
San Antonio College

SAC Faculty Fellow Newsletter

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It's a new year everyone and I am looking forward to great things ahead!

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Greetings & Announcements!

Hello Again!

Here is the first Faculty Fellow Newsletter of the new year! If you're new to this offering, welcome! This newsletter is a curated list of faculty professional development offerings at SAC and through the District Support Office. I will do my best to pull sessions that may be applicable for the classroom.

As I am writing this quick note to you, I am reflecting on how far we've all come in a short time. It feels as though we haven't moved at all in some ways, but I've seen greater facility with technology, creative ways to gather, and a wealth of compassion for our students and ourselves. So really we've moved far, I wonder where we'll go next!

Important Dates

Faculty Report

January 10, 2022

Martin Luther King Day

January 17, 2022

Classes Begin | 16 Week

January 18, 2022

Classes Begin | Flex 1

January 18

Classes Begin | 14 Week

January 31, 2022

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.

This week for Convocation:

SAC TLC Welcomes You!

Fri, Jan 14, 2022 10:30 AM

Great Semester Start!

Fri, Jan 14, 2022, 1:00 PM

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.

Next session begins on January 21st!



Professional Development

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.

Introduction to Canvas

Asynchronous Course begins Jan 10

This session will introduce you to Canvas, the Alamo Community Colleges' learning management system (LMS). This is a self-paced course offered within the Canvas platform that has defined deliverables for you to complete in order to receive credit.

Register in AlamoTALENT

Open Labs

Mon. January 10th, 1:00-3:00pm

Tues. January 11th, 10:00am-12:00pm

Wed. January 12th, 3:00-5:00pm

Thurs. January 13th, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Fri. January 14th, 10:00am-12:00pm

Need help getting ready for Spring 2022 courses? Looking for more personalized assistance with Canvas? Have another pedagogical question you'd like to discuss? Join faculty development at one of our open lab sessions.

[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.

Tech Tuesday | Canvas Tips

Tue, Jan 11, 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 in AlamoTALENT for one or more sessions!

[Click to join meeting](#)

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.

Sessions coming soon!



Professional Development Cont.

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.

Alamo Active Program | Info Sessions

Wed, Jan 12, 2022, 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Thu, Jan 13, 2022, 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Thu, Jan 13, 2022, 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Fri, Jan 21, 2022, 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM

In honor of Heart Health month, we will be launching a 4-week interactive College and DSO challenge to engage and inspire employees to get moving together. Join information sessions to learn more about this program and how to get registered.

[Click to join session](#)

Envisioning Your Future and Setting Goals with David Yebra

Thurs, Jan 13, 2022, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

In this informative webinar you will hear inspiring stories and will be led through reflection exercises with powerful, actionable strategies that can support your health and wellness as we move into 2022.

[Click to register](#)

Potpourri

Here's a smattering of everything else happening this semester!

Quality Matters Sessions Offerings

January 21st—February 7th

February 11th—March 1st

February 18th—March 3rd

March 29th—April 12th

April 15th—May 2nd

All sessions are taught online.

[Click to sign up](#)

QM Recertification Information Sessions

January 18th, 6:00-7:00pm

March 1st, 6:00-7:00pm

April 5th, 6:00-7:00pm

[Click to sign up](#)

New Faculty Institute

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

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

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

Adjunct Faculty Certification Information Sessions

Tues, Jan 25, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wed, Jan 26, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wed, Feb 2, 12:00 PM - 1:00PM

Email Dr. Kevin Ann Kelsmark for information at kkelsmark@alamo.edu



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 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.

