Our 2009-2010 Annual Report provides an opportunity for reflection and celebration. While we continue to experience budget constraints, this past year has been exhilarating as Santa Ana College remains committed to providing quality instruction and valuable support services. I hope you will enjoy reading about the many successes of our students, faculty and staff.

In areas of academic achievement Santa Ana College programs and graduates continue to shine. Overall, Santa Ana College ranks 8th in the nation for the number of A.A. degrees awarded to Hispanic students. This year the White House Initiative on Hispanic Achievement looked to Santa Ana College to host a community meeting on our practices for retention and achievement. The Pharmacy Technician Program and the Paralegal program were fully reaccredited and the Welding Program has now been certified. Many students achieved academic excellence and received monies/scholarships from The National Science Foundation, Southern California Edison, and USDA Grants. These are just but a few examples. With support from community partners Santa Ana College has been able to maintain a spirit of innovative and responsiveness as new needs emerge.

A Veterans Resource Center was established to provide a “sense of place” for our soldiers returning home. This was accomplished with cooperation within the campus and support from the community with agencies such as Orange County Mental Health Services. SchoolsFirst Credit Union is a consistent partner funding Innovation Grants for the many ideas put forth by faculty and staff. The Communidad Latina Credit Union is now available on campus to provide microloans to students. The loans have provided much needed funds for fees and books. In some cases, assistance has been given to rewrite car loans or provide relief from high interest credit cards. Finally, thanks to First American Financial Corporation, Santa Ana College and the SAC Foundation have been able to provide assistance to students through our two major fundraisers: the Ed Arnold Golf Tournament and the annual Pageant of the Trees.

Finally, Santa Ana College made initial steps towards “Going Green.” We celebrated the opening of the new Green Lab for Computer Science where the same level of service can be maintained with less equipment and less electricity. Faculty and staff considered their commuting options and increased the campus commuter rating. And, a new pool cover will reduce our energy use by half. Small steps that will make a difference.

Santa Ana College continues to provide educational opportunities and advantages that impact countless lives in countless ways. I hope you enjoy reading about them.

With warm regards,

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

Location: 1530 W. 17th Street
Santa Ana, CA  92706-3398

Size: 65 acres

Background: In 1915, Santa Ana Junior College opened its doors to 26 students as a department of Santa Ana High School. It was the second junior college founded in Orange County, behind Fullerton College, and the fourth oldest in all of California.

Santa Ana College (SAC) is known for its academic programs as well as top-ranked student services. Students can enroll for full semester units, mini-semester (GR8 Weeks), weekend and online classes. A wide variety of courses are available in business, math and sciences, arts and humanities, and career and vocational education. SAC offers over 300 subjects leading to the associate degree in science or arts or vocational certificate of competency.

Academic Achievement:
Transfers to four-year colleges/universities: 1,800
Associate degrees and certificates: 1,292

Mascot: The Don

Fees: $26 per unit for California residents

Programs and Services: While Santa Ana College offers numerous disciplines leading to an associate degree in sciences or arts, it also offers off-site programs for students seeking basic skills and technology proficiency so they can pursue other goals. These off-campus sites include:

Centennial Education Center: CEC provides a full spectrum of non-credit continuing education to address the adult learner population. In addition to English-as-a-Second-Language courses, it offers adult basic education, citizenship, high school completion, parent education and vocational training.

Orange County Sheriff’s Regional Training Academy: Located in Tustin, this facility enables Santa Ana College and the Sheriff’s Department to serve more than 800 Academy cadets annually while expanding the weekend and evening education and training opportunities for existing law enforcement officers in Orange County and around the state. The academy features four large lecture classrooms, a state-of-the-art multi-media production studio, a multi-purpose room that accommodates up to 1,300 people, a weight training room as well as an outdoor obstacle and tactical training course.

Regional Fire Training Academy: This center is used for fire technology, prevention, lecture, and applied practice courses. It is used by students enrolled in the Fire Academy program as well as fire professionals for continuing education purposes.

Workforce Development and Career Center: As a resource for continuing education, this center is housed in the RSCCD operations center on Broadway and Santa Clara and specializes in courses tailored to the needs of business and industry. The center is the access point for business owners as well as individuals to gain educational advantages that enhance workplace performance.

Santa Ana College is part of the Rancho Santiago Community College District serving the following communities: Anaheim Hills, Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park.
Enrollment Statistics

**Ethnicity**
- American Indian: 1%
- African American: 2%
- Asian: 11%
- Latino: 45%
- Caucasian: 31%
- Filipino: 1%
- Other: 3%
- Decline to State: 5%

**Age of Students:**
- Under 18: 3%
- 18-21: 37%
- 22-29: 31%
- 30-39: 14%
- 40-49: 9%
- Over 49: 6%

**Educational Goals:**
- Vocational Certificate: 5%
- Employment: 16%
- AA/Transfer: 41%
- Personal Development: 10%
- Teaching Career: 2%
- Undecided: 13%
- Other: 5%
- Not Reported: 16%

**Gender Distribution:**
- Male: 50%
- Female: 50%
Student Success

Padres Promotores
Now entering its 10th year of implementation, Padres Promotores continues to engage parents of secondary school students in delivering the message of early preparation for college, college options, and financial aid opportunities to our Santa Ana community. This past academic year, 46 “Promotores” served as peer-to-peer mentors to other Santa Ana families, reaching over 20,000 households with this important message. They accomplish their mission through home visits, community dialogues, and special events. This nationally recognized program is now in high demand in other communities. This past year, SAC Padres Promotores helped establish a similar program in Oxnard through a grant from the Ventura County Community College Foundation. Similar efforts are planned in San Juan Capistrano for this coming fall.

SAC Journalism students won 68 individual Columbia Graduate School of Journalism’s Gold Circle Awards for the 2009-10 academic year. The awards were presented in March 2010 at the 86th Annual College Media Convention in New York.

Service Learning Center (SLC) placed 1,253 SAC students in various internships, serving a total of 39,391 of volunteer hours to our community. Of the 1,253 students, 136 students provided 100 or more volunteer hours each.

Veterans Resource Center (VRC)
The Veterans Resource Center opened at Santa Ana College on March 20, 2010 and has provided comprehensive services to over 250 veterans attending SAC and/or SCC over the past six months. The program is a collaborative effort, including staffing from the financial aid office, disability services, and counseling. A key component to the program is our group of dedicated “work-study” student veterans that are funded through the Veterans Administration. Orange County Mental Health is a partner in the development of the VRC and provides a behavioral health specialist to assist veterans with accessing external resources. Veteran feedback has been extremely positive and our numbers are expected to continue to grow.

380 Veterans were certified to receive benefits during the 2009-10 academic year, which is an increase from 2008-09 of over 100 veterans.

EOPS (Extended Opportunities Programs and Services) is a state funded program established to recruit, enroll and retain students. It is designed to assist students who are identified as economically and educationally disadvantaged. This year EOPS celebrated its 40th anniversary in October 2009 and proudly honored 135 graduates, many of whom are continuing at a university as they transfer this fall.
Citizenship Services are provided through SAC’s School of Continuing Education. The staff are committed to collaborating with other agencies to provide free or low-cost naturalization services. SAC School of Continuing Education currently collaborates with the United States Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS). Our staff regularly attends the USCIS Naturalization Advisory Committee meetings in Los Angeles to obtain necessary information to help legal permanent residents complete the naturalization process. By attending these meetings, staff stays abreast of current laws and changing USCIS policies. While 2009-10 has been a challenging year due to budget cuts, the Citizenship Program staff were still able to provide services to our community with 1,108 students enrolled in El Civics Citizenship classes during the year. The FREE citizenship program at Santa Ana College’s School of Continuing Education creates opportunities, strengthens communities, and allows immigrants to become fully vested members of this great nation. We are proud to stay active in our community and to partner with the USCIS department to help demystify the citizenship process.

Center for Teacher Education hosted the 13th Annual Regional Road to Teaching Conference in November 2009. 225 students from local high schools, community colleges and universities attended. 55 Santa Ana College students participated in the STEM Teaching Scholars Program during 2009-10. The participants provided instructional assistance/tutored 5,325+ hours at 14 sites in Santa Ana (including SAC), and were mentored by K-16 teachers. Key outcomes demonstrated that 90% of the participants reported an increase in their interest in the teaching profession and 80% of the participants reported they could see themselves teaching one day.

MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) program transferred 34 students from 2009-10 academic year and 24 students were awarded AA degrees. MESA student Daniel Montealegre was awarded 2nd place in the “Southern California MESA Regional Math Challenge Competition” whereby 19 community colleges throughout the state participated in this event. A total of 183 students competed, including nine SAC MESA students. MESA students, Ricardo Hernandez was awarded the $25,000 USDA Scholarship through the PTSP/USDA grant program and Daniel Montealegre who transferred to UCLA is among 67 outstanding students to receive a Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) Scholarship for 2010-11 academic year.

Bank on Santa Ana/Comunidad Latina is a joint effort of the Office of the Governor, City of Santa Ana, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporations, local Financial Institutions and Nonprofit Organizations to reach the unbanked population. SAC is a non-profit partner with the Bank on Santa Ana Program. In the spring of 2010, SAC successfully piloted an innovative micro-loan project, together with Comunidad Latina Federal Credit Union, to provide students with the ability to secure classes upon enrollment and to purchase books at the start of the academic semester. In addition, one-on-one tutorials were conducted to help educate students on financial planning, money management and fiscal responsibility. Pilot project number of students seen at the SAC branch was sixty with a total number served through resource fairs and related settings of over 500. A total of 22 accounts have been opened and 20 micro-loan applications have been submitted with a total approved of $9,200 as of the end of the spring semester.

Welding Technology continues to grow with funds from a CTEA grant. The welding department was able to purchase new equipment to update and enlarge the program. The welding program at SAC is now an approved LA Certification Testing site.
Pharmacy Technology program was reaccredited upon a visit this year by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists commission. The visiting team provided positive feedback and the department anticipates receiving a formal letter in August. This letter will recognize the departmental reaccreditation status for the next six years (the longest reaccreditation status).

Speech Professor Lance Lockwood signed a publication agreement with Kono Publications in North Carolina to write the first “new” public speaking textbook in over 50 years. The textbook entitled “Introduction to Public Conversing” will focus as Enlarged Conversation. Richard Doetkott of Chapman University will co-author the textbook with Lockwood. Publication release is set for June 2011.

Student Athletes continue to score high with the Men’s soccer team winning its 16th consecutive Orange Empire Conference Championship and men’s wrestling won the South Coast Conference Championship and the California Community College State Championship. 98 of SAC’s student athletes maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA. In support of our student athletes, the Ed Arnold Golf Classic (supported by the athletic hall of fame) raised over $41,000 to support student athletic scholars.

Scholarships Four students from SAC received Edison Scholarships from California State University, Fullerton; Luis Bahena (Biology), Thuy Bui (Chemistry), Paul Perez (Civil Engineering) and Nicolas Torres (Chemistry) in fall 2009. These recipients were selected based on merit and academic promise for this two-year scholarship. The purpose of this grant is to increase the number of low income and first generation students earning degrees in technical fields.

Inmate Education is stepping outside the boundary at SAC. Music instructor, Joe Fierro, contributed to an article on criminal justice and music for the International Journal of Community Music. The book was published in April 2010.

Career Technical Education continues to strive in the medical careers academy with a partnership between SAC School of Continuing Education and Taller San Jose which graduated 45 students and placed 31 students into jobs with an average wage of $12.25 per hour.

The Human Development department chair Gwen Morgan-Beazall was recognized as top Advocate for Children and Quality of Child Care in Orange County for 2009-10. This recognition was given at the Quality Child Care Recognition Breakfast held in March 2010.
Faculty and Classified Awards

Curriculum Development Award
Cher Carrera
Professor, Mathematics

Sandon Larson
Adjunct Professor, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program

Sharon Brown
Professor, Art

Madeline Grant
Professor, Management, Marketing & International Business

Glenn Doolittle
Professor, Management, Marketing & International Business

Professional Achievement Award
Steve Bautista
Counselor/Coordinator, Center of Teacher Education

Karen Dennis
School of Continuing Education ESL/Basic Skills Coordinator

Martha Vargas
Counselor, Transfer Center

Professional Development Award
Sharon Brown
Professor, Art

Cher Carrera
Professor, Mathematics

Robert Jenkins
Professor, ESL

Special Recognition Award in Curriculum and Instruction
Bonita Nahoum Jaros
Professor, English, Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment Coordinator

Distinguished Faculty Award
George Wright
Professor, Criminal Justice

Adjunct Faculty Award
Laurie Hassold
Adjunct Faculty, Art

Carrie Patton
Adjunct Professor, School of Continuing Education

Occupational Education Excellence Award
Fire Technology Department including Core Classes, Fire Academy, Wellness Program, Instructional Service Agreements and Fire Officer Program

Publications Award
Javier Galvan
Professor, Spanish & History

Lee Mallory
Professor, ESL/English

Classified Employee of the Year
Donna Cordia
Admissions & Records Specialist II

H-O-T-T (Half-of-the-time) Award
Juan Cabrera
Instructional Assistant, Math Study Center

Bill Brush Colleague Appreciation Award
Elva Negrete
Student Services Coordinator

SAC Nursing Department

Professional Achievement Award
Irma Fernandez
Counseling Assistant

EOPS/CARE
Facility Milestones

Disaster Preparedness – POD Exercise (point of distribution) In a collaborative effort to be prepared in case of an emergency or disaster, SAC along with Orange County Health Care Agency, City of Santa Ana and other county agencies participated in a POD exercise. A mass distribution of seasonal flu shots, as well as H1N1 vaccines were provided to the community at large. The POD exercise is designed to improve the communication across county agencies in the event of a largescale health emergency. Thousands benefited from these mutual efforts and our college is better prepared to respond to an emergency.

SAC Child Development Center/Human Development buildings were completed during summer 2010. This latest Measure E project at the college is scheduled to reopen in Fall 2010. The new center, one of five operated by RSCCD, offers an exceptional learning environment, accommodating 178 infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers and up to 100 students. As an extension of the academic program of the college, the center will be a unique facility featuring eight classrooms, lecture rooms and opportunities for on-site observation. The academic program will be housed in lecture rooms and offices on the second floor of a centrally located administration building.

SAC goes green in many areas. The Green Lab for Computer Science opened on May 13. This lab was put together using recycled desks, computers, tables, cabinets and chairs. It also uses NComputing Technology which allows the sharing of a single computer with five additional stations. This lab was developed by Cherylee Kushida, Distance Education Coordinator and Nick Quach, Director of Information Technology.

SAC employees are doing their part to positively impact our environment by reducing auto emissions and the overall carbon footprint of the campus by participating in our Rideshare program. SAC cooperates with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the average vehicle rider (AVR) rate increased from 1.1.67 to 1.209 in 2010.

SAC’s Olympic size pool now has a light weight, removable cover. It is anticipated that this investment will reduce energy costs for the pool by 50%.

This past year the SAC facilities master plan was reviewed and updated. HMC Architects recently presented the latest version of the SAC Facilities Master Plan to the campus facilities committee. The committee unanimously endorsed the plan as a working, conceptual draft. The facilities master plan subcommittee will begin looking at campus design standards and ancillary sites such as the Centennial Education Center, DMC, and the Sheriff’s Academy. The newest phase of improvements will include the relocation of the soccer field, a new entrance to the college off of Washington Avenue and a reimagining of all entrances to the campus.
Santa Ana College Foundation and Community Partnerships

Firefighters Luncheon The Rancho Santiago Community College District and Santa Ana College sponsored a luncheon for Orange County Firefighters on November 24 to pay tribute to the selfless service of the county’s fire chiefs, fire suppression and fire prevention personnel and fire paramedic units. The event, was held at the Orange County Sheriff’s Regional Training Academy in Tustin. Every city fire department and the Orange County Fire Authority was well represented at the event. For the past 50 years, SAC has provided fire technology instruction to firefighters statewide. Today, the college boasts the largest accredited fire technology programs in the state, serving more than 13,500 students annually - 4,500 through fire and lifeguard agencies, 3,000 through the fitness and wellness programs, 4,000 through officer training programs, and another 2,000 through the pre-Academy program on the main campus in Santa Ana.

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Vocational Programs The Automotive Technology Diesel program received a very generous donation from Hino Trucks and Tom’s Truck Center of Santa Ana. The donation, a late-model commercial diesel truck, is for student training purposes. Each year, more than 1,000 students benefit from this training. SAC’s Automotive Technology/Diesel program, which is unique in Orange County, boasts a 100% job placement rate for students earning associate’s degrees or professional certificates in Automotive Technology/Diesel. Additional donations in the form of diesel engines were received from Thermo King and Carrier.

SchoolsFirst Credit Union continues to support innovation grants allowing faculty and staff to expand and improve the learning environment for our students. During 2009-10, the Foundation funded ten proposals that totaled nearly $10,000.

First American continues to support SAC’s Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship Recipients and the Annual Pageant of the Trees fundraising event. This year the Ed Arnold Golf Classic raised $41,000 to be used for the Athletic Hall of Fame and student athlete scholarships. This year each of the six students received $1,500 to assist in their educational goals. The Pageant of the Trees event celebrated the holiday season with another record breaking $54,000 in net proceeds. First American goes beyond sponsoring our events by becoming true partners and hosted our Annual Pageant of the Trees event again.

Four Dance students received tuition scholarships to attend the world-renown American Dance Festival 6-week workshop at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. With the assistance of the SAC Foundation, the students were provided additional financial support through a two-month fundraising campaign to cover the students’ airfare, room and board, and health fees.

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Our Mission

Santa Ana College Mission Statement

The mission of Santa Ana College is to be a leader and partner in meeting the intellectual, cultural, technological, workforce and economic development needs of our diverse community. Santa Ana College prepares students for transfer, employment, careers and lifelong intellectual pursuit in a dynamic learning environment.

Santa Ana College Vision Themes
Student Achievement • Use of Technology • Innovation • Community
Workforce Development • New American Community

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