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[Santa Ana College Named One of Top Community Colleges in Nation](#)

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(Santa Ana, CA)— Officials at Santa Ana College (SAC) are pleased to announce that SAC has been named one of the top community colleges in the nation by *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*.

SAC is the only Orange County community college in the top ten of this prestigious ranking making Santa Ana College number one in the OC. SAC was ranked sixth in student enrollment and tenth in the number of associate degrees granted in the magazine's "Top 25 Community Colleges for Hispanics."

"As Santa Ana College welcomes the community to campus on Saturday, March 12th during our Open House and Expo, we are delighted to share this national recognition," said Erlinda J. Martinez, Ed.D., SAC president. "Throughout our centennial year, we have looked back at our celebrated past and continue to look forward to SAC's boundless future."

Other noted accomplishments of Santa Ana College include:

- Santa Ana College being one of 15 community colleges selected to take part in the California community college bachelor's degree pilot program. Beginning in fall 2017, SAC will offer classes in its Occupational Studies program.
- Santa Ana College is the only Orange County community college selected to participate in the Pathway to Law School initiative providing a trajectory for students to enter some of the finest law schools in the nation and receive the support they need to succeed.
- Santa Ana College is the only Orange County community college ranked among the top 20 associate degree producers for minorities in all disciplines by *Community College Week*.
- Santa Ana College was named the only Orange County community college to be granted \$5 million in Awards for Innovation in Higher Education funds. The award supports the Santa Ana Partnership, a collaboration that has been working to support student achievement and close equity gaps in education since 1983.

- Santa Ana College's (SAC) student newspaper, **el Don** and the college's student website eldonnews.org have both won Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) National Pacemaker Awards. Santa Ana College's student media program is the only community college in the United States to win Pacemaker honors in both the print and online categories.
- To date, the Centennial Scholarship Campaign, commemorating the college's 100th anniversary, has raised over \$1 million surpassing the goal of creating 100 additional annual student scholarships.
- Thanks to the passage of Measure Q, a \$198 million general obligation bond, numerous building and renovation projects are in the works at SAC, including the central plant and infrastructure project currently underway, and the construction of a new Science Center and Johnson Student Center.

For more information about Santa Ana College, visit www.sac.edu. For details about the Santa Ana College Open House and Expo on March 12, visit www.sac.edu/OpenHouse.

About The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education

In its 26th year, The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education is the sole Hispanic magazine in the higher education community. It is published biweekly except during the summer months and focuses on news of interest to those running institutions of higher learning. The complete rankings may be viewed by visiting the February issue of the magazine.

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. For information about Santa Ana College's Centennial, please visit www.sac.edu/100.

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