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MUFG Union Bank Foundation Donates \$25,000 to Santa Ana College Students

Santa Ana, Calif. – The Santa Ana College (SAC) recently received a \$25,000 donation from The MUFG Union Bank Foundation (The Foundation) to fund SAC’s Summer Scholars Transfer Institute (SSTI) and Promise Program. Through The Foundation, Union Bank provides a range of support to the communities it serves. The partnership and generous contributions from Union Bank have allowed initiatives like the SSTI and Promise Program to continue to transform the lives of SAC students since 2011.

“Union Bank is proud to support Santa Ana College’s student body,” said Rossina Gallegos, Director and Corporate Social Responsibility Officer for Union Bank. “Our goal is to serve as a catalyst for positive change in the lives of our students and this grant is one way to reach that objective. Through the SSTI and Promise Program, we hope to enable more first generation college students to gain an understanding of their full potential.”

The Foundation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that serves as an agent for charitable contributions made by MUFG Union Bank, N.A. Since its creation in 1953, The MUFG Union Bank Foundation has supported the bank’s commitment to help meet the needs of the communities that it serves. Its mission is to make philanthropic investments that expand access to economic opportunity in low- and moderate-income communities especially in the areas of affordable housing, community economic development, education, human services, and the environment.

The SAC SSTI Program is a ten-day residential summer institute at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), designed to prepare low-income and underrepresented community college students for transfer to the UC system. Students earn four to five transferrable credits after completing the institute, which includes coursework, counseling, and UC advisement meetings.

“Participating in the SSTI helped me decide to go to a UC,” said SAC student Allene Parra. “I had never been away from home before and it was scary at first. But staying in the dorms, using the study rooms, and having the on-campus college experience changed my entire perspective.”

In addition to the SSTI Program, the donation from Union Bank will help fund SAC’s Promise Program. Through this program, graduating seniors from Santa Ana Unified School District are guaranteed free tuition for the first year of their SAC education. Students can also participate in the free SAC laptop loan program, and are guaranteed admission to UCI or California State University, Fullerton, as long as they meet the grade point average requirements.

SAC student Sergio Sanchez is a biology and botany double-major, also minoring in English. He plans to transfer to either Chapman University or UCI, and apply to medical school. “Having my first year at SAC paid for allowed me to focus on my studies,” he said. “I wouldn’t have been able to afford college without the Promise Program.”

For more information on the Santa Ana College SSTI or Promise Program, visit www.sac.edu.

About MUFG Union Bank, N.A.

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¹ Exchange rate of 1 USD=¥112.7 (JPY) as of September 29, 2017

About Santa Ana College

Santa Ana College (SAC), which turned 100 years old in 2015, serves about 18,000 students each semester at its main campus in Santa Ana. The college prepares students for transfer to four-year institutions, 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 Rancho Santiago Community College District. Visit www.sac.edu to learn more.

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