

# SAC Faculty Fellow Newsletter

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**I am conflicted about snow--I love to look at it but I don't want to manage it.**

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# Greetings & Announcements!

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## Hello Again!

It's the last Faculty Fellow Newsletter of the semester and of the year! Thank you to everyone who has perused these pages. My hope was to create a curated list of professional and faculty development opportunities for you - and if you found even just one thing that piqued your interest, then my job was done.

I wish everyone a wonderful winter break filled with restful days, cozy evenings, friends and family, or solitude--if like me, that's what you prefer.

I look forward to the new year with you all!

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## Important Dates

### Final Examinations

December 6-11

### End of the Fall Semester

December 11

### Winter Break - College Closed

December 20-31

### Colleges Open

January 3, 2022

### Faculty Report

January 10, 2021

## SAC Faculty Fridays at the Teaching & Learning Center

Drop in and learn something new with at SAC TLC Faculty Fridays! The schedule will be available for you on the calendar at the [SAC TLC website](#). All sessions are on Zoom, see the SAC TLC Calendar for the link. Below is a sneak peak at what's in store for November 2021:

### Teaching with Objects: An Intersectional View

Fri, Dec 3, 2021 10:00 AM

### Adaptive Teaching and Trauma Informed Pedagogy

Fri, Dec 3, 2021, 1:30 PM

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## Online Teaching Certification (Hybrid)

The Teaching and Learning Center offers Online Teaching Certification to all faculty (full-time and adjunct) at San Antonio College. The goal is to certify all faculty to teach online so that we can offer additional online sections.

Please register in Alamo Talent.

Sessions will return in the Spring! Check the [SAC TLC Calendar](#) for updates.



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# Professional Development

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## Rev Up Your Classroom with Professional Development

Every two weeks I will provide you with the latest professional development workshops. Come join us and learn something new to rev up your classroom! Registration for all training is available in AlamoTALENT—your one-stop shop for faculty development. All professional development workshops and classes are held online.

### Canvas Analytics 2021 Workshops

Thu, Dec 2, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Ever wish you had a bird's-eye view of how students are doing in your online course? Come learn how to use the New Analytics tool to better track student participation and performance.

[Click to join meeting](#)

### Faculty Friday Drop Ins

Fri, Dec 3, 2021, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Do you have a question about Canvas or Zoom? Is there a concern that you want to voice? Would you like to just chat about teaching with colleagues? Join District Faculty Development during our drop in hours. Come and go as you need!

[Click to join meeting](#)

## The Screen and Keys Tech for Teaching & Learning

Here are offerings based in using technology to your advantage. If you want to become more proficient in using tech then keeping reading. Registration for all training is available in AlamoTALENT! All workshops are held online.

### Office 365/One Drive

Wed, Dec 1, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:05 PM

Learn how to access Office 365 with everything Microsoft Office has to offer, including the favorites, such as Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and One Drive. Find out how to store and share work files safely with this powerful collaborating tool. Learn how to access Office 365 and how to store and share work files safely with One Drive.

### Microsoft Teams

Thu, Dec 2, 2021, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Microsoft Teams is a collaboration app that helps your team stay organized by keeping notes, documents and conversations together all in one place.

A chat-based workspace that combines instant messaging, voice, video, calling, and file-sharing, Microsoft Teams enables users to be more productive by using Office apps they're familiar with - like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, SharePoint, and more.



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# Professional Development Cont.

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## The Screen and Keys Cont.

### Tech Tuesday | EdPuzzle

Tue, Dec 7, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Get ready to learn new skills and engage your students in this bi-monthly professional development series focused on all things educational technology! From new and innovative technologies to tried and true; there's something for everyone.

Register for one or more sessions!

EdPuzzle--Create interactive videos that you can directly integrate into Canvas to more fully engage your students.

[Click to join meeting](#)

## Course Layouts (Online and Hybrid)

Thu, Dec 9, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Course Layouts (Online and Hybrid) Save time getting your course up and running! In this workshop, you will learn how to download and edit customizable Course Layouts for online and hybrid courses. Course Layouts built using research-based best practices ensure your course is navigable, accessible, and organized for student success.

[Click to join meeting](#)

## Computer Literacy

Mon, Dec 13, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This course focuses on the Microsoft Windows 10 operating system, introduction to computer terminology, network security, web browser settings and more.

## Canvas Tools - Pick Your Topics

Wed, Dec 15, 2021, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

This session is a hands on workshop focused on the essential tools and activities needed for faculty who teach students Face-to-Face in the traditional classroom setting. During this session we will discuss the critical portions of Canvas that faculty need to get started using Canvas as a supplement to their classroom instruction. We will also personalize the session by asking you to pick your topics that you would like to focus on.

## BioSig ID Training

Thu, Dec 16, 2021, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

BioSig-ID is a biometric signature gesture technology for identity verification. It requires only a mouse, stylus or touchpad for users to create a unique password, and can be fully integrated into Canvas for the purpose of authenticating student identity in online courses.



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# Professional Development Cont.

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## We're Glad You're Here Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Wherever you might be in this journey, you'll find connection, shared values, and growth. Find ways to promote equity and inclusion through the courses and workshops listed here.! All workshops are held online.

## Gender Equity: LGBTQIAP+ Ally Training

Tue, Dec 7, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Gender Equity: LGBTQIAP+ Ally Training provides a safe space to gain knowledge and skills about gender and sexual diversity. This workshop offers a safe space to ask questions and engage in conversation we do not often have the chance to explore around gender equity.

## Connect and Breathe Faculty Wellness

Need to get back to center and just find a little space? Pull up the comfy chair and sit with us for a moment to learn how a little self-care goes a long way. These events are online. Register for these sessions in AlamoTALENT.

## Virtual Yoga

Fri, Dec 3, 2021, 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

Fri, Dec 10, 2021, 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

A gentle series of traditional poses to lengthen muscles and to restore mind, body, and spirit. May be performed in a standing or seated position. All levels welcome.

[Click to join session](#)



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# Meet Your Faculty Fellow

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Or if you prefer to listen to these updates, you can subscribe and listen to my SAC Faculty Fellowcast. Use the link below to access, plus there's a handy QR code to take you there directly.

[SAC Faculty Fellowcast](#)



My role is to provide professional development support for all faculty at SAC. Additionally, I will work to update this newsletter bi-monthly, and keep you informed of important dates and upcoming events. It is my intention to serve SAC faculty and meet your professional development needs to the best of my ability. Please know that my heart, mind, and door is open and do not hesitate to reach out as you are willing and able. I can be reached via email at: [arocha17@alamo.edu](mailto:arocha17@alamo.edu) or—by golly—just put yourself on my calendar using my online scheduler. The link is provided below:

[Schedule a Chat with Me!](#)

If you don't already know me, I am a teaching artist! My primary discipline is music, and my instrument is the cello. I've worked in faculty development since 2016 teaching prekindergarten educators how to incorporate performing arts techniques into the classroom. I am trained through the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, and I have participated in the Artists as Educators Seminar, Mapping the Journey: Planning Effective Residencies for Students developed by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

I am also adjunct faculty at San Antonio College and teach cello, viola, and had the distinct pleasure of working with the SAC Chamber Ensemble before COVID required us to work online. I started my career with Alamo Colleges at St. Philip's assisting with INRW in the English department, and I have taught cello and music theory at Northwest Vista College.

So enough about me, I want to learn about you! Please stay in touch.

