

Promoting communication and understanding among employees of Rancho Santiago Community College District

State Budget Cuts Hit RSCCD

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's mid-year budget proposal included \$8.3 million in proposed mid-year cuts to our college district. It is likely that the state fiscal situation will remain a moving target for months to come.

What does this mean to us? To date, we have cut a total of \$10.5 million from the college district budget. At Santa Ana College, the 2007-08 budget of \$84.2 million was reduced by \$5.3 million or 6.35 percent. At Santiago Canyon College, the 2007-08 budget of \$38.6 million was trimmed by \$2.16 million or 5.61 percent. The district has cut its \$34.1 million budget by \$3.05 million or 8.94 percent.

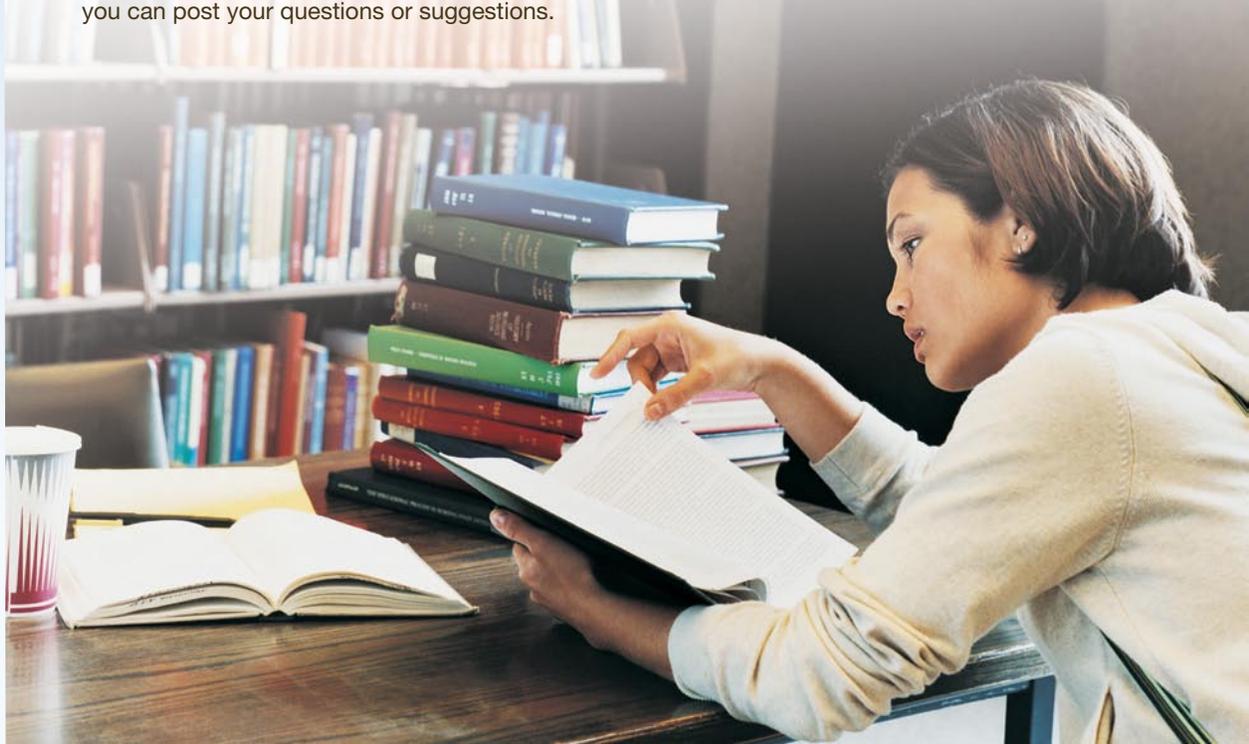
"This budget crisis is unprecedented," said **Chancellor Hernandez**. "With so many people depending on our colleges to retool their careers and help their families, each cut means that someone's life is affected."

At every level, budgets have been dissected in search of any possible savings. Prior to the announced mid-year cuts, only the most critical items remained.

Due to the looming state deficit, cuts have unfortunately reached the classroom—intersession has been canceled at both colleges. Spring semester offerings have been reduced by 331 classes.

To keep on top of this vital issue, visit the Budget Watch section of the employee intranet. Icons on the home page will link you to current budget information, as well as a budget forum where you can post your questions or suggestions.

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hot topics

Rancho Goes Green

Backed by Board of Trustee's recent adoption of Administrative Regulation (AR) 3701—Environmentally Preferable Practices—the district's Go Green Committee got to work.

AR 3701 encourages the following district-wide initiatives:

- Waste reduction and recycling;
- Decreasing the use of consumable materials wherever possible;
- Minimizing the use of non-biodegradable products whenever possible; and
- Purchasing, whenever fiscally prudent, recycled products.

With the leadership of director of purchasing **Tracey Conner-Crabbe** and manager of environmental safety and emergency services **Don Maus**, the group reviewed the top 150 office supply products used across the district. They identified 28 products with green alternatives. Unfortunately, 21 were cost-prohibitive and the committee decided to focus on other business needs for now.

"The committee has brought us together about the conservation goals we want to achieve," said Tracey. "One of our short-term wins was discovering that most of our workstations are green products as they include 57 percent recycled steel."

At Santiago Canyon College, plant manager **Richard Curia** initiated the water-saving measure of installing four waterless urinals. Through a rebate program, the installation came at no cost. Previously, Rich had already switched to recycled hand towels and toilet paper. At Santa Ana College (SAC), custodial supervisor **Ron Jones** has also made the switch to 100 percent green-certified paper products.

The new SAC Environmental Committee, led by **Zachary Fish**, philosophy chair, and **Loy Nashua**, associate dean of student development, is focusing on recycling, energy and water conservation, paper use, and mass transit issues. According to Zachary, they quickly realized that their most immediate impact would be a campus-wide recycling project. He said, "We are all very excited about what we can do to make SAC a more environmentally conscious place."

Green Tips

For tips on how to go green at the office, visit the resources on the Safety and Environmental Health page of the employee intranet.



close up



Trevor Walker

SCC Student Service Specialist
Joined RSCCD: October 2005

A typical day: The adult re-entry program is a support program for adult students returning to college after an intermission or starting their college education for the first time. A typical day in adult re-entry services consists of meeting with re-entry students, answering questions, coordinating special events, and providing referrals to various campus resources.

The best part of the job: The best part of my job is helping re-entry students realize their true potential.

His motto: Always aim for moon, because in the rare occasions when you don't succeed you will still be among the stars.

Before RSCCD: I was an IT coordinator at the YMCA.

Favorite pastimes: My favorite pastimes are bike riding and reading success stories.



Monica Collins

SAC Coordinator, Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Program and Assistant Professor
American Sign Language
Joined RSCCD: February 2006

A typical day: On the 6:45 a.m. train from Oceanside, I check e-mails, prepare lessons, and write reports. I make multiple contacts with my deaf and hard of hearing students (advising on course and major selection, needs, dreams, struggles, and successes); contact faculty, attend meetings and run an academic program in American Sign Language; I am the only full-time staff for the ASL certificate program; I oversee the work of nine adjunct faculty.

The best part of the job: Working with students—seeing their successes, personal and academic growth, and increasing autonomy.

Her motto: “Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime.”

Before RSCCD: I was an associate governmental program analyst for the California Department of Rehabilitation where I had also been a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the deaf.

Favorite pastimes: Walking, swimming, golf, cooking and making a comfortable home for my partner and myself.

Anh Dinh

Information Technology Services
Applications Specialist III
Joined RSCCD: 2001

A typical day: I begin by reading e-mails and organizing what I have to do. I respond to Web users' requests and work on ongoing projects. Right now, I'm working with **Eric Harsen** on a new design for the SCC Web site. Basically, I help transfer graphic design into a Web platform. At the end of the day, I plan for tomorrow.

The best part of the job: Designing and developing new Web sites.

Her motto: Learn something new everyday.

Before RSCCD: Before 1996, I was a working artist in Vietnam and basically “computer illiterate.” From 1997 to 2000, I was a SAC student majoring in digital media arts and computer science. I made my living working for a fabric designer and photo studio.

Favorite pastimes: I paint, read, do volunteer work and take classes to improve my work skills.



around the ranch

A Message from the Chancellor



As we head into 2009, we have much to be thankful for—some of those accomplishments you will read about in these pages. In the hustle and bustle of serving students and the community, we often don't take enough time to express gratitude. I am deeply thankful for what you accomplish every day, and, moreover, I appreciate that you do it with a caring heart.

I often say that although up-to-date facilities are great to have, we could serve students under a tree if necessary. The integral ingredient in Rancho's success is our dedicated and skilled employees—each of you makes miracles happen and that's priceless.

I hope 2008 was a fulfilling and rewarding year for you. As we move into the New Year, I look forward to continuing to celebrate our successes as we face our challenges together.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Hernandez, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward Hernandez, Jr., Ed.D.
Chancellor

Board Installs Members; Elects Officers

On December 8, the Board of Trustees re-installed incumbents **R. David Chapel, Ed.D.**, **Brian E. Conley, M.A.**, and **Lisa Woolery, APR, M.A.**, and welcomed **Mark McLoughlin**. The Board elected Trustee Chapel as president, **Trustee Lawrence R. Labrado** as vice president and Trustee Conley as clerk. Each officer will serve a one-year term.

Trustee McLoughlin, a resident of Santa Ana, is active in the community. He co-chaired the Measure G campaign for Santa Ana Unified School District, serves on various district committees, serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Santa Ana Business Alliance, is president of the Floral Park Neighborhood Association, and more.

Board members remain active in local and statewide organizations to advance the priorities of the college district. Congratulations to **Trustee John R. Hanna** for assuming the chairmanship of the California Community College League Advisory Committee on Legislation and Trustee Chapel for his leadership on the Orange County Legislative Task Force.



(From left to right in front row) Board Vice President Lawrence R. "Larry" Labrado; Trustee Lisa Woolery, APR, M.A.; Student Trustee Paul Z. Garcia; Trustee Mark McLoughlin (from left to right in back row) Trustee John R. Hanna; Trustee Phillip E. Yarbrough; Board President R. David Chapel, Ed.D.; and Board Clerk Brian E. Conley, M.A.; serve the college district.

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What is the most important challenge for our colleges and district, and how would you solve it?

“Probably the most important challenge will be student access to higher education, and rising costs, including possible increases in fees to replace lost revenue at the state and local level. The challenge will be to keep students in class. If the state funding is not there, then we need to look toward more private support from community sources. Many retired faculty and active faculty over age 70 1/2 can contribute directly to the foundation through their private individual retirement accounts, and not pay the deferred income tax. Congress just extended this provision in the tax code through 2009.”

Stew Case

Santa Ana College
School of
Continuing Education
High School Subjects
Department Chair



The most important challenge in my opinion is to get as many employees as possible to use public transit. For the better part of 27 years, I have commuted to work by bus—Newport Beach to Santa Ana and home to Newport Beach almost every working day! My ‘carbon footprint’ is very small.”

Lee Mallory

Santa Ana College
Professor, English



“Due to the digital technology environment and their interaction with it, today’s traditional college-age student age 18 to 24—which is described as having an information-age mindset and as the Millennial Generation—thinks and processes information fundamentally differently than other generations. Therefore, one of the most important challenges for our colleges and district is understanding today’s traditional college-age student population so we can better serve them and help them succeed. I believe by conducting an external environment scan we can develop a strategic plan that will better prepare us to respond to this force of change that will affect our colleges and community.”

Osiel “Ozzie” Madrigal

Orange County
Center of Excellence
Interim Director



“The most important challenge facing our colleges and district is the current state budget crisis. Many districts are facing increased student enrollments while operating budgets are being reduced significantly. While there is no easy answer, community colleges need to be proactive in letting legislators and local representatives know that balancing the budget at the expense of student learning is definitely not the answer. Community colleges play a pivotal role in our economy, particularly in times of economic downturn when those displaced and unemployed look at education as the vehicle that will improve their career and job opportunities.”

Gus Chamorro

Digital Media Center
Interim Director



Dr. Cari Cannon, SCC psychology associate professor, was honored at a ceremony at the Disneyland Hotel on November 19 for her selection as Orange County's Community College Teacher of the Year.

Kari Caldwell, SCC director of college advancement, joined the Board of Directors for Leadership Orange.

Recently, **Rachel Collins Burns, M.A., CCC-SLP**, SAC part-time speech communication instructor, presented "The Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the General Education Classroom: Hands-on Strategies" at Concordia University.

In October, **Dr. Jennifer Coto**, SCC coordinator of counseling, and **Phil Crabill**, SCC counselor, spoke at the California Community College Association for Occupational Education Conference. Their workshop, "Reach Out and Teach: The Future of Career Technical Education," highlighted SCC's teacher preparation pipeline program.

In December, SAC art professor **Patrick Crabb**, will hold a solo exhibit "Break It, Fix It" at the Helix Art Gallery in Rancho Palos Verdes. His clay architectural piece, "Spirit House" was recently acquired by the American Museum of Ceramic Arts for its permanent collection.

Sula Goldenberg, part-time instructor, SAC Continuing Education Division, recently passed her licensure exam to become a marriage and family therapist.

In June, SAC part-time instructor in the Communication Disabled Program **Pamela Greenhalgh's** presentation about advocacy for speech-language pathologists at the California Speech-Language and Hearing Association convention was featured in the national magazine, *Advance for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists*.

Artwork by **Moira Hahn**, SCC associate professor of art, has recently been exhibited at Comic-Con International in San Diego and at the Laguna Art Museum.

Judy Iannaccone, director of communications and internal affairs, is currently serving as president of OC Human Relations.

Carol Lehrer, SAC business applications and technology professor, and **Huong Banh**, SAC support services assistant, have passed several of the new Microsoft Certified Application Specialist exams for Office 2007. Huong passed the Word and PowerPoint exams and Carol passed the Word exam.

Kudos to **Charles "Bud" Little**, SAC journalism professor, and his stalwart student reporters for El Don's induction into the Associated Collegiate Press College Journalism Hall of Fame and for being named First Place General Excellence Winner in the two-year college category by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Thanks to the ongoing leadership of Santa Ana College English Professor **Lee Mallory**, the monthly Factory Readings celebrated their 20th anniversary. Seven different venues and 240 gatherings later, these readings bring poets and their friends to the Gypsy Den in downtown Santa Ana every first Tuesday evening of the month at 8:00 p.m.

In August, **Daniel Marquez**, SAC student services coordinator; **Angel Hernandez**, SCC student services coordinator; **Rosemary Touyanou**, OEC student services coordinator; and **Julio Serratos**, CEC high school community outreach specialist; spearheaded the first Outreach Summit. This event paved the way for increased communication and collaboration among the outreach departments district-wide.

Phil Marquez, SAC interim gallery director and part-time photography instructor, was awarded a grant from Materials Matter valued at \$10,000. The award was in the form of paint, rollers, and paint brushes which are heavily used in the continuous maintenance of the art gallery on the SAC campus and the satellite gallery at the Santora Building in downtown Santa Ana.

Teresa Mercado-Cota, director of community relations and external affairs, was honored by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) as one of the Remarkable Women of Orange County.

In November, **Renee Miller**, SAC coordinator of the Communication Disabled Program, presented a poster session at the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association in Chicago entitled, "An Integrated Approach to Service Delivery: The Acquired Brain Impairment/Communication Disabilities Programs of Santa Ana College."

The **Public Affairs and Governmental Relations** team was recently honored by the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations with the following awards: Gold Medallion for the Santa Ana College sports brochure, Silver Medallion for the Rancho Santiago Community College District folder cover, Gold Medallion for the Tenth Annual Chancellor's Ball invitation, and Bronze Medallion for the Orange County Public Education Partnership's Mascot Day.

Christina Romero, SAC director of college advancement, has joined the YMCA Board of Directors.

SCC political science assistant professor **Nooshan Shekarabi's** poetry book, *Seasons*, will be published soon by i-universe. The Forum on Public Policy – Oxford University will soon publish online a joint presentation she did with SCC history assistant professor **Narges Rabii** called, "The Historical and Political Influence of Imperialism and Colonialism upon 21st Century China."

José Vasquez, SAC men's soccer coach, was named Coach of the Year by the Orange Empire Conference.

SAC part-time math instructor **Hao-Nhien Vu's** blog Bolsavik.com was named the best new English-language journalistic blog in Orange County by *OC Weekly* that said, "The blog offers readers solid original reporting, witty commentary or simply highlights other articles relating to all things Vietnamese-American."

Recently, **Patricia Waterman**, SAC associate graphics professor, served as program lead for the 2008 Animation Celebration sponsored by the Orange County Department of Education featuring animation projects of students from 41 schools and colleges countywide.

inside story

Child Development Services

Best Part of Job

By providing a quality educational experience for our students' young children, we make a difference in the lives of 950 families every day. We enroll our credit students' children age six months to five years at Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College for full-day programs. At Orange Education Center and Centennial Education Center, our noncredit students can enroll their children age three to five years for three-hour morning or afternoon sessions. As space allows, we also enroll employees' children on a sliding fee scale or for full cost.

Biggest Challenges

One of our biggest challenges is providing all the reports to meet funding requirements. Staying on top of our enrollment waiting lists also keeps us on our toes. As everyone, we are struggling with funding and we are striving to come up with outside of the box solutions. Currently, we are marketing our new program EdUPlay that provides child care services beyond our regular Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. schedule. For more information, call (714) 564-6894.

A Great Day

In the classroom, it is seeing each child attain milestones. It might be the very quiet child who one day asks another child, "Will you be my friend?" It is when one of the college observation students says how amazing it was to finally see child development theory put into practice. It was truly an awesome day when a former student with three children in our centers came to thank us for being such a big part of her family's success.

Best Kept Secret

Many of our colleges' students are able to stay in school because of our services. We are here for the whole family, not just the young children. Our goal is to help remove any barriers to family success such as domestic violence, children's behavioral problems, and access to community resources. For more information about Child Development Services, call (714) 480-7546.

The Team

Mary O'Neill, director of Orange Education Center CDC since 2005

Debbie McBee, director of Santa Ana College CDC since 2007

Nancy Carri, director of Santiago Canyon College CDC since 1998

Gina Villarraga, family services manager since 2006

Veronica MacKenney, director of Centennial Education Center CDC since 1978

Dee Tucker, executive director since 1999



bits & bites



Chancellor Hernandez presented Dr. Bonnie Jaros, SAC professor of English/ESL, with the Chancellor's Award at the 2008 Chancellor's Ball.

Be the First to Know!

AlertU

In the aftermath of the Virginia Tech tragedy, higher education leaders nationwide reexamined their crisis preparedness efforts. A first line of defense in a crisis is effective emergency communication.

In August, the district adopted AlertU, an emergency text messaging platform, to help communicate critical information to students, faculty, and staff's mobile devices instantly.

"So far, a total of 404 non-duplicated employees have enrolled in AlertU," said **Al Chin**, director of district safety and security. "With more than 4,500 employees, we hope to enroll many more."

Enrolling in AlertU is voluntary and any text messaging expenses are the employee's responsibility. Subscriber information will not be shared with third party providers nor will spam be sent. Visit the employee intranet today and click on the AlertU icon to be the first to know.

Eleventh Annual Chancellor's Ball Raises \$60,000

On October 24, supporters of Rancho Santiago Community College District celebrated "By the Light of Lanterns" at the Disneyland Hotel. The Asian-themed Chancellor's Ball raised approximately \$60,000 for student scholarships and programs at Santa Ana and Santiago Canyon Colleges. Of that, some \$14,000 was contributed for book scholarships through the popular "Buy the Book" live auction.

Three Partners in Education were applauded for their support of RSCCD students and programs. The 2008 honorees were the California Land Surveyors Association; Jane Russo, superintendent, Santa Ana Unified School District; and Wells Fargo.

Two district employees were also saluted. **Richard Bridges**, former Santa Ana College (SAC) associate dean of public safety and fire technology, was honored posthumously as Manager of the Year. Richard helped SAC's fire technology program gain local, regional, and national acclaim. **Dr. Bonita "Bonnie" Jaros**, SAC professor of English/ESL, received the Chancellor's Award for her lifelong commitment to education and her leadership in the district-wide and college accreditation process.

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RANCHO VIEW



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