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### **Palo Alto College Celebrates America Recycles Day**

Alamo Colleges District–Palo Alto College celebrated its ninth annual America Recycles Day on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019. The national event teaches individuals how to create a more sustainable environment.

Since January 2009, Palo Alto College has rescued over 550,000 pounds of plastic, glass, metal, paper and cardboard. Palo Alto College hopes to continue to spread the word about the importance of recycling. Fun activities will consist of a recycle photo booth, resource tables, a pledge banner, and student poster presentations. The free celebration will take place in the Legacy Room (Ozuna 101) from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Palo Alto College students enrolled in cosmetology and geology courses, the Logistics Club, and Club Earth will collaborate with the S.H.A.R.E. Center staff, Communities in Schools, and Goodwill Industries San Antonio to host a Recycled Fashion Show at noon.

“As an agency committed to sustainability, Goodwill San Antonio is proud to partner with Palo Alto College to drive campus and community awareness around the many benefits of recycling,” said Penny Benavidez, director of public relations for Goodwill. “The annual Recycled Fashion Show presents a creative forum to educate students that recycling is not limited to simply paper and plastics. Gently-used clothing can be repurposed, and more importantly, used to transform the lives of others within our community.”

In keeping with the theme of reusing and recycling items, the PAC Logistics Club will be on site to collect coat donations for their annual coat drive, which provides gently-used jackets to the homeless community in San Antonio. Attendees who donate jackets will be entered into a raffle, and winners will be announced during the event.

Palo Alto College hopes to create a fun and educational experience for all students, faculty, staff and community. For more information, contact Hunter Bates, at (210) 486-3198.

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence, a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and a Rising Star winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at [alamo.edu/pac](http://alamo.edu/pac).

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