and memorialize.
<b>FACULTY (10)</b>	
Faculty	For many years the word Ranger especially in Texas has signified the cruel and bloody history of the Texas Rangers' treatment of the Hispanic population and other people of color. It denotes targeting Hispanics in brutal actions like beatings, lynchings, and unwarranted harassment. SAC should be proactive and change the mascot to SAC Stars because our students, faculty, staff and administration are shining stars.
Faculty	As a historian, MAS Program coordinator, and advisor to Somos La Gente, the student group that began the movement to get rid of the Ranger mascot, I do not support a symbol of state-sanctioned violence at SAC.
Faculty	<p>The use of the Ranger as a mascot at San Antonio College is deeply inappropriate give the history of violence against Indigenous, Black, Chicax, Mexican American, and Mexican communities, by various organizations under that name.</p> <p>Which Texas Rangers do we at San Antonio College honor with the mascot? The perpetrators of the ethic cleaning of indigenous peoples in Texas before and during the period of the Republic of Texas? The men under Texas President Lamar who drove the Cherokee out of Texas in violation of their treaty rights and massacred Comanche in San Antonio during a peace negotiation? The men who brutalized the people of northern Mexican during the Mexican-American War? The Confederates unit “Terry’s Texas Rangers” who went to war to maintain people in bondage? The Texas Rangers who served after integrated Reconstruction era Texas State Police was disbanded in 1874? The Texas Rangers who lynched untold thousands of people of color while this college was created? The Texas Rangers who were used to keeps colleges like ours segregated?</p> <p>Some may contend that the Ranger Mascot honors the men and women who serve in the Texas Rangers today. Even if we were to put aside the continue inequalities and racism in our criminal justice system, the mascot was not chosen to honor these individuals today. The mascot was chosen by a segregated college to honor some of the worst perpetrators of state sponsored violence at the very time when this violence was taking place. We can do better.</p>

Faculty	<p>I believe that we are in the cusp of a societal paradigm shift away from symbols and icons from past history that are representative of suppression and marginalization of certain groups. I feel that the existing ranger mascot is now obsolete and offensive to many of the people of Mexican descent at our institution and should be retired. The new mascot should not be based on any human personage. I would suggest the Salamander as our new mascot. Salamanders live in the San Pedro Springs adjacent to SAC and symbolize rebirth and rising from the ashes.</p>
Faculty	<p>Changing our Rangers mascot can change SAC from just another institution promoting a white-washed, mythological history, to an example of how to positively learn from our history. We are obligated to begin dismantling the violent structures that oppress our fellow students, teachers, neighbors, friends, and families, and accepting the historical reality of the Texas Rangers and their atrocities throughout both Texas and Mexico is a necessary step towards this change. Conversely, upholding a disingenuous understanding of our past, promotes a disingenuous understanding of our present and helps justify the continued oppression of millions of families throughout Texas and the United States. We promote the diversity of our students and use this diversity to advertise our core values concerning equality and education. However, our Rangers mascot contradicts this message by subtly informing many of our students that they are never truly meant to be SAC PROUD. It is time to listen to the voices calling for change, just hearing them has never been enough.</p>
Faculty	<p>While it means some rebranding and changing the name of the student newspaper, it is a small price to be on the right side of history. In an environment where other insensitive mascots are being changed, it would be disappointing if SAC- who always espouses support for its Latino students- to hang on to a mascot whose history is one of violence against minorities.</p>
Faculty	<p>I believe, especially since we are designated as an HSI, we should have a mascot that will reflect the values of inclusion and equity.</p>
Faculty	<p>With over 60% of San Antonio College being of Latina/o/x, I stand to NOT support in keeping the Ranger as our school mascot. The Ranger mascot reflects a false narrative of the Texas Rangers by claiming they were crime-fighting heroes protecting the Lone Star State. Instead, the Rangers were notorious for policing brown, black, and indigenous bodies across the U.S.-Mexican border. By committing this gruesome lynchings, they have a legacy of violence that is still being romanticize today. With the dark history not being taught in our institutions, those who see our mascot will have a false depiction the Rangers. It is unfair for SAC students and staff of color to attend an institution in which we celebrate the Rangers for their historical acts of oppression against them.</p>
Faculty	<p>Yes, San Antonio has a rich cultural heritage. Across the street is the 2nd oldest public park in the Country--but before this the Springs were sacred to the indigenous people who lived here. The Texas Rangers, on the other hand, do indeed have a bloody history--finally acknowledged at the capital. Knowing that the Rangers murdered Mexicans and citizens is enough of a reason to remove them as school mascot--especially since the college frequently highlights that SAC is a Historically Hispanic serving institution. The</p>

	<p>other colleges in the district have animal mascots--an easy way to avoid controversy. This is an interesting time in our country's history--a time when there is a growing momentum to truly understand our country's development. We should do more than just remove the Ranger as mascot--but instead study and teach about the indigenous populations and study the impact of this cultural collision.</p>
Faculty	<p>As a teacher of history, I know well the legacy of the Texas Rangers. While I understand that many may disapprove of changing the mascot because it holds personal meaning for them as it relates to their time at SAC, it holds different relevance for many others in our community. I believe that changing the mascot to one that students can relate to and represents the diversity and inclusiveness of our college would be the best decision the college could make at this time.</p>
<b>STAFF (12)</b>	
Staff	<p>The dialogue to change the mascot predates my arrival at SAC in 2014. While mascots are typically designed to be fierce representatives of sports programs, they also need to be ambassadors of the school and its mission. For this reason, many human characterizations have come under fire over the past two decades for their insensitivity or filtered histories. For this reason, I believe that our community would benefit from a new mascot with a powerful clear message of inspiration that not only represents the mission of SAC and its pursuit of excellence, but serves to become a beacon around which all can be proud. I have been recommending in meetings on this topic the consideration of the "San Antonio College Stars". The connection to our city's only planetarium since 1961 is clear; however, on a more basic level we have long heralded people who achieve as "stars". Those rise above the storm are "super stars" and with our most recent recognition by the Aspen Institute as a top ten college of excellence, it goes without saying that our students have a "bright future" of "stellar" opportunities ahead of them.</p>
Staff	<p>Despite the myth attached to the Texas Ranger, it is a banner that was used to justify the genocide of indigenous peoples as well as the lynching of countless black and brown people. Chuck Norris and revisionist hero-making aside, the Texas Ranger is an unambiguous symbol of white power and white supremacy.</p> <p>The deleterious nature of our mascot was an issue that I was aware of as a student. At that time, it was clear that the college understood the problems posed by the mascot and went about determining the problematic "spirit animal" Gnome as a half measure to soften our messaging and imagery. In history classes at SAC, I read in textbooks and took part in class discussions about the history of atrocities committed and consequences of the Texas Rangers.</p> <p>It would be cliché to say that "the time is now." It would also be an understatement. Our mascot is something that should have never been. That the Ranger has been associated with our college since inception only underscores our institutional complicity in the lionization of racist vigilantism as the 1910s and 20s are on record as peak years of mob violence and lynching as carried out by Texas Rangers and self-deputized affiliates.</p>

	<p>In this period of unprecedented change, it is crucial that we reconcile our troubled past so that we can construct a bridge to a positive and inclusive future. This change is overdue. Please, cease the moment so that every one of us can be SAC Proud.</p>
Staff	<p>The recent publication of the following book clearly argues and documents the atrocities committed by the Texas Rangers. Now is the time to lay The Ranger to rest.</p> <p>Cult of Glory: The Bold and Brutal History of the Texas Rangers  By Doug J. Swanson  Viking  480 pages, \$28</p>
Staff	<p>I no longer support the use of any human mascots, as retrospective history has many glaring facets that do not align with present values. While the overculture may see a Ranger as a symbol of strength and integrity, minoritized people do not share the same connotations. In the 1920s the SAC Ranger was based off of the Texas Rangers who killed Tejanos without recompense, remorse or due process. In 2020 we can no longer give glory to a group that committed such sanctified atrocities. The pull to honor tradition and "stick with" the Ranger as a mascot will be strong, however, I believe that once we know better we are called to do better. It is our duty to confront these issues decisively now so that future generations can live in a world more harmonious than this.</p>
Staff	<p>Greetings, There is a negative history in Texas between indigenous peoples and their descendants and the Texas Rangers - just as the Confederate and Union Armies have impacted the lives of people of color and indigenous people of this country with disastrous results. Don't we owe it to our central Texas heritage to change our mascot to one that reflects the culture of our locale rather than a group who oppressed individuals and trespassed upon their civil rights while this state was a Republic, and even unto today.</p> <p>While I don't support keeping the current mascot as the Ranger or Gnome Ranger, I think that the Gnome could adopt a different modus operandi and continue his/her role as a representation of SAC's new mascot. Now this may seem silly, but can you see the Gnome in a Mariachi costume?</p> <p>I humbly suggest that we should hold a College wide contest to come with a new mascot. Post the entries, everyone votes. Once a decision is made - hold an art contest to determine what that new mascot will look like - let everyone vote. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners could receive scholarship money or gift cards and a plaque with their name on it. Make the unveiling a huge event, with all the entries posted for people to see. After all - we are ALL stakeholders in this decision. Thank you.</p>
Staff	<p>Rangers have an incredibly racist past, and having this as our mascot when we pride ourselves on being inclusive and keeping our students in mind. Many students and staff have spoken up about how harmful and racist this mascot is; SAC cannot pick and choose what times to be inclusive and supportive of our student body.</p>

Staff	I am assuming that the ranger mascot refers to the Texas rangers. The Texas rangers have a long history of not only being racist but also being very violent and unjust just to make an arrest. I think that in the era of Black Lives Matters it would be wise to reconsider a new mascot.
Staff	The mascot of the college should not be associated with denial of rights, property and lives to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color). I want to be associated with a college that acknowledges it's racial past and has the courage to find healing. The healing can begin with a vote and a voice. I am that vote, I am that voice. Thank you.
Staff	As an employee, I have heard many students who feel that the symbol of the Ranger and what it represents can be construed as offensive to some, due to certain actions of the Ranger organization from the past, towards particular groups. Due to the current situation in our society, i.e., the protests for equality and fairness for all, perhaps instead of using a potentially offensive individual or group of individuals to represent the school mascot, we might consider using a symbol (such as Stars, Suns, Comets, etc), or animals (such as Panthers, Eagles, Falcons, Steeds, etc), which may meet a more agreeable response. A search for a mascot that is not objectionable or offensive is a way to bring both our campus and the public in general together on a more unified and shared ground, which in these times is something we truly need.
Staff	Historically, the Texas Rangers have done acts of police brutality against minorities and those acts do not align to SAC values.
Staff	I would like SAC community to choose a mascot that underscores the values of the college that reflect respect, inclusiveness, and integrity. The mascot should be a symbol under which we can all gather, a symbol of unity and progress. #SACProud
Staff	The Texas Rangers from which the Rangers mascot is derived have a long history of bigotry beginning from their creation to exterminate the Karankawa tribe to massacring Mexican women and children during the Mexican-American war. They also hunted escaped slaves and sided with the Confederacy during the Civil War. They did not do anything to help when hundreds of black Texans were lynched. Even as late as the 1950s, they worked against racial integration of schools. For these reasons, I do not believe that San Antonio College should have a Ranger mascot. It is a symbol of oppression.
<b>STUDENTS (27)</b>	
Student	First, I would like to thank the Alamo Colleges for providing this opportunity even if it has come after months of student request to change the mascot. Given the history several students on campus have felt that this change is long overdue because some find the mascot offensive. There has been an article previously published in the local newspaper about this very issue. A student club now named Somos La Gente formerly known as Chicax has made several attempts to educate the student body about the history of The Ranger through flyers and word of mouth. This was the first time I had ever given thought as a freshman on campus, however once I finished my Introduction to Mexican American Studies I was reminded of the hurtful history to the culture I associate myself



	<p>with. I did also find myself commenting to gym coaches during Spring 2020 semester as to why the college had just invested in restoring its gymnasiums during the 2019- 2020 break painting boldly the words Rangers while several students had been requesting it's change. I got no response and continued feeling as though the college didn't take serious the concerns or feelings of it's students. I later spoke to students on campus including the student club leading the awareness that the school had not only disregarded request for a mascot change but went and emphasized it for others to see during sports events. I remained distracted during my gym class because it could not be ignored.</p>
Student	<p>The Ranger mascot represents the oppression of marginalized peoples across Texas including Mexican-Americans, African Americans and Indigenous peoples who were constantly targeted by the Texas Rangers. The Rangers committed numerous atrocities including massacres like in Porvenir and Slocum. Regardless of what modern Rangers represent and do for the community, the mascot represents the oppression of people of color. San Antonio takes pride in it's Mexican-American heritage, yet continues to have this symbol of oppression in our institution. It is comparable to if a Jewish institution were to have a Nazi guard as a mascot and parade it as "School Tradition".</p>
Student	<p>I do not support the mascot and will help this org fight to have it removed. This is a insult to all the people that have suffered from violence at the hands if the Texas rangers in the past and still do today. Being a place of higher learning you would imagine that common sense would be used more often and freely instead you take money from brown students looking to improve their lives and force them to relive trama goijg back generations. It isnt hard to accept responsibility for a mistake correct it and move on. Instead the staff has hoped we would just stop fighting when that isn't the case.</p>
Student	<p>As Texans, the majority student body of San Antonio College is familiar with the history of the Texas Rangers. San Antonio College has a deep history as well. We have been here for over a century as an institution of education and growth. As this century has progressed, we have become better educated on the realities of the past of the Texas Rangers. While they may be believed in present-day to be honorable figures to look up to, we cannot deny that their foundation was based in despotism and that people's families have been deeply wronged and traumatized by the actions of the Rangers. These scars remain on the hearts of the families, this includes students, faculty, alumni of San Antonio College. As an institution of education, it seems rather ignorant to me, that we would uphold idolization of this force with a history of oppression of the Mexican and Mexican American community. It feels ethically wrong to be represented by this figure. SAC prides itself on diversity and success. San Antonio College particularly has received an award multiple times in being a commendable institution specifically for empowering Hispanic students. How can we choose to represent ourselves with a figure that has a horrid history of oppression towards the exact students we pride ourselves on and empower for success?</p>
Student	<p>While I feel the criticisms of the Ranger are unfounded on the basis that he in no way currently represents violence or racism, I feel it should probably be changed. In SAC history, we've seen the Ranger evolve into a sort of gnomish creature with a cowboy hat. These changes were due to the original history of the Ranger and by doing so, you've implicitly agreed that the mascot is inherently racist. There's plenty of potential for a</p>

	<p>new mascot that doesn't look like a gnome nor has problematic origins. Maybe go with a Mexican figure like Zorro. He was based on a Mexican bandit named Joaquin Murrieta who was allegedly beaten by Americans before he began to steal from Californians during the time of the gold rush. His story is not only a symbol of Mexican resistance toward Americans encroaching on other people's land but is also the antithesis to a ranger. He was later romanticized as Zorro who cunningly stole from the rich and gave to the poor. For these reasons, I believe you should, at the very least, change the mascot and I suggest you choose a positive Mexican or Hispanic figure like Zorro.</p>
Student	<p>I do think that the "Ranger" is outdated and could be offensive to people. In order to keep a welcoming campus I think it would be beneficial for the mascot to be an animal or something related that isn't a human person. A dragon in a cowboy hat or such would be less offensive and more easy for all to love and enjoy.</p>
Student	<p>I am a student, staff and president of Somos la Gente, the student group that has been leading the effort to change the Ranger mascot. I would like to speak at this Council meeting and publicly state my opposition to this racist and violent mascot.</p>
Student	<p>I would like to express to the members of the College Council that as a student I find it difficult to reconcile the stated mission and intent to provide education to all members of the San Antonio community, and to continue their legacy as a leading college for Hispanic students, with the message represented in the continued use of the Ranger mascot. One does not need to look long or hard to find a history of brutal acts of racism and discriminatory atrocities against BIPOC individuals and communities, and continued support for this organization and the use of the Ranger as a mascot for this college stands in direct opposition to recent statements issued by the college in support of recent national movements of our BIPOC and LGBTQ+ friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, fellow students, and wider community members. I humbly implore the members of this College Council and the administration as a whole to consider what kind of message they would like to send both organizationally and personally to their fellow man while moving forward in this consideration process. Thank you for your time and your service to the student body and the greater San Antonio community.</p>
Student	<p>San Antonio College provides a safe space for the community and its students, faculty, and staff. The Ranger mascot is not representative of a healthy environment we wish to continue nurturing. The Texas Rangers have a very problematic and racist history. They committed unspeakable war crimes on many innocent Native Americans and other people of color, and historical records state they were equally on par with the Ku Klux Klan. With our current social and political climate, we should do better as a school and remove this symbol of fear, trauma, and violence and move forward through progressive action. As many monuments to racist figures throughout history are being removed nationwide, as well as other problematic entities, the Ranger has no place on a campus like San Antonio College.</p>
Student	<p>My stance is not to abolish the Ranger's long-standing history (because we cannot erase history), but because as a Top 10 nation-wide community college, we as students want to be represented in the best light. The best light cuts ties from racism, inhumanity, and</p>

	<p>the support of violence stemming from racism and slavery. Therefore, Antonio the Bandit as a Mascot should also be out of the question. I, personally, am okay with the Gnome mascot if it expels the Ranger behind it. I did some research behind the German immigrant Otto Koehler, who built the Koehler Mansion and is the artist behind its gnome paintings. In my research, I have not found the Koehler's to be racist. Putting aside his personal life, Otto Koehler and The Koehler house have a rich history in San Antonio, which includes The Pearl Brewery. Koehler's nephew, Otto, and his wife Marcia Koehler gave the Koehler Cultural Center to San Antonio College. Keeping his Uncle's Gnome or producing a new mascot that pays homage to the couple's generosity would seem to be a better fit and be represented in a non-embarrassing shade of light while keeping some of the school's local history. Gnomes signify much immigrant history into the U.S. Like many immigrants, Germans also faced racism when they became part of Texas history. The Phrygian cap on top of the Gnome's head means liberty and equality, and that is a shade of light students want to associate with versus racism, slavery, inhumanity, and violence.</p>
Student	<p>I would like to have the Ranger Mascot changed to a Non Human, Non Racist, Non Violent mascot. For almost 2 year myself and Nati Roman have researched and led the student campaign to Change the Ranger. The Rangers were a vigilante group that terrorized Black, Indigenous, Tejanos, Mexicans and poor white people during the early 1900's into the 1970s. The Rangers were used as "Slave Catcher" by white slave owners to return Black runaways who fled south to find freedom in Mexico. At the same time, Rangers lynched and killed Tejanos at an alarming rate in the most gruesome, violent, and degrading ways. The fact that SAC instituted the Ranger mascot in 1926, 8 years after one of the most prolific events knows as The Porvenir Massacre, shows how the SAC instutuion at the time disregarded their violent history. 95 years later it is time for us to rid this educational institution from a violent, racist and grotesque symbol or white supremacy. I would be honored to share these and other words at the meeting July 14th.</p>
Student	<p>The history of the Texas Rangers is stained with blood. I do not want to glorify that history as a mascot, and I am ashamed to wear paraphernalia from San Antonio College around town. People who look like me and my friends were targets of the Rangers, and it is downright disrespectful to wear that name across my chest as though I'm proud.</p> <p>Please be on the right side of history and follow the same suit as the other Alamo Community Colleges with a mascot without the painful history.</p>
Student	<p>WHY IS THIS STILL BEING DEBATED? Especially in light of everything that has happened over the past few months? Pick a new mascot! I think this quote from <a href="https://www.tpr.org/post/new-mascot-stirs-controversy-san-antonio-college">https://www.tpr.org/post/new-mascot-stirs-controversy-san-antonio-college</a> just about sums it up: "Students with Somos la Gente, however, think any association with the Rangers is inappropriate because the Texas Rangers started out as a vigilante group that killed Mexicans and Native Americans. 'What we're asking for is a non-human, non-violent and non-racist mascot,' said Diana Flores, president of Somos la Gente. 'That's not necessarily a difficult task.'" Need suggestions? Horse, cow, pig, rattlesnake, frog, toad, cat, dog, zebra, giraffe, elephant, alligator, crocodile, marmot, cheetah, leopard, owl, raven, hawk, rabbit...get it? Stop naming mascots after racist, problematic, violent, stereotypical people and organizations and your problem goes away. People of color should not have to keep BEGGING for this crap to stop. Just stop.</p>

Student	<p>I believe our mascot should not be a simplified and "cute" version of an organization that has a history filled with things such as the burning of villages, hunting of runaway slaves, and murdering of both Mexicans and Mexican-Americans. As a Mexican American myself once I'd learned about the horrid history of our mascot I found myself appalled and frankly disappointed that such a big college with such a diverse set of students and staff would allow our mascot to stay a Texas Ranger. I hope that the San Antonio College staff really thinks about their decisions going forward on things such as this and at the very least run mascots based on historical events/people past the very educated and diverse history department that San Antonio College has under their fingertips.</p>
Student	<p>The Texas Ranger was an early prototype police force that acted openly as an oppressive force against Mexican and Mexican Americans. It is a historical fact that the Texas Rangers utilized violence, intimidation, and political interference as a means to protect white property. According to Alex Vitale, Professor of Sociology and Coordinator of the Policing and Social Justice Project at Brooklyn College, he describes the Texas Ranger, in <i>The End of Policing</i> as:</p> <p>[A] domestic version of colonial policing: the Texas Ranger. Initially a loose band of irregulars, the Rangers were hired to protect the interests of newly arriving white colonists, first under the Mexican Government, later under an independent Republic of Texas, and finally as part of the state of Texas. Their main work was to hunt down native populations accused of attacking white settlers, as well as investigating crimes like cattle rustling.”</p> <p>Our student body is demanding that this contradictory public image be laid to permanent rest so that we, Alamo Colleges, can move forward in history. By changing the Ranger, or even removing a mascot identity altogether, we as a college are rectifying and truly empowering the student and staff body. It is clear that in order to properly empower and educate our community we need to recognize the Ranger as an oppressive figure and change our mascot to more suitable represent our educated and empowered community.</p>
Student	<p>The Texas Rangers are a mythological construction that assisted in the eradication and violent subjugation of Native Americans and people of Mexican/Spanish descent. They should not remain our mascot. Alamo Colleges include a historically black college and university and a traditionally Hispanic serving institution. We should have a mascot that reflects all of our student body.</p>
Student	<p>Why do we have a human symbolize a mascot for our institution? Would it not be better to have an animal or an inanimate object represent our institution, like the Tigers of St. Philips College or the Flying Chanclas of San Antonio? The reason is so that more people can feel comfortable with the mascot. Tigers and flying sandals seem to not be as much of a reason for racial tension. What I propose for the new SAC mascot is a character that is not a human, so that racial tension can be deterred, and people can come together and be proud of their mascot.</p> <p>Perhaps an example for the new mascot could be a lion. The reason why is because it is not a human and it would fit in well with the mascots of the other Alamo Colleges, since they are big felines. St. Philips college has a tiger, North West Vista College has a wildcat. Let us have the lion. Thank you.</p>

Student	<p>"Texas Rangers have a long history of suppressing civil rights movements throughout the 20th century, using force, violence and intimidation," says historian Monica Muñoz Martinez. June 6, 2020</p> <p>As a community if we don't act now, then we are a part of the problem that ignores the truth behind that Texas Rangers. United we all stand, or divided we all fall. You should NOT be asking for peoples opinion for this is the right thing to do.</p>
Student	<p>How are you going to have a predominately Hispanic demographic attend your institution and then have a Ranger as the mascot for the institution? It should be changed to something of honor and respect to the Hispanic community, in which your establishment represents for San Antonio.</p>
Student	<p>I am a SAC student in my second year as of fall 2020 and when I started I didn't know what the mascot would be. When I found out it was a ranger I was excited I pictured something like Chuck Norris from Texas Rangers but I was mistaken. The San Antonio College mascot is a ranger however the ranger actually looks like a garden gnome and that doesn't make me want to be proud to be a sac student in fact I avoid the mascot because it's not appealing and does not represent sac at all. I believe we should change the mascot to something that symbolizes our Native American culture here in San Antonio from the very beginning. We have to really think about how we want to represent us as student and as a college. We aren't just another community college. We are San Antonio College is high is a very important role to have we need to bring back our ancestors and culture back into our school. This is a mascot that can bring school pride for years to come and future generations can take and make their own. Let's find something to be proud of like a ranger that looks better with more of a cowboy representation that will make everyone happy . I know it wont be easy to please everyone but let's at least agree that there needs to be changed for the future of this school . Thank You for your consideration</p>
Student	<p>Why are you lying when you say it is a 'Ranger', when it looks like a stupid **** garden gnome. Come on, for a state wide known community college you have a **** looking gnome that looks like a pedophile. When I first arrived, I thought it was going to look like the rival of the Red Raider or the protector of the Aggie. I would proudly call myself a Ranger if the mascot didn't resemble my high school's oldest teacher.</p> <p>The stickers or promotional items the school gives look bland with just the school and district name, yet I understand why they don't put the embarrassing mascot everywhere. The new 'Zorro' mascot is a step in the right direction yet the public may not like the Mexican Bandit aspect of it. I would suggest a David Bowie type with more Texas Ranger style or even mimic the AAF Commanders mascot.</p> <p>At the end of the day, I don't care about historical, racial, or even social aspects of the mascot. I just care if it looks **** cool or not. Mascots are symbols to be proud of and for members to represent every where they go, although no-one wants a shirt with a *** Larry King. Just make the mascot look good and no one would debate or care about it anymore.</p>

Student	As a family childcare provider, I support the social and emotional well-being of our youngest children. Anything, that will have a negative impact on a child's development is neglectful on all of us who can and should do better. In our history the Texas Rangers have cause pain and sorrow toward minority families. We, as a community of learners, should do better when we know better. There is no reason we should have a mascot that is a symbol of pain and torture to members of our community.
Student	I do not live in San Antonio, so I drive a total of 4 hrs to attend SAC. When I wear my Rangers shirt over here, everyone thinks I am supporting the Texas Rangers baseball team. I correct them and tell them that I am supporting SAC and not the Texas Rangers! The nerve! I am a die hard Astros fan! Hahah. Solely for the reason that I want my school to be recognized, and not a baseball team that is not the Astros. I am SAC proud and would like it to be known as no other. If i can make a suggestion, I read an article about the Alamo and read that Colonel Travis and Colonel Bowie refused to abandon the Alamo as instructed by Sam Houston (due to the troop's small size). The were prepared to defend their fort to the last. These defenders gave every bit of themselves for their beloved Alamo. I'd like to think that during this COVID19 pandemic, our beloved SAC is prepared to defend its students and their families from this life threatening virus. So i think that if a change of mascot is, that the SAC Defenders might have a nice ring to it.
Student	The Texas Rangers terrorized Mexicanos across Texas and the Southwest
Student	I believe it is the perfect time for the Ranger to be replaced with something more inclusive and reflective of the progression we have made to glorify the diversity Sac now teaches.
Student	I stand in support of San Antonio College students with Somos la Gente, who feel any association with the Rangers is inappropriate and are asking for a non-human, non-violent and non-racist mascot. San Antonio College was established in the middle of the worst periods of violence against Mexican Americans in Texas about 100 years ago, with thousands of Mexican Americans hunted, lynched, and labeled as bandits by the Texas Rangers. This is the legacy in The Ranger name and mascot, glorifying the murder of the grandfathers and great grandfathers of the current student population. In 2019, President of San Antonio College Dr. Robert Vela unveiled a new mascot called Antonio (a bandit) “after the city and college, not because he’s Latino.” Vela claimed that the student government didn’t like the Gnome Ranger mascot that represented SAC at events the past five years, that was also hastily created, to “distance the college from the historical controversy surrounding the Texas Rangers.” Instead of taking time to create a thoughtful and respectful mascot, administration has thrown at students two racist and offensive mascots in the last 5 years. ANY association with the Rangers is inappropriate because the Texas Rangers originated as a vigilante group that hunted enslaved people, killed Mexicans and killed Native Americans. We encourage San Antonio College and Alamo Colleges to listen to students and alumni to finally Change the Ranger to something more thoughtful and appropriate to the student body that we can all be proud of.

Student	<p>Hello Dr. Vela, I am glad to be able to speak with you today over the matters of our current mascot, the Texas Rangers, as I feel it is an important topic that not only needs to be discussed but also shown the attention it deserves. We are tired of seeing injustices in this world. We are tired of seeing minority groups be ignored. We are tired of seeing symbols of white supremacy and oppression be treated like something worth honoring. And most importantly, we are tired of seeing just as much indifference and lack of action, as it is just as guilty as the injustice itself. SAC is a wonderful campus that has meant so much to every one of us, allowing us to continue our story of progress and moving forward in a better direction. SAC should do the same; move forward, educate and understand the history of Texas Rangers for what it was, a state-sponsored terror squad designed to arrest those that were guilty of having the wrong skin color. The echos this matter displays in light of the George Floyd Protests are not of coincidence, as it simply exposes a continued pattern of silencing those who wish to speak up and let systemic oppression prevail. The time for change is now. This is our chance to be better, do better, and lead better together. We can be the change. We can represent what justice means, and adhere to the values that we all stand</p>
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