

SAC Faculty Fellow Newsletter

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Okay, so maybe it isn't quite fall yet in San Antonio...I can dream, right?

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Greetings & Announcements!

Hello Again!

You might have noticed a couple of things...first off, the Fellowcast has been dark for a bit. Please accept my apologies. I got a little tied up due to some shifts, and more items were added to my spinning plates act; second the newsletter is late!

Hopefully, or thankfully, you've checked and heard the Fellowcast for these next couple of weeks.

To accompany is this current newsletter! I hope that it provides some helpful information and resources you can use in your classes and to find balance in life, the universe, and everything!

SAC Faculty Fridays at the Teaching & Learning Center

Faculty Fridays at SAC are back! I hope you were able to make to the Virtual Kick-Off last week. If not, no worries, the schedule will be available for you on the calendar at the [SAC TLC website](#). Below is a sneak peak at what's in store for September 2021:

Advanced Canvas & Applying the SAC Course 2020 Layout

Fri, Sept. 10, 2021, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Open Educational Resources

Fri, Sept. 10, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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.

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.

As a result of the pandemic, more students across the nation are choosing to take online courses. In order to build capacity and serve the needs of all our students, San Antonio College wants to be prepared to offer courses in all modalities, face-to-face, online, and remote.

Please register in Alamo Talent.

Next Sessions:

- September 20 through October 10
- November 1 through November 21



More Professional Development

Rev Up Your Classroom continued...

Course Peer Review Challenge Informational Sessions

Wed, Sep 1, 2021, 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Thu, Sep 2, 2021, 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Tue, Sep 7, 2021, 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Would you like to collaborate with other faculty to enhance your online courses? Learn more about the Course Peer Review Challenge and the benefits of peer review!

Accommodations are Important: Working with Students

Fri, Sep 3, 2021, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Go beyond to focus on deeper conversations around what the best practices are to support non-neurotypical students. This PD is the start of the conversation about why accommodating all of our students is so important and the positive impact it has on them and their lives.

Quality Matters | APPQMR

Sept 10 - Sept 27

Gain an understanding of the QM rubric and learn how its concepts can be applied to your own classes.

Register in AlamoTALENT.

Save the Date!

New Faculty Institute

The New Faculty Institute (NFI) is a unique, full academic year professional development experience designed to help orient incoming faculty serving within the Alamo Colleges District.

If you're new faculty, full time or adjunct, please sign up for a Thurs. or a Fri session in AlamoTALENT.

First session | **Problem-based Learning & Active Learning**

Thurs, Sep 9 or 10, 2021, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

** These sessions will take place via Zoom.*

Adjunct Faculty Certification Program

Come learn more about the program and how it can make you a better instructor!

Information Sessions

Tues, Sep 7, 2021, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wed, Sep 8, 2021, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

** These sessions will take place via Zoom.*



More Professional Development

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 Gradebook

Tue, Aug 31, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Get the most out of Canvas by learning the ins and outs of the gradebook!

eSignature Adobe Acrobat

Wed, Sep 8, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn to create, sign, send documents w/ 100% legal e-Signatures using Adobe Sign

Office 365/One Drive

Thu, Sep 9, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 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.



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

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. Registration for all training is available in AlamoTALENT! All workshops are held online.

Gender Equity: LGBTQIAP+ Ally Training | Gender Equity Series

Tue, Sep 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. Time: This is a recurring meeting - meet anytime

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. This event is online. Register for these sessions in AlamoTALENT.

Well-Being Wednesdays

Recur every Wednesday from 2:15 - 2:45 PM

See AlamoTALENT for Zoom information.



Meet Your Faculty Fellow



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[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 at SAC is to provide professional development workshops, classes, and other learning and growth opportunities. Additionally, I will work to update this newsletter bi-monthly, and I plan and lead the SAC Professional Development book club. 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: arocho17@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.

