

# SAC Faculty Fellow Newsletter

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I remember Februarys at Texas Tech University when the tulips would start to bloom



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# Greetings & Announcements!

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## Hello Again!

It's February!! I don't know if my memory is off but I recall walking on the campus of Texas Tech early in February and starting to see the tulips coming up and blooming. The colors made the drab west Texas backdrop seem a little brighter. Now west Texas is not always a dusty reddish-brown - when the crops turn from cotton to sunflowers, it's a color explosion out there - but it is just about that dusty hue year 'round.

Here in San Antonio, my thoughts are turning to the mountain laurel bloom and then Fiesta. What do your thoughts turn to this time of year?

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### Important Dates

#### **Census Date - 14 wk Session**

February 11, 2022

#### **Spring Break**

March 14-20

#### **Fiesta Holiday - College Closed**

April 8

#### **Easter Holiday-College Closed**

April 15 - 17

#### **Last Day to withdraw**

April 18

## 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.

### **TidyUP for Canvas**

Feb 11, 2022 11:03 AM

### **Engaging Students through the eLumen ePortfolio & Student Dashboard**

Feb 11, 2022 2:03 PM

### **The Writing Center Faculty Partner Program**

Feb 18, 2022 11:03 AM

### **Career Services & Experiential Learning**

Feb 18, 2022 2:02 PM 3:04 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.

Cohort 22 gets started on February 21. You have two sections to choose:

- Section 1 - Completely online (asynchronous)
- Section 2 - Remote synchronous, sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon and last one hour.

[Click here to let us know which Section you prefer](#)



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# Professional Development

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## 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.

### Computer Literacy and Security

Thu, Feb 10, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

BioSig-ID is the enabling technology selected to support the Alamo Colleges in verifying the identity of online students. This solution will only be used in fully-online courses at this time.

[Click to join meeting](#)

### BioSig Training

Mon, Feb 14, 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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[Click to join meeting](#)

### Digital Learning Day

Tue, Feb 22 - Times to be announced

Keep an eye out for information about Digital Learning Day.

## Office 365/One Drive

Wed, Feb 16, 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn how to access Office 365 and how to store and share work files safely with One Drive.

*Register in AlamoTALENT*

## Alamo Colleges Online (ACOL) Upcoming Workshops

### Canvas Course Rubrics

Thu, Feb 10, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[Click to join session](#)

### Collaborative Assignments in Online Courses (High Impact Practices)

Thu, Feb 24, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[Click to join session](#)

Meet up with the fun and fabulous folks in ACOL and learn a new techy skill for your online classes!

## Microsoft Teams

Wed, Feb 16, 2022, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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.

[Click to join meeting](#)



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# Professional Development Cont.

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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 Tools-Pick Your Topic

Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Pick your topics of focus, i.e. Quizzes, Grades, Assignments. Stay for an overview or ask a question as your schedule allows

*Register in AlamoTALENT*

### International Programs Faculty Open House

Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn about all of the amazing programs for faculty offered by International Programs at Alamo Colleges. From study abroad to internationalizing your course, there's something for all faculty. Information on how your students can benefit from your participation in one or more international programs for faculty will be discussed.

[Click to join meeting](#)

## New Faculty Institute

Feb 10 or 11 at NLC, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### A Deeper Dive into Equity Minded Pedagogy

In these sessions, new faculty will discuss and unpack equity-mindedness, define it and explore how it relates to our students. Strategies on equity-minded teaching practices will be shared. Through self-assessment opportunities, participants will discuss the impact of macro and microaggressions and identify implicit bias and exchange equity-minded strategies.

[Click here to join either the Thursday or Friday session.](#)

Upcoming New Faculty Institute Sessions:

### 21st Century Learning Skills

March 10 or 11 at SAC, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

April 22 Celebration Lunch, 12:00 PM - 1:00PM

### APPQMR Workshop SAC Spring Schedule

Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Faculty will need to registering in Alamo Talent to take the 8 Hour version of the APPQMR Rubric Workshop.

- February 11, 2022
- March 25, 2022
- April 29, 2022
- May 20, 2022

Register in AlamoTALENT



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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.

### Impact & Understanding Microaggressions

Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Many people have heard of the term "microaggression", but few understand the true meaning. Join this 1-hour session for a conversation that will define microaggression. This session will increase critical consciousness to empower us to create a welcoming environment for all.

*Register in AlamoTALENT*

### Gender Equity: LGBTQIAP+ Ally Training

Tue, Feb 15, 2022, 9:00 AM - 12:00 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.

[Click to join meeting](#)  
[Passcode: 344624](#)

## 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.

### Be Well - Stretch Break

Tue, Feb 8, 2022, 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM

Mark your calendars and join us for a 20-minute session aims at engaging all of the major muscle groups with functional stretching.

[Click to join session](#)

### Heart Healthy

Tue, Feb 15, 2022, 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Join the San Antonio Food Bank for a session focused on small heart healthy lifestyle modifications to keep your blood pressure low and heart in tip top shape.

[Click to join session](#)

### Well-being Wednesday

Wed, Feb 16, 2022, 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM

You deserve a break today! Let's start building a daily habit together to support our physical and mental wellness. Each session will be centered around one of the dimensions of well-being

[Click to join session](#)





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# Meet Your Faculty Fellow

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[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 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.

