

SAC Faculty Fellow Newsletter

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I often ask faculty what their most memorable spice is. For me it's cumin, but my favorite spice is cinnamon

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Greetings & Announcements!

Hello Again!

It was a cold morning when I began work today. Therefore lots of cups of hot cinnamon tea for me and warm cuddles with all of the animals. I have to admit that hearing them snore in the background can make working from home more difficult than it should be.

We're moving swiftly into February of this new year! It's going fast already and there is a great lineup of professional development sessions scheduled including New Faculty Institute! While NFI is geared particularly for faculty new to Alamo Colleges, anyone can attend! If you're there, be sure to say hi!

Important Dates

Classes Begin - 14 Week
January 31, 2022

Census Date - 16 wk
Session
February 2, 2022

Census Date - 14 wk
Session
February 11, 2022

Spring Break
March 14-20

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.

Adjunct Faculty Certification Program Information Session

Fri, Jan 28, 2022 1:03 PM

Check the [SAC TLC Calendar](#) for more sessions

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 or send me a note and I will register you.

Cohort 21 is underway, but another session will begin in February!

Attendance is highly encouraged!



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.

Alamo Accelerated: A Focus on Flex

Fri, Jan 28, 2022, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

An introduction to Achieving the Dream's "Preparing for Shortened Academic Terms" guide. Discover how incorporating more Flex 8-week courses each term impacts learner achievement. Data results from early adopters in Texas and the national perspective, along with a Q&A from leaders in the transition to accelerated terms will be provided. An afternoon of shared insights, management of mid-terms, early alerts, evaluation and more for flex terms.

Register in AlamoTALENT

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 Tuesdays

Advanced Zoom

Tue, Jan 25, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

My Media: Video upload, edit, storage

Tue, Feb 8, 2022, 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](#)

Office 365/One Drive

Mon, Jan 31, 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.

[Click to join meeting](#)

Microsoft Teams

Wed, Feb 2, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:00 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](#)



Professional Development Cont.

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, Feb 1, 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.

[Click to join meeting](#)

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Practices for Empowering LGBTQIA+ Students

Fri, Feb 4, 2022, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

In this session, participants will be introduced to the social dimensions of being LGBTQIA+ in higher education. Information will be provided about the anti-LGBTQIA+ microaggressions, discrimination, and oppression that students face.

[Click to register](#)



Accommodations are important: Working with Students

Fri, Feb 4, 2022, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Go beyond to focus on deeper conversations around what the best practices are to support non-neurotypical students.

[Click to Join Session](#)

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.

Financial Wellness Series Spring 2022

Tax Savvy Living

Tue, Jan 25, 2022, 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Thu, Jan 27, 2022, 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Setting up your personal finances so that you pay the least legal amount is a long-term strategy that can enhance your wealth.

[Click to join session](#)

Well-being Wednesday

Wed, Feb 2, 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.

[Click to join session](#)



Meet Your Faculty Fellow



Get the SAC Faculty Fellow Newsletter delivered directly to your Alamo email inbox.

[Send me the newsletter!](#)



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.

