



2017 SAC BRAGS

Each year, San Antonio College publishes a list of "Top SAC Brags" that showcase the College's major accomplishments throughout the previous year.

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SAC was selected by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 150 institutions in the nation for community college excellence.

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San Antonio College's accreditation was reaffirmed, with no recommendations, through June 2026 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

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SAC officially opened the Student Advocacy Center and "The Store" to help students who are food and/or housing insecure and to provide coordinated access to the public safety net and local non-profit community resources.

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San Antonio College has been recognized by Community for *Accredited Online Schools* for Best Online Schools in Texas, Best Online Associates Degree, Best Online Associates in Criminal Justice Degree, and Best Online English Degrees.

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The San Antonio College Nursing Education Department celebrated its 50th anniversary. The Nursing program is the largest in San Antonio and has graduated more than 1,000 students over the past century.

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The San Antonio College Motorsport Team, a collection of science and engineering majors, received third place in the Prototype Hydrogen Fuel Cell category at the 11th Annual Shell Eco-Marathon Americas competition, held in Detroit, Michigan.

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Human Services became the first program in Texas to earn NASAC accreditation; Mortuary Science earned re-accreditation from the ABFSE and was cited as a model program; and the Early Childhood Department was reaccredited for five more years by the NAEYC.

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SAC was recently recognized by the Quality Texas Foundation for "Progress Level Recognition" for demonstrating strong dedication to quality and high performance. Using the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, Quality Texas aims to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

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English Professor Dr. Liz Ann Baez Aguilar has been installed as president of the Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA). With nearly 6,000 members, it is the largest organization of postsecondary educators in the state.

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Certified advisor, Bonita De Leon, was named a fellow for the E. Kika De La Garza Fellows Program with the United States Department of Agriculture. As part of the fellowship, De Leon traveled to Washington D.C. to take part in a dialogue about the challenges faced by college students.

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SAC's Upward Bound received a \$1.28M grant for their partnership with two local high schools; the Upward Bound Math and Science grant was renewed for \$1.3M for the program with SAISD's Edison High School; and the Early Childhood Department received \$1.2M for the CCAMPIS grant.

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Travis Early College High School at San Antonio College earned the prestigious Blue Ribbon designation by the U.S. Department of Education citing Travis as one of the nation's high-performing high schools.

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San Antonio College exceeded the Wildly Important Goal (WIG) by awarding 5,531 degrees and certificates in the 2016-2017 academic year.

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The new San Antonio College Mariachi group, Estrellas del Alamo, competed in the 23rd annual Vargas International Mariachi Extravaganza for the first time and won 2nd place beating out Rice University and UT Austin.

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The SAC National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) Chapter, with 1,554 members, earned the Order of Sigma honor, the association's highest award, for the second year in a row.

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San Antonio College received two Online Excellence awards in the Best Online Associates Degree Program category as well as the Best Online RN Degree Program category. (AffordableCollegesOnline.org)

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Hispanic Outlook Magazine has ranked San Antonio College No. 5 on a list of the Top 25 Community Colleges for Hispanics in the Nation.

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