## SANTA ANA COLLEGE

**Breaking News** 

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## Santa Ana College Foundation Names Dan Stefano and Yareiry Alba to its Board of Directors

**(Santa Ana, Calif.)** – The <u>Santa Ana College Foundation</u> (SACF) has appointed Dan Stefano and Yareiry Alba to its board of directors. The Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, raises funds to support <u>Santa Ana College</u> (SAC) and its students through the leadership of a 23-member volunteer board.



Stefano is a graduate of Santa Ana College's Fire Academy, as well as current fire chief for the City of Costa Mesa and president-elect of the California Fire Chiefs Association. Previously, Stefano served the Laguna Beach Fire Department in such capacities as firefighter, fire engineer, fire captain, fire battalion/division chief, training/EMS chief and fire marshal. Stefano holds a bachelor's degree from <u>California State University</u>, <u>Long Beach</u>; and master's degrees from both the <u>University of</u> <u>Southern California</u> and California State University, Long Beach. He has

extensive community service, serving on many fundraising and community boards.

"Dan has experience and a deep interest in serving on our board to raise resources for the next generation of SAC students," said Rossina Gallegos, SACF Board President. "He is passionate about working with the Santa Ana College Foundation and utilizing his connections with the public sector, the community, and other private stakeholders to enhance student success."



Alba is also a Santa Ana College alumna and graduate of the <u>University of Texas</u> <u>at El Paso</u>, and currently works as a Patient Navigator for Cochlear Implants at Providence Speech and Hearing Center. Prior, Alba served as deputy coroner for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Alba volunteers at Saddleback High School in the special education department.

"Yareiry has the drive, motivation, and talent to bring fundraising success to our board. She is passionate about giving back to Santa Ana College, a place where she was able to grow and thrive during her time as a student," said Gallegos. "She is looking forward to furthering the Foundation's philanthropic initiatives and its

alumni relations work through events and one-on-one meetings."

## About Santa Ana College

Santa Ana College (SAC), which turned 100 years old in 2015, serves about 27,000 students each semester at its main campus in Santa Ana. The college prepares students for transfer to four-year institutions and provides invaluable workforce training and customized training for business and industry. In addition, another 11,000 students are served through the college's School of Continuing Education located at Centennial Education Center. Ranked as one of the nation's top two-year colleges awarding associate degrees to Latino and Asian students, the college is also recognized throughout the state for its comprehensive workforce training programs for nurses, firefighters, law enforcement and other medical personnel. SAC is one of two comprehensive colleges under the auspices of the <u>Rancho Santiago Community College District</u>.