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THE GATEWAY TO SUCCESS since 1915

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2012 **YEAR IN REVIEW**
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OUR COVER:



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Linda Nguyen, David Valentin,
Vera Jimenez and Dennis Farrell.

As the College gets ready to turn 100, it is important to celebrate the exemplary alum which our faculty and staff help to shape for the next century. To learn more about these four remarkable stories that reflect our alumni history and success,

turn to page 9.

Dear Alumni & Friends,

We are proud to report that in 2011-2012 the Foundation continued to grow thanks to the support of our partners, who understand that our mission is critical: Santa Ana College is the gateway to success for our students and our community.

As a community college:

- We are the most cost-effective and efficient gateway into post-secondary education. The stories told by the four alumni featured on our cover represent those of thousands of students who have turned to Santa Ana College since 1915 to continue their education.
- We are the gateway for students to graduate, transfer, and enter the workforce equipped with relevant skills and knowledge, as demonstrated by the success of our alumni and students such as Karla Perez, Guistwhite Scholar Duy Le, and CCLC Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Dr. James Nguyen, all featured in this issue.
- We are the gateway that provides support for the health and safety of our community, its economic vitality and growth. Careers in law enforcement, healthcare, journalism and sports are just four of the over 300 areas of study which are offered at Santa Ana College.
- We are the gateway for the development of future leaders and role models whose accomplishments honor our College and continue to serve our community.
- And much of our success depends on our partners, who provide critical direct and indirect support for our programs and our students.

Members of the Foundation President's Circle, scholarship donors, corporate and private partners, as well as internal faculty and staff continue to help provide financial support for deserving students through their generous contributions towards the Santa Ana College Foundation.

We extend our sincere thanks to these and more than 500 others listed on pages 25 through 30. But our work continues, and the need is greater than ever in these tough economic times. Please consider supporting the Foundation to help more Santa Ana College students on their journey to success.

Sincerely,

Kristin Crellin
President, Board of Directors
Santa Ana College Foundation

Erlinda J. Martinez, Ed.D.
President,
Santa Ana College

Christina Romero
Executive Director,
Santa Ana College Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY
FORGES SPECIAL BONDS

"It's an honor for us to participate in the Santa Ana College Scholarship Program...these students are our future workforce...maybe one of them will be the next President of Southern California Gas Company. We are excited about the opportunity."

Jennifer Vaughn
Public Affairs Manager
Southern California Gas Company



Pictures of our generous scholarship donors and their student recipients taken at our Scholarships & Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 11, 2012.

It is a special moment when a scholarship recipient actually gets to meet the donor that will help make it possible for them to continue their education, either at Santa Ana College or at a four-year institution.

On Friday, May 11, 2012, more than 70 scholarship donors and representatives met their award recipients at the Annual Scholarships & Awards Ceremony.

An estimated 200 students gathered in Cook Gymnasium with family, friends, faculty and staff to

celebrate the wisdom, generosity and foresight of those who put their financial support behind higher education.

Alumnus and donor, Arline Radillo Greene, shared her personal story on why she gives and the impact that it makes on Santa Ana College students.

Each scholarship, out of the 114 scholarships that the Foundation manages, has a story behind it. It is that story and the story of our students that inspires our philanthropic work. Without

these scholarships, our students could not meet the needs of their educational goals. Our scholarships have created a history of giving to the college. They believe in our students before ever meeting them.

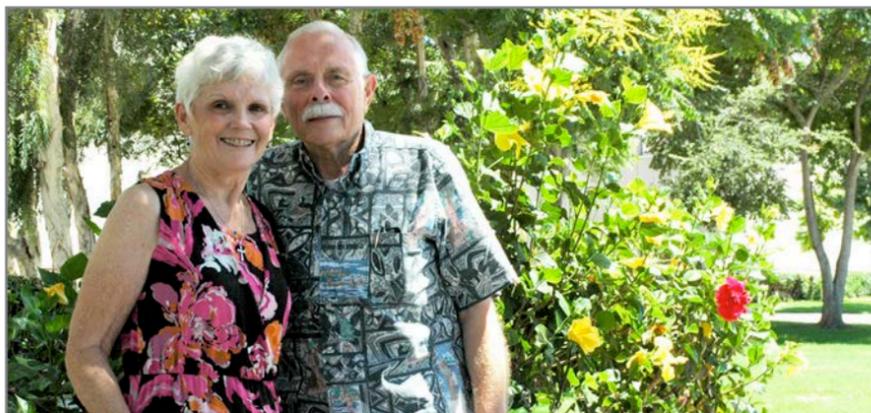
Through the generosity of scholarship donors, in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, over \$447,000 was awarded to more than 460 students. These scholarships change lives and we are forever grateful.

SORENSEN SCHOLARSHIP Keeps Myrna's Memory Alive

MYRNA GILES SORENSEN is a warm memory among her colleagues in the Math Department at Santa Ana College, where she taught for more than 20 years while raising three sons and a daughter. Her students remember her as a dedicated instructor who always had time to give them extra help – whatever it took to help them grasp the concepts that might elude them. A study center in her name reminds students who never knew her that Myrna Giles Sorenson was a woman who valued education and who made it a priority throughout her life.

Her husband, James Sorensen, remembers her intense intellect and pursuit of academic excellence he encountered when they first met as students at the University of Omaha, where she majored in math with a minor in physics. “She graduated high school with a 4.0,” he remembers, “and she had no patience for anyone who did not strive to achieve top grades. She was a challenge to me; if I wanted a relationship with her, I would have to come up to her academic standards.”

But then, she was on scholarship, and she appreciated the cost of her education. “Myrna could not have gone to college without that scholarship help,” he says, which is one reason setting up a scholarship in her name seemed the best way to honor her.



Photos (from top to bottom, left to right): James and Debra Sorensen, Myrna Sorensen, James and Debra Sorensen with 2012 scholarship recipients.

But Myrna was more than an excellent student and dedicated teacher; she was also a compassionate and caring sister to a brother who had severe developmental handicaps. He lived at home almost all of his life where he was cared for and respected as a valued son and brother. Myrna judged other men by the way they related to him.

“As a result, Myrna had a heart for people with disabilities,” James says, and often went out of her way to befriend them.

“During her illness, her colleagues set up a fund that allowed me to hire 24-hour nursing care,” he says. When she died at age 58 in 1994, there was a little money left in the fund, and I thought we should use it to start a scholarship fund, because

it was a scholarship that helped her get her bachelor’s degree.”

He later added to this sum and appealed to Myrna’s family to help continue the scholarship “to keep her memory alive.” Community colleges can give kids a really good education, because teachers have more time to spend with them, but they also often need more financial help.

“Myrna’s death was a huge loss to our family,” he said. “But I think having a scholarship that helps math students continue their education at four-year schools continues Myrna’s work as a teacher and an advocate for education. We try to identify students who also plan to teach, which doubles our investment in our kids and in our nation.”

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS FATHER
WHO BELIEVED,

“The **ONLY WAY TO SUCCEED**
is through **EDUCATION.**”

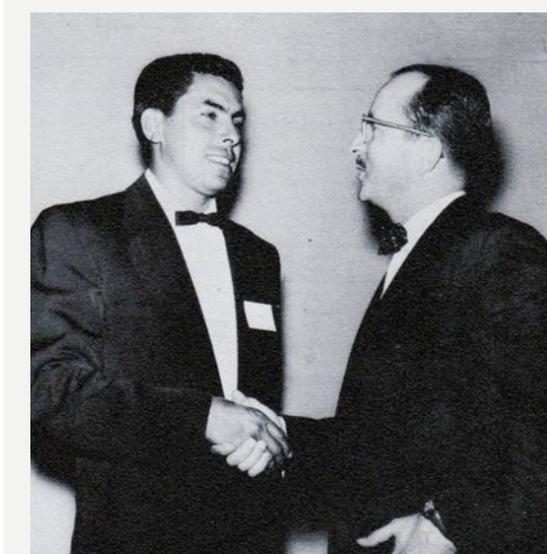


PHOTO DESCRIPTION:
The Honorable Dale Heinly, Mayor of Santa Ana, congratulates Gemini Club President, Alberto Radillo, on the fine job he has done as head of the club.

ALBERTO RADILLO was a man who succeeded through hard work. “I never knew anyone who worked harder than my parents,” says his daughter, Arline Radillo Greene. He wasn’t an educated man. He was forced to quit school at age 12 to help support his family. He wasn’t a man who was famous, nor one who held important positions. “He worked picking lima beans, but, he made it his mission to help educate Hispanics.”

Five years after the end of World War II, at age 20, he co-founded the Gemini Club. “These men dedicated themselves to helping Hispanics from our neighborhoods go to college. My dad fought against the economy and culture of that time to get this done. My dad first worked at educating the parents to encourage their kids to get an education. Second, he raised money for scholarships that made college affordable.

“He helped make it possible for young people who wouldn’t have otherwise been able to get an education to get one. He and his

friends were heroes to the more than 200 kids they helped.”

His dedication to promoting education created a legacy that lives on through all the Alberto Radillo scholars who achieve success through education.

His daughter, Arline Radillo Greene, loves sharing memories of her father and what he achieved because, “He didn’t care who got the credit, as long as another kid got a scholarship.”

“My dad was born here in Santa Ana in 1928. He was the third of six children, and I was born here in Santa Ana and lived about a mile from here near the corner of Bristol and First Street. We grew up very poor. My parents worked hard to keep a roof over our heads and food on our table. We ate a lot of beans and tortillas, but we didn’t complain. My dad would say, ‘La vida es un Carnival,’ which, roughly translated, means when you are born, you never know what hand you are going to be dealt. You learn to take life as it comes at you.”

“The Alberto Radillo Scholarship is named after my dad because I wanted to honor him and all that he worked so hard to do to help educate ‘his people.’”

The first Alberto Radillo Scholarship was awarded in 2001; to date, “I have given out scholarships to 95 students,” Arline adds. Arline believes so deeply that she will continue their support past their first year of transfer.

“My dad tried to make a difference. He believed in our youth and their education. He felt that was the way to leave America in good hands.”

“It has been my honor to meet so many wonderful students who have the spirit, drive, and ambition that he looked for. And through them, he also lives on. I know he is looking down at us with his great big smile.”

Arline Radillo Greene



STUDENT TRANSCENDS DISAPPOINTMENT

“I sat next to Arline Radillo Greene at the scholarship ceremony...I related so much to her telling the story of her family, her father, and herself.”

Karla Perez

As she begins her first semester majoring in Mechanical Engineering at California State University, Long Beach this fall, Karla Perez is filled with gratitude for the generosity of scholarship donors who are dedicated to helping others succeed.

After completing the sixth through twelfth grades in the Santa Ana Unified District School system, Karla entered the University of California, Berkeley in 2009. Within weeks, she was told that there had been “a glitch” in the scholarship she had been awarded. Instead of \$10,000, her scholarship was being reduced to \$2,500 – a sum that would not cover even basic expenses.

Her only option was to withdraw, return home, and enroll at Santa Ana College to complete courses she would need to transfer to another nearby college or university.

As many of our students face uncertain financial circumstances, they never know what card they will be dealt. Karla chose to play a winning hand.

“I was quickly impressed by how supportive everyone was at Santa Ana College,” she says, and the MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) program also was very helpful.” This academic program is designed to help students excel in math, computer science, engineering, and science so they can transfer to four-year institutions as majors in these fields.

The music program “was my refuge,” Karla says. Playing the euphonium and violin, participating in concert band, mariachi and orchestra were great creative outlets.

As she gained experience in her classes, she also gained increasing respect for the quality of instruction in what she found was a well-rounded academic environment. And where she might have been just a number in a sea of students at Berkeley, she was an individual at Santa Ana College who had the full support of faculty and staff.

Considering the disappointment she had encountered and the difficulties she had overcome, being awarded a \$5,000 Alberto Radillo Scholarship seems especially fitting. “I sat next to Arline Radillo Greene at the scholarship ceremony, and she was simply amazing,” says Karla. “I related so much to her telling the story of her family, her father, and herself. It makes this scholarship so meaningful. I am honored that she believes I have some of the qualities her father looked for in the students he helped, and I will work hard to live up to their expectations.”



SAC EXPERIENCE GIVES STUDENT FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

“I do believe that Santa Ana College has prepared me well for the upcoming challenge... I will forever be indebted to so many fabulous professors and Advisors...who have shaped my academic will and given me the encouragement to participate in various on-campus activities....”

Duy Le

When Duy Le immigrated to the United States with his mother fewer than five years ago, he had studied some English in his home country of Vietnam, but he spoke with an accent and had problems with colloquial English and understanding rapid speech.

In May 2012, Duy received national recognition as one of the top 20 community college scholars in the United States when the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society named him a Guistwhite Scholar. With this honor, he received a 5,000 scholarship along with a commemorative medal.

Earlier this spring, Duy also was named a 2012 Coca-Cola Community College All-California Academic Team Gold Scholar. This honor came with a \$1,500 scholarship and a special medallion.

Duy will enter the University of California, Berkeley as a freshman this fall. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biology.

Whether he will have the same amount of time at Berkeley to invest in extracurricular activities as he did at Santa Ana College remains to be seen. At SAC, counselors and professors encouraged him to get involved in campus activities and to apply himself academically. And he took the advice to heart!

Duy began taking college classes at SAC one summer while he was still in high school. This experience strengthened his determination to follow his motto, “Be positive; be ambitious” and to dedicate himself to reaching his goals.

As a full-time student, Duy had so many classes and activities that he often was on campus from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., tutoring students in math, participating in the Associated Student Government as a senator for math and science, serving on the Advisory Board for SAC’s Student Leadership Institute, and helping organize activities for Women’s History and Black History Months.

He began attending Phi Theta Kappa meetings even before he could be a member. He also volunteered at a Vietnamese cultural center to help teach 10- to 12-year-olds about the Vietnamese language and culture.

In an interview, Duy said his mother is his inspiration. “She always believes in me. I want to be my best academically for her.”

From Santa Ana College to Berkeley – and beyond – there is no doubt that Duy will do his mother proud.



WE ARE SANTA ANA COLLEGE ALUMNI

“Santa Ana College offers an array of courses and award-winning programs that, with the support of faculty, staff, and the dedication and persistence of students, can culminate in an Associate of Arts or Sciences degree, Certificate of Achievement, or university or college transfer. I am confident that the time and effort students invest at Santa Ana College will yield results that can help them achieve any academic or career goal they set for themselves.”

Linda Rose, Ed.D.

Vice President of Academic Affairs



DAVID VALENTIN
Chief of Police, SAUSD
Class of 1992

David Valentin is a senior commanding officer with the Santa Ana Police Department who successfully competed for the assignment to serve as Chief of Police with the Santa Ana Unified School District. “I am a 22-year veteran of the Santa Ana Police Department, a native of Santa Ana, and attended Santa Ana schools. I have been extensively involved in the community in a variety of ways throughout my career. Having previously served as a School Resource Officer in this District, I felt that I had unique qualifications to work effectively with the schools, the students and the community,” Valentin says. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, the West Point Leadership Program and the California Peace Officer Standards and Training Command College. After his induction into the SAC Alumni Hall of Fame in 2008, he also received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Community College League of California which honors individuals who are “accomplished professionals and contributing citizens of their communities.”



LINDA (NGA) NGUYEN
Pharmacy Technician & Instructor
Class of 2001

Like many immigrants, Linda was always ambitious and determined to succeed. “I started classes at Santa Ana College early – I was only 16 or 17 years old,” she remembers. Because she came to the United States from Vietnam at the age of three, she was bilingual and when a friend told her about the pharmacy technician program she was ready for the challenges and opportunities it offered. “A teacher said, ‘You will find a job if you are really good.’” Linda applied herself to becoming “really good,” praising caring instructors “who really want you to succeed,” she says. After graduation, she transferred to California State University, Long Beach, where she received a teaching credential from the College of Education. She ultimately settled on a career as a pharmacy technician because “I like being part of a team,” she says. Today she is on a pharmacy team at a local hospital and also is a part-time instructor in the Pharmacy Technician program at Santa Ana College, where she also continues to learn because, as Joseph Joubert observed, “To teach is to learn twice.”



VERA JIMENEZ
KTLA News Reporter
Class of 1998

If Vera Jimenez looks familiar, you probably have seen her on KTLA-TV (Channel 5), where she continues to display her talents in broadcast journalism that were identified by observant professors at Santa Ana College. “There was never a doubt in my mind that Vera would experience enormous success in broadcast journalism. As skilled as she was in print, I knew her future lay in front of the camera,” recalls SAC Professor Charles “Bud” Little, *el Don* student newspaper staff advisor. Vera initially enrolled at Santa Ana College because it was affordable and close to her home in Garden Grove. “I didn’t want student loans or to amass debt, so I worked and paid for my education. It was the best decision I made,” she says. Continuing her studies with Professor Terry Bales in the TV/Video Communications Department equipped Vera with the knowledge and tools she needed to launch her career, which began as a radio traffic reporter on KNX 1070. “I flourished at Santa Ana College and can say that their programs offer exactly what you need to know in the field.”



DENNIS A. FARRELL
Associate of Arts,
Class of 1971

On July 1, 2012, Dennis celebrated his 20th year as a College Athletics Commissioner in the Big West (NCAA Division A) Conference, which encompasses nine premier California academic institutions that compete in 17 sports. Reaching this career milestone began at Santa Ana College, where he was sports editor and editor-in-chief of *el Don*. “After just getting by in high school, I realized that I needed to succeed academically to have a career. The smaller class sizes and personal attention I received from SAC instructors really helped me focus on my studies.” He transferred to San Diego State University, graduated in 1974, and continued to parlay his expertise in journalism and love of sports into a career that now gives him a bird’s-eye view of major college sports action and puts him in a position to enhance the opportunities for student-athletes throughout the region. In 2007 he was inducted into the SAC Alumni Hall of Fame. “I am now in my 33rd year in the Conference, doing what I love while living in Southern California, and it all began with the education I received at Santa Ana College.”

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS MAKE IT POSSIBLE!



PICTURED ABOVE:
Golfers pictured with Ed Arnold (center) at the 2012 Ed Arnold Golf Classic held at Dove Canyon Country Club on April 16, 2012.

FIRST AMERICAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION

This company, which is celebrating more than 120 years as a leader in the title industry, continues to be a pillar of support to Santa Ana College, its foundation and scholarship program. “Our annual scholarship fundraiser, Pageant of the Trees, owes much of its success to its location at First American’s beautiful headquarters,” says Christina Romero, Executive Director, Santa Ana College Foundation. This year’s event raised over \$40,000 for scholarships and programs that are awarded through the SAC Foundation. In addition, First American also supports the Ed Arnold Golf Classic that raised more than \$46,000 this year which is used to support the Athletic Hall of Fame and student-athlete scholarships.

UNION BANK

For the second year, a \$30,000 donation from Union Bank continues to help fund the Summer Scholars Transfer Institute (SSTI), which gives students from Santa Ana College the opportunity to attend classes on campus at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). This year, 100 students attended the intensive 10-day residential seminar, earning three to five transferrable units. This is the first time many students have been on the campus of a four-year university, and the experience is designed to give them confidence so they can succeed in this academic environment. Union Bank also is a strong supporter of Santa Ana ¡Adelante!, a program with the goal of putting a college diploma in every Santa Ana home by 2020.

U.S. BANK

In October 2011, the Santa Ana College Foundation received a \$10,000 donation from U.S. Bank. This charitable gift will provide resources to train, educate, and conduct one-on-one counseling in financial literacy for returning military veteran students. Eric M. Alderete, member of SAC Foundation Board of Directors and Vice President and Senior Corporate Counsel at U.S. Bank, said, “U.S. Bank is delighted to partner with the Santa Ana College Foundation and the Veterans Resource Center to play a part in easing veterans’ transition from combat to classroom. We believe it is vitally important that returning veterans learn to make informed and effective decisions about their finances to better plan how to attain their ultimate educational objectives.”



FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:
Members of the first freshman class under the Santa Ana ¡Adelante! Program; Union Bank VP & Community Outreach Officer Rossina Gallegos with students at the Summer Scholars Transfer Institute; Faculty and staff with our veteran students at a U.S. Bank Financial Literacy Workshop.

EDISON INTERNATIONAL

The Santa Ana College Foundation has received a \$25,000 donation from Edison International. This charitable gift will support all aspects of the Santa Ana ¡Adelante! Program, including peer mentoring and scholarships. “Edison International is proud to be a part of the ¡Adelante! Program. We believe investments in education translate to strong, sustainable, and vibrant communities and we have always enjoyed a great partnership with Santa Ana College,” said Eddie Marquez, Regional Manager, Edison International.

The Santa Ana ¡Adelante! Program guarantees that all Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD) students who graduate from high school, enroll at SAC, and complete all academic requirements and application paperwork will be



admitted as transfer students to California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) or to University of California, Irvine (UCI). Santa Ana ¡Adelante! begins with all SAUSD sixth graders and their parents signing a college-going pledge and completing a related curriculum. The college-going pathway is strengthened as students enter high school, renew their educational plans, and apply for college admission.

“We are thrilled about this partnership with Edison International,” said Kristin Crellin, Executive Director, School and Community Relations at SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and SAC Foundation Board President. “Edison International’s generous support of Santa Ana ¡Adelante! speaks to the promise and potential of this very important program. The future of our

community depends on ensuring access to higher education for all.”

AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

This premier institution is collaborating with the automotive technology program at Santa Ana College to develop an Automotive Business Certificate. “Today, anyone who wants to succeed in automotive technology also needs to have good business skills,” says David Lang, ACSC Vice President of Automotive Services. The 18-unit program is currently in curriculum development, according to Bart Hoffman, Dean of Career Education and Workforce Development at SAC. “This is an important collaboration because the Automobile Club is on the front line of utilizing all aspects of automotive technology service,” Hoffman said.

“Their input and support will help us develop a truly relevant and useful certificate program.”

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

“We are honored that Eric Gomez personally presented a check for \$5,000 that helps support our Summer Research Scholars,” said Sara Lundquist, Santa Ana College Vice-President of Student Services. This program was developed to support students who are en route to a Bachelor’s Degree and seriously considering graduate study. The program features research training seminars, presentations by distinguished scholars, and the opportunity to execute a small group research project.

PICTURED BELOW:

Students at the Summer Research Scholars program held in July 2012.



DON CREVIER

REVS UP STUDENTS

“Having a successful business owner directly speak to our students is one of the best ways to educate and inspire our students to continue in their education and career endeavors.”

Glenn A. Doolittle, Jr., JD
Professor, Santa Ana College
Global Business and
Entrepreneurship



PICTURED ABOVE:

Don Crevier with business and automotive technology students.

“Innovative thinking

and problem solving are critical skills for success in business,” Donnie Crevier stressed to students attending a symposium on Global Business & Entrepreneurship, sponsored by the Santa Ana College Foundation in May.

“Crevier” has long been a name associated with success in automotive sales in Southern California, but building that empire did not come easily to its founder, who says he prefers to be called Donnie.

“I came from a very challenged childhood; as a young person, my life was, frankly, awful. But if

you are going to overcome your circumstances, you can’t give up. You have to believe in yourself and believe you have a better future.” Donnie has been a long-time supporter of Santa Ana College and has a deep passion for education.

While speaking to over 200 students, Donnie emphasized that the ability to empathize and to connect with people is another critical skill which impacts every area of success, including resolving problems. “You also have to learn to treat people well,” he added.

His message resonated with several students, who came up to him after the event to thank him for sharing

his struggles and his success with them. “I love connecting with students who really want to succeed,” he says, thinking back on some of their comments and questions. “I hope that stories like mine will help strengthen their determination to succeed, no matter what their circumstances. You just have to believe in yourself. And you can’t give up.”

THE COLLEGE **PREPARES** FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

-CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

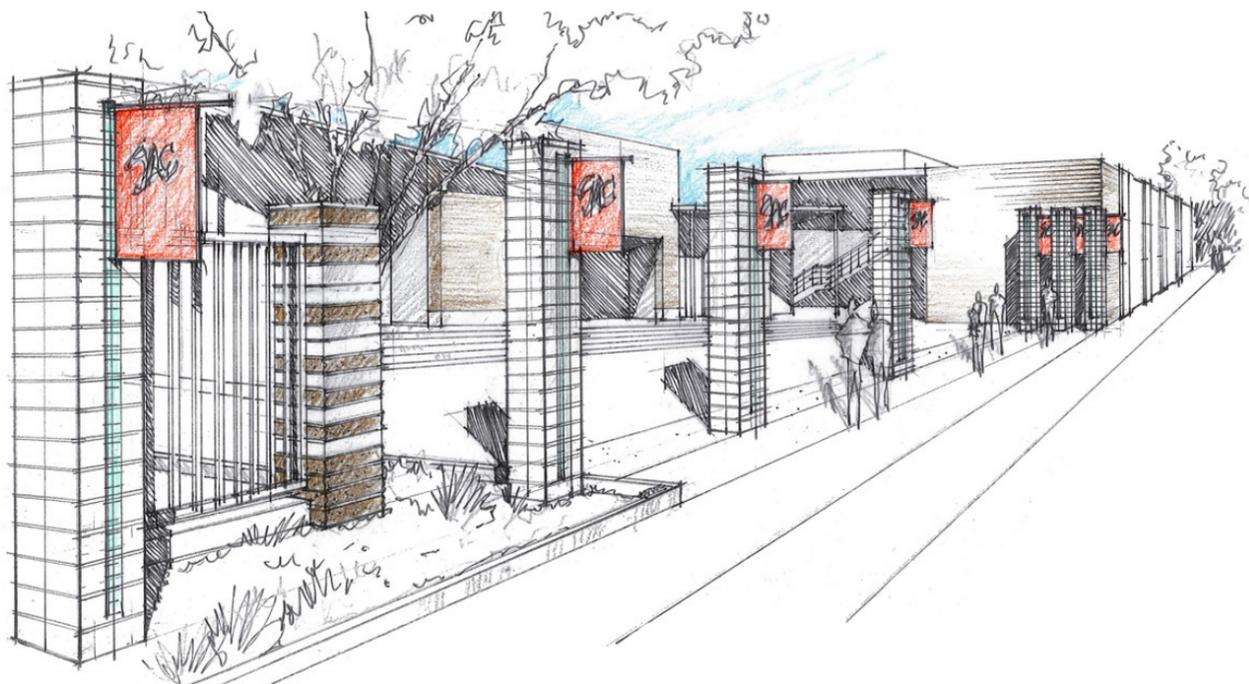


In late 2012, construction will begin on improvements designed to help Santa Ana College present an attractive, modern appearance that reflects the quality of programs and instruction the college offers.

campus will include Washington Ave., Bristol Street and 17th Street entrances. Funding is provided by Measure E, the \$337 million general bond obligation approved by voters in 2002.

Shown here are conceptual drawings for some campus perimeter beautification projects, which include gateways to campus, as well as unifying architectural and landscaping elements for the interior of campus. New entries into

“While the College prepares to celebrate 100 years of serving the community in 2015, it also must be up-to-date to serve the community for the next 100 years” says SAC President Erlinda Martinez.



The President's Circle REACHES INTO SPACE



Patricia Sullivan needed a miracle – a \$3,000 miracle – and it came from a grant from the President's Circle – a grant that also brought Santa Ana College to the attention of NASA.

In November 2011, Patricia was one of 252 candidates selected from 10,000 applicants from across the United States to participate in NASA's prestigious National Community College Aerospace Scholars Program and one of 48 finalists selected to travel to NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, for a three-day competition between four teams building robotic Mars rovers, leading her "Red Team" into a first-place victory.

Patricia says, "At that event, I learned about NASA's Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program (RGEFP) and decided to submit a research proposal.

"When I stated my intent to apply for this opportunity to participate in

the RGEFP, I was told, 'I don't want to discourage you, but you will be competing for one of 14 spots against applicants from schools such as MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), CalTech (California Institute of Technology), Virginia Tech (Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University), Yale and Stanford....' Their implication was clear, but I decided to go for it anyway.

"At the end of November, Dr. Steven Eastmond, who is a Professor of Physical Science and also the Director of Tessman Planetarium, agreed to be our faculty advisor, and to support Santa Ana College as the sponsoring facility. This opened the door for 'Team Illumi-Nation' to submit a research proposal.

"On December 7, Dr. Eastmond and I were notified that the Santa Ana College Research Proposal had been accepted by NASA."

Over the next seven months,

Patricia and her 10-member team built and tested the research apparatus designed to examine the effects of creating metallic nanofoams in a reduced gravity environment.

In May 2012, Patricia graduated SAC with a 4.0 and received an AA in Business Management. She had received early notification that she had been admitted to California State University, Fullerton in August, "With Distinction."

But first as team leader, she had a significant project to finish: she and her team had to get to Houston to present their project June 7-16. As they approached the deadline, they were approximately \$3,000 short of the money needed to cover basic daily expenses during the 10-day flight week. Patricia explains, "The project cost about \$24,629, and we had raised all the money ourselves. The cost of airfare was covered by Southwest Airlines.

"At that point, presenting the project hinged on \$3,000 – and it was a grant from the President's Circle that made it possible for us to physically show up.

"We flew our successful research experiment, 'Nanostructured Metallic Foams Created Through Self-Propagating High Temperature Synthesis,' during the week of June 11, after completing rigorous training for flight in a twin-engine, high-altitude, supersonic jet."

The accomplishment is significant. Patricia explains, "Santa Ana College is the only two-year college to have had research accepted by NASA. But beyond that, Dr. Eastmond's support for this research project and Santa Ana College has created other unique dividends.

"We have now established a bridge between Santa Ana College and the NASA Educational Program that will result in many future opportunities for Santa Ana College faculty and

students to participate in unique NASA events. For example, on August 6, I represented Santa Ana College, which was given one of 100 spots made available to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) educators from around the world to be present at JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) in Pasadena to witness the landing of the rover 'Curiosity' on Mars.

"Also, I will be working with the Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Center assisting Dr. Joshua Smith to develop the curriculum for an astronomy degree at Cal State Fullerton. I credit Santa Ana College, its faculty and staff, and specifically Dr. Eastmond, for helping me and other women to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). And I am deeply grateful to the President's Circle for enabling us to complete our research experiment in Houston."

We are so grateful to this elite group of donors who allow the Foundation to meet the needs of our students in these unique ways. This year, we welcomed 9 new members bringing our total membership to 45 and raising over \$61,000. They are:

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PICTURED ABOVE:
(Left) President's Circle Recipients El Don Student Newspaper Staff, (Right Column) Fall 2011 President's Circle Event.

EXEMPLARY FACULTY
GIVES BACK TO COLLEGE



"The College has always supported me when I had a creative idea, and I AM HAPPY TO DONATE ANY ROYALTIES I RECEIVE from sales on campus to the President's Circle fund that helps meet urgent student needs."

It is virtually impossible to enumerate all the reasons Lynn Maracek was awarded the 2012 Distinguished Faculty Award, which recognizes peers who have demonstrated innovation, commitment to students, and excellence in teaching. Lynn's numerous contributions also include mentoring instructional talent and developing camaraderie among disciplines, as well as helping coordinate the Freshman Experience Program.

With thirty years experience teaching and tutoring math at the college and high school level in courses from basic math through calculus, she has seen it all. "When you talk with students every day, you hear horror stories about how math has intimidated them. Even colleagues will admit that they have 'math anxiety.' But I believe everyone can be successful with the proper support."

That support includes developing trusting relationships with instructors who can evaluate areas of strength and then provide effective coaching to improve areas that are not as strong.

For several years, Lynn and her colleague, Mary Anne Anthony, have been developing instructional materials based on their combined experience. "My goal is to develop worksheets and textbooks that can

help students better understand math concepts and develop math literacy, improve math study skills, and address issues related to math anxieties," she explains.

Now Lynn has also joined the President's Circle, and both instructors are donating royalties on instructional materials they developed which are sold in the campus bookstore. "We do not think we should profit by sales of instructional materials to our own students," she says.

"The College has always supported me when I had a creative idea, and I am happy to donate any royalties I receive from sales on campus to the President's Circle fund that helps meet urgent student needs."

Once again, Lynn has demonstrated the kind of extraordinary faculty caring and generosity for which she has been honored by her colleagues.

"Lynn is one of our exemplary faculty members who make Santa Ana College a unique academic environment," says SAC President Erlinda Martinez.

Lynn says, "The pleasure I receive knowing that I have found a way to help more students through the President's Circle is my reward."

Honoring a Legacy of Giving Donald P. Kennedy



1919 – 2012

The professional accomplishments and philanthropic contributions of Donald P. Kennedy

are well known, but it is also his unique charisma and humanity that those who knew him best will miss most.

Donald Parker Kennedy, grandson of First American Financial Corporation's founder, joined the company after finishing law school in 1948. He soon realized that the company needed to expand beyond the boundaries of the county in order to survive. By 1982, under Don's visionary leadership, First American served every region of the country and has, through its 120-year history, built one of the largest financial services firms in the United States and globally. Don was also a significant supporter of Santa Ana College and many organizations that made the City of Santa Ana the epicenter of Orange County for many years.

It is his leadership that built the last century of success for First American and the community that they serve. With the passing of Don this year, Santa Ana College is fortunate to have his legacy continue with his son, Parker Kennedy, and the Kennedy family.

Ken Purcell, alumnus and donor recalls Don's passion and the difference he made in his life.

Purcell was playing basketball at Santa Ana College for Coach Bob Boyd in 1957 when Don told Bob, "If you have any students who are interested in working part-time, send them over!"

Although Ken did not realize it at the time, the biggest benefit was not the money he was earning: it was the opportunity to work with Donald P. Kennedy, who was in the process of growing the family firm into what the Los Angeles Times called "one of the world's largest title insurers by 2006."

"One of the things that I admired most about Don: he was so accessible. And it was not just me. When I got into management, First American's offices were still west of the Mississippi, and Don had young people in all the core offices. He knew them all. He brought in motivational and training speakers. Young people today seldom get to know the CEO in the company. But Don wanted to know his people, and he wanted his people to know him."

"He was the most giving guy in the world. He believed in Santa Ana College, and he consistently demonstrated his commitment to the College. He supported the President's Circle, Pageant of the Trees, the Ed Arnold Golf Classic, and the Athletic Hall of Fame, to name just a few of his commitments. Anytime there was financial need, Don was the first to step up. It is Don the friend, mentor and role model I will miss most."



"It was a part of my father's passion to help Santa Ana College and many other organizations in our community, and it is an honor to continue this tradition," states Parker Kennedy, Chairman of First American Financial Corporation.

"Santa Ana College is extremely grateful for this partnership – two Santa Ana institutions, private and public – which have both strived to make a difference in our community. It has been this winning formula that will hopefully take us into the next 100 years," says Dr. Erlinda Martinez, Santa Ana College President.

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Ken Purcell

PROGRAM OVERVIEW & FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

In the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Foundation received a total of **over \$834,000** in revenue and donations with **over \$447,000 awarded** to students in the form of scholarships as well as \$310,000 for **program support** across campus. The Foundation continues to focus on development and is diligent in making sure our funds reach our high-achieving high-need student population.

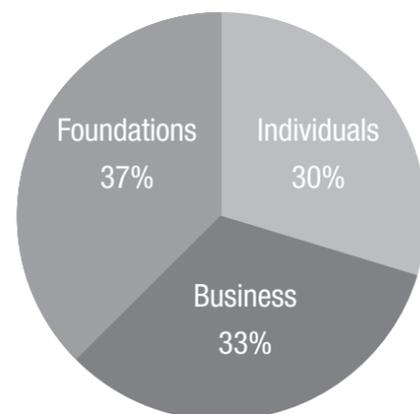
Contributions of over **\$724,000** in this fiscal year correspond to our **loyal donor base and partnerships**. We have continued to maintain investment growth without risking our assets of over \$3.7 million. A lean operating budget in addition to newly developed public-private grants adds to our portfolio.

It all starts inside SAC - with more than **115 Santa Ana College faculty and staff giving over \$37,000 annually** through our payroll deduction program. Along with our payroll deduction program, many scholarships and programs are being directly funded by faculty and staff, as well as general support of all fundraising events and initiatives, reflect the multiple ways that the **giving culture of**

Santa Ana College continues. Our internal commitment inspires our alumni and other community partners and donors to give.

Along with our nationally recognized partners in student success, additional efforts in our Latino Student Success efforts and programs are only possible with the **leadership** of the college and the fiscal accountability that is held by our Board of Directors. Local community foundations as well as **dedicated donors** make growth for our student success possible. In our upcoming year, we are excited to announce some **new partnerships** and exciting philanthropic work that will lead the Office of College Advancement/Foundation into the next hundred years.

Source of Funds 2011-2012



Total Gifts: **\$724,647**

Total Scholarships Awarded: **\$447,833 to over 460 students**

Total Program Funding Awarded: **\$310,078**

Total Assets: **\$3.7 Million**

Over **\$63,000** was awarded to our faculty and staff grant programs, which **support innovative ideas** as well as **student success initiatives**.

ALUMNUS JAMES H. NGUYEN, M.D. WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



PICTURED ABOVE: Dr. James Nguyen accepting his award in November 2011

In November 2011, Dr. James Nguyen was selected as one of four recipients of the California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award, which received nominations from more than 100 colleges within its network. This honor is bestowed upon those who have achieved educational and professional success, provide service to the community, and are deemed exceptional by the Community College League of California (CCLC).

James, Class of 1998, graduated Santa Ana College at the age of 14, and transferred to the University

of California, Irvine as a pre-med student. He graduated UCI in 2000 and at age 23 continued his education in medical school at St. George's University. James was also inducted into the 2011 Santa Ana College Alumni Hall of Fame.

At age 28, James is now a Fellow in the Department of Cardiology at the University of Arizona Medical Center (UMC) in Tucson.

Save the Dates

Saturday, October 6th
Homecoming Alumni Luncheon & Football Game

Wednesday, December 5th
Tenth Annual Pageant of the Trees

Spring 2013
TBA
2013 Scholarships & Awards Ceremony

Monday, May 13th
2013 Ed Arnold Golf Classic

Friday, May 17th
2013 Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception

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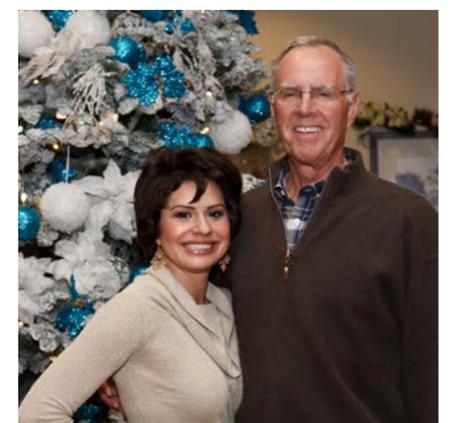
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