Nationally ranked!

Hancock named one of top community colleges in the United States

Allan Hancock College has been ranked as one of the five best community colleges in California and among the top 10 percent in the nation by The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "Recognizing community colleges like Allan Hancock College sends a message to others that aspire to excellence."
The 120 winners were selected from nearly 1,200 community colleges using data on student outcomes that demonstrated the highest levels of performance on three key metrics: student outcomes; changes over time; and equity in student achievement.

The Aspen Prize was announced at the White House Community College Summit hosted by President Obama and second lady Dr. Jill Biden in October 2010. "To achieve excellent student outcomes, we need to highlight our country's success stories and learn from them so that we can keep reaching higher. Recognizing community colleges like Allan Hancock College sends a message to others that aspire to excellence," said College Excellence Program Executive Director Josh Wyner. "Obviously we are pleased and proud to have been selected," said Allan Hancock College Superintendent/President José M. Ortiz, Ed.D. "There are many high achieving community colleges, and we are pleased to represent them with this honor. This was an unexpected but welcome recognition," he added.

"We work every day, in every classroom and laboratory, to ensure that we are providing our students with the tools they need to be successful. We are here at whatever stage in their lives that our students need us."

Part of the recognition is the opportunity to win the Aspen Prize with funds totaling $1 million. The 120 finalists have sent additional data to the Aspen Institute for review with 10 finalists to be announced in early fall.


Dental assisting program tops state board exam

The dental assisting program at Allan Hancock College has a reason to celebrate. Out of 120 accredited schools, Hancock recently had the second-highest pass rate in the state on the California Dental Association Registered Dental Assistant practical exam. In the last five years, Hancock students have excelled with a pass rate of 97 percent.

The nine-month dental assisting program at Hancock starts each fall with graduation in May.

A majority of students are hired during the internship phase of their training, when they are working with one of 85 local offices contracted with the program.

For more information, call the health sciences department at (805) 922-6966 ext. 3384 or email healthsciences@hancockcollege.edu.
New instructional leader brings experience, enthusiasm

Luis P. Sanchez has joined Allan Hancock College as the new associate superintendent/vice president, academic affairs. He serves as the chief instructional officer of the college and has responsibilities for all instruction, including credit, noncredit and community education programs. He will provide leadership and oversight for policy development, strategic planning and curriculum development.

Sanchez holds both a juris doctorate and master of laws from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and a bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University, Los Angeles. He spent 20 years as a professor and dean at Sierra College in Rocklin, Calif.

"We conducted a search for exactly the right person to lead our academic programs to even greater success," said college Superintendent/President José M. Ortiz, Ed.D. "I believe Luis is that person. He is a champion of education, a devotee of innovation, and is well-versed in the challenges and opportunities facing the California community colleges. His energy is contagious, and we are eager to welcome him."

Sanchez began July 1 and hit the ground running: "I was born with a fire in my belly to get things done," he said. "I am not great at treading water. Having said that, I am starting my time at Hancock by immersing myself in the culture and people and understanding how we can move forward together. I'm not daunted by the statement that 'we've always done it that way.'"

During his tenure at Sierra College, Sanchez was the dean of business, applied academics and physical education; the associate dean of business and technology; served a term as director of equal employment opportunity and was a professor of business law, twice receiving the outstanding teacher award. He maintained a private law practice from 1983 through 2006.

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"I thought I could get more done as the vice president and frankly, I wanted the ability to vote," Triste explained. "But when the president stepped down it was my duty to take over the position and do the best I could with it."

Triste has a lot of experience with the concept of duty. An Army veteran, he served for six years, first in Georgia, then Hawaii and finally Iraq. He is currently working at Hancock as a peer advisor for the College Achievement Now (CAN) program, helping low-income and first-generation students navigate their way through college. Triste said that if he had known at the age of 18 what he does now, college would have been his first choice.

"There are so many programs and support systems in place for low-income students," he said. "If I had known, I would have gone straight to college."

Being Native American (Mes-calero, Apache), Triste said he feels strongly about government and being involved in the democratic process. His goal this past year was to get more students involved in activities on campus and in the student government, as well as to make sure that their voices were heard. His efforts, hosting more than 50 student outreach events throughout the year, worked. This last spring a record number of students voted in the ASBG election.

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Digital literacy project equips students to train others

Fifty students in the Allan Hancock College Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program are participating in a statewide program to help increase digital literacy rates among underserved communities in California.

Students are using new laptops to train members of the community who otherwise would not have access to or knowledge of navigating the Internet.

"We’re pleased with the number of Allan Hancock College MESA students who have chosen to accept this challenge of teaching members of their community how to use a computer to better their lives. This program is a win-win for both students and the community, and Allan Hancock College is proud to support it," said Christine Reed, the college’s MESA program academic specialist.

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The Allan Hancock College science building morphed into a scientific wonderland for the “Friday Night Science” series held on the Santa Maria campus last spring. Thousands of eager community members attended one or more events that featured erupting volcanoes, smoke cannons, lightning bolts and more.

During the four-night series, attendees watched lively demonstrations of scientific principles before taking part in dozens of hands-on experiments set up throughout the science building. Experiments ranged from fun for all ages to more advanced demonstrations for high school and college students.

“The explosions, the lightning bolts, the flames, making people dizzy … it’s fun; physics is a lot of fun,” said physics instructor and science night coordinator Rob Jorstad.

Each event had a different theme, and community members and students had the opportunity to learn about optics, magnetism, mechanics, chemistry, biology, physics and more. Popular demonstrations and experiments included shattering glass with sound waves; a Ruben’s tube that combined sound and fire; a bed of nails; an erupting volcano; a giant can crush and a smoke cannon.

A federal Title V grant designed to entice more kids to attend college helped fund the series. More than 100 Allan Hancock College students learned by doing while helping to design, build and test all of the experiments and demonstrations.

“Our students were able to experience what I love most about teaching — interacting with people and seeing the light bulbs go on when they realize, ‘oh that’s how that works,’” said biology instructor and fellow “mad scientist” Mick Bondello.

Jorstad said he borrowed the idea for the science nights from community science events that he attended in college. Those events got him excited about science and he wanted to bring that excitement to Santa Maria.

Friday Night Science was such a success that the life and physical sciences department is committed to bringing it back once a semester, starting this fall.

“We had such a positive experience,” Jorstad said, “and we look forward to developing new experiments, new demonstrations and having even more fun.”
Measure I: Progress builds

The two stories of giant red steel framing for the future Student Services Center is the most obvious sign that change is under way at the college, but it is certainly not the only sign. Through Measure I funding, a new loop road around the perimeter of the Santa Maria campus is nearing completion. The road will provide improved traffic flow and access. Repaved and reconfigured parking near the Humanities Complex is also finishing up, and several more capital improvement projects will start this fall.

Measure I was passed by voters in 2006. It is a $180 million general obligation bond whose funding, by law, can be used only for building and updating facilities and technology. “We hear questions regularly from students and the public wondering about our capital improvement projects and why, in this crisis economy, we would spend money on buildings,” said Superintendent/President José M. Ortiz, Ed.D. “When voters approved Measure I, they approved the specific circumstances for which the dollars could be used. We cannot use the funds for general college operations, such as adding more courses or teacher salaries.

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“The good news is that we are making great progress with the funding entrusted to us, he said. “About a year from now we will open the new Student Services Center, and the Children’s Center Addition in Santa Maria and the Public Safety Training Complex at our Lompoc Valley Center will break ground this summer.”

Also, final plans are forming to build a new industrial technology center, fine arts building and remodeled athletic facilities and fields, including a new track.

More than $1 million a year is being spent on new technology in classrooms and labs.

“These improvements have been a long time coming, and when this building boom is done, the college will be transformed. We are putting in place improvements that will benefit students for decades to come,” Ortiz said.
Spring sports wrap

He will continue to teach part time.

Snowden retired in June after 29 years.

A barbecue, demonstrations and a silent auction raised extra funding for the program.

Nearly 100 alumni and friends of the welding program gathered this spring to celebrate the program and honor longtime instructor Rayvell Snowden before his retirement.

A total of 12 employees with a combined 307 years of service retired from the college this year. Thank you for your years of dedication to students!

Pictured above from left are Allan Hancock College Superintendent/President José M. Ortiz and retirees Chuck Ronabough, counselor, learning assistance program, 26 years; Candia Katch, family and consumer sciences instructor, 32 years; Bobby White, mathematics instructor, 26 years; Kathy Silva, early childhood studies instructor, 20 years; Rayvell Snowden, welding and industrial technology instructor, 29 years; Mary Lou Twitchell, physical education/swimming instructor, 44 years; Michael McMahon, English as a second language instructor, 30 years; Sandra Britton, testing specialist, Testing Center, 10 years; and Mick Bondello, life and physical sciences professor, 32 years. Not pictured are Dolores Alvernaz, custodian, plant services, 28 years; Diane Glaser, health services coordinator, 17 years; and Thomas Sadowski, reading and English instructor, 13 years.

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Student-athletes transfer to compete at four-year universities

This year, 17 student-athletes have accepted scholarships to study and compete at four-year universities.

This is in addition to former Hancock pitcher and 2010 graduate Brandon Creath, who was recently drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and will begin playing with the Cardinals program this summer. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes.

Baseball

J.P. Maestas
California State University, Bakersfield

Dalton Rouleau
Hofstra University

Austin Nyman
Hofstra University

Jordan Sechler
University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff

Dylan Young
California State University, Northridge

Taylor Gilliam
Undecided at press time

Chris Rivera
Undecided at press time

Beau Davis
Undecided at press time

Football

Scott Cathcart
Louisiana Tech University

John Sua
Kansas State University

Ryan Anglin
Nicholls State University

Kenny Perkins
Texas College

Men’s Basketball

Ali Langford
Niagara University

Joey Araujo
Purdue University

Daniejel Mihailovic
Purdue University

Men’s Soccer

Rosario Bras
California State University, Los Angeles

Women’s Volleyball

Sadie DeQuattro
Lindenwood University

Get the latest on Bulldog athletics!
Allan Hancock College Foundation awards more than $245,000 in scholarship funds

The Allan Hancock Foundation awarded more than $245,000 in scholarships to 204 students at its 42nd annual awards banquet. A total of 130 donors from the community awarded scholarships to both returning and transferring students through the Allan Hancock College Foundation scholarship program. Scholarships up to $6,250 each were awarded to students from all parts of the Central Coast, from the Santa Ynez and Lompoc valleys to Atascadero.

A crowd of about 750 students, relatives, friends, donors and community members attended the event in the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium at the Santa Maria campus Sports Pavilion. Keynote speaker was Allan Hancock College and UCSB alumna Maricela Morales, who emphasized that all students must overcome their obstacles in seeking a better life for themselves.

The prestigious Marian Hancock Scholarship was awarded to Teresa Cortes (top photo, second from left) who is congratulated by Morales (left), Roger Wett, AHC Foundation Director, and José M. Ortiz, AHC superintendent/president.

New Directors

Front Row, from left: Mary K. Nanning, Sandy Carty, Hilda Zacarias

Back Row, from left: Jose Escobero, Patrick W. Sheehy, Bruce Coggin

Will you...

include the Allan Hancock College Foundation in your will? This is a wonderful way to forever be part of the college’s legacy to provide excellent, affordable, and accessible college education and skills training.

If you wish to inform the Allan Hancock College Foundation that you have made it a beneficiary of your will, please contact the foundation’s Executive Director, Jeff Cottet, at 925-2004 or jeffrey.cottet@hancockcollege.edu.
Our fiscal strength

As of June 30, 2010

$3,905,543
$188,719
$21,012

As of June 30, 2011

$4,483,193
$1,011,042
$1,076,990

Scholarship Endowments

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Mark your calendars!

10th Annual Joe White Memorial Dinner & Auction

Saturday, August 20, 2011

Santa Maria Fairpark

For tickets and information, call (805) 478-6237

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President

Allan Hancock College Foundation
Registration now for fall 2011 classes

All students register online at www.hancockcollege.edu via myHancock. The system allows 24/7 access to the services and information you need: search for classes, apply, register, add and drop classes. No more standing in line—all registration transactions are now processed online!

Registration dates

• **Open Registration**  Continues through August 26
• **College Now! Registration**  August 8-26
• **Classes begin August 22, 2011**  For a complete look at classes offered this fall including course descriptions, prerequisites and other class details, go to www.hancockcollege.edu and click Fall 2011 Class Search on the home page.

2011-12 Degrees and Certificates

**Accounting**
• Bookkeeping
• Administration of Justice
• AgroBusiness
• Veterinary Technology
• Computer Science
• Bioinformatics
• Mathematics
• Physics
• General Science
• Science Technology

**Business Administration**
• Business Management
• Marketing
• Business Law
• Customer Service
• Executive Leadership
• Human Resources Management
• Sales & Marketing
• Supervisory Management

**Chemistry**
• Analytical Chemistry
• Biochemistry

**Computer Business Office Technology**
• Administrative Assistant-Sec/Real
• Legal Secretarial
• Computer Business Office Skills
• Computer Business Office Skills I
• Computer Business Office Skills II
• Criminal Justice Presentation & Publishing
• Computer Business Administration

**Computer Science**
• Colby Arts & Management
• Bakery
• Catering & Event Management
• District Service Supervision
• Food Production Supervision
• Food Service Management
• Restaurant Management
• Colloquy*
• Drama
• Dental Assisting
• Drama
• Design/Technical Theatre
• Early Childhood Studies
• Elementary Education
• Elementary Education, Biblical/Religious Emphasis
• Preschool/Infant Toddler Program Director
• Special Education
• Electronic Engineering Technology
• Electronics Technology
• Digital Systems Technician
• Electrical Technology
• Electronics Technology, Digital Communications
• Network Maintenance/ Digital Technologies

**Emergency Medical Services**
• Advanced Cardiac Life Support
• Emergency Medical Services Academy
• Emergency Medical Technician I (Basic)
• EMT I (Basic) Refresher
• First Responder Update
• Paramedic Training

**Engineering**
• Civil Engineering
• Engineering Drafting
• Mechatronics
• Mechatronics Technology

**Environmental Technology**
• Civil Engineering
• Engineering Drafting
• Mechatronics

**English**
• Entrepreneurship
• Entrepreneurship and Small Business
• Social Entrepreneurship

**Environmental Technology**
• Environmental Health & Safety

**Family & Consumer Sciences**
• Family Studies
• Family Studies, Interdisciplinary
• Social Work

**Finance, Accounting & Business**
• Internal Auditing
• Information Technology (IT)
• Management Information Systems
• Comprehensive Business Administration & Publishing

**General**
• Family Services Worker I
• Family Services Worker II
• Family Services Worker 3
• Specialized Helping Approaches
• Law Enforcement Training
• Basic Law Enforcement Academy
• Liberal Arts—Non-Transfer Option
• Arts & Humanities
• Mathematics & Science
• Social & Behavioral Sciences
• Liberal Arts—Transfer Option
• Arts & Humanities
• Mathematics & Science
• Social & Behavioral Sciences

**Liberal Studies—Elementary Teacher Preparation**
• Machine Technology
• General Machine Technology
• Maintenance Machine Technology
• Production Machine Technology

**Mathematics**
• Computer Science
• Physics

**Medical Assisting**
• Medical Assisting

**Medical Technology**
• Medical Imaging and Coding

**Music**
• Music
• Music

**Nursing**
• Registered (LVN to RN only)
• "All Other" Options
• Vocational
• Certified Nursing Assistant
• Certified Home Health Aide
• CDS/Mother/Grandmother

**Paralegal**
• Paralegal Studies

**Physical Education**
• Physical Education

**Psychology**
• Psychology

**Recreation Management**
• Recreation Management

**Social Science**
• Social Science

**Sound Technology**
• Sound Technology

**Spanish**
• Spanish

**Speech Communication**
• Communication Skills
• Public Safety & Health Professionals
• Communication Skills for the Business Professional
• Communication Skills for the Professional Speaker

**Transfer Studies**
• CIS General Education Electives
• Intersegmental General Education Transfer (IGETC)
• UC/CSD Transfer Studies (offices, engineering & science majors)

**Wedding Technology**
• Wedding Technology

Hancock launches new student helpdesk

Need some help navigating our basic online services? A student helpdesk is available from noon to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Students can call (805) 922-6599 or email studenthelp@hancockcollege.edu to contact trained peer advisors for help with understanding the class schedule, logging onto the portal, obtaining hours for services and more.

“In just its first day of operation, the helpdesk answered phone questions about every two minutes and responded to dozens of emails,” said Nancy Meddings, interim dean. “Obviously, this is a needed source for our students, and we’re glad funding was available to provide it. This activity was developed with the support of a Title V Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant from the U.S. Department of Education.”

Where to Find Us

**Santa Maria Campus**
800 South College Drive
Santa Maria, CA 93454
(805) 922-6969
Admissions & Records Office ext. 3248
Mon, Wed, Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Tues.: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
• Fri: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Academic Counseling ext. 3293
District Cashier ext. 3626/3582/3270
Financial Aid ext. 3216
START Testing ext. 3090

**Vandenberg AFB Center**
Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437-6312
Mon-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
(805) 734-3500, (805) 605-5915
From Santa Maria: (805) 922-6969 ext. 5200

**Solvang Center**
954 Mission Street
Solvang, CA 93460
Mon-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2-6 p.m.
*Fri 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-5:30 p.m.
(805) 693-1543
From Santa Maria: (805) 922-6969 ext. 3355

Toll-free from San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties:  1-866-DIAL AHC (342-3242)
www.hancockcollege.edu

Hours are subject to change when classes are not in session. Call the center of your choice to confirm.

*All Allan Hancock College locations will be closed on Fridays this summer—June 10 through August 12, 2011.