Northern Santa Barbara county residents voted June 6 to approve Measure I, the $180 million general facilities bond to improve Allan Hancock College. Funding from the bond will help the college modernize technology, upgrade the failing infrastructure of decades-old classrooms and labs, and build new teaching and learning spaces.

“June 6 was a historic day for Allan Hancock College and for the communities we serve,” said José Ortiz, college superintendent/president. “In voting yes for Measure I, residents sent a clear message that education is important in this valley and that they believe in the future of Allan Hancock College and our community.”

As part of the bond requirements, the college will form a citizens’ oversight committee that will meet regularly to review the progress of Measure I projects. Committee membership will include citizens who represent business, seniors, taxpayers, and other stakeholders. The college board of trustees is accepting applications from those interested in serving on the oversight committee. For more information, please contact the president’s office at 922-6966 ext. 3245.

Since the bond’s passage, the college administration and board of trustees have reviewed the next steps needed to move forward on various bond-funded projects over the next months. This will include immediate work to implement needed technology upgrades, facilities modernization, and planning for constructing the new Public Safety, Industrial Technology, and One Stop Student centers, among others.

“Now that the bond has passed, we will waste no time in moving forward in our ambitious plans to upgrade and repair teaching facilities and to build needed new ones,” said Ortiz. “Allan Hancock College has proudly served the residents of this community for 86 years. With the passage of this bond, we are eager to continue in that service at a higher level of educational excellence. In the meantime, we understand the trust taxpayers have bestowed on us, and will continue all efforts to keep that trust.”

Ortiz said the college will be diligent in its efforts to maximize the bond dollars to accomplish as many of the proposed projects as possible. For details about the projects slated to be funded by Measure I, go to the college’s Web site at www.hancockcollege.edu and click “Measure I Information.”

The Allan Hancock Joint Community College District is committed to the active promotion of diversity and equal access and opportunities to all staff, students, and applicants, including qualified members of underrepresented/protected groups. The college assures that no person shall be discriminated against because of race, color, ancestry, religion, gender, national origin, age, physical/mental disability, medical condition, status as a Vietnam-era veteran, marital status, or sexual orientation.

More than 2,000 friends and relatives attended Allan Hancock College’s recent 85th commencement ceremony. Surrounded by fellow graduates and carrying the Allan Hancock College banner this year were honors students and sisters Joleen (left) and Heather Stout of Lompoc. A total of 1,066 degrees were earned by 782 graduates.
**“BREAKING” into Engineering**

**Engineering students garner prestigious internships**

Two Allan Hancock College engineering transfer students are spending their summers in prestigious internships at top East Coast universities. Mechanical engineering and honors student Rogelio Cervantes, 22, a recent Cal Poly transfer, was invited by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to participate in its highly-competitive summer undergraduate research program. MIT is the leading graduate university for engineering in the United States, and has been an international center for world-changing, innovative research. Alma Garcia, 24, who recently transferred to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, as an architectural engineering major, is at State University of New York, Buffalo, to study earthquake engineering and structural dynamics. This university has a global reputation as a major center of research in earthquakes and hosts state-of-the-art, high-tech equipment in earthquake simulation. Already in her college career, Garcia has completed two internships at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and received a national engineering research award. Cervantes and Garcia participated in Allan Hancock College’s highly-successful MESA (Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement) program that provides comprehensive academic support, as well as tutoring and study groups, for financially and educationally disadvantaged students who pursue university degrees in math-based majors.

Seven other MESA students have also recently received internships, including an all-expenses-paid engineering study trip to China through San Jose State University’s Global Technology Initiative, research in wireless networking technology at Chico State University, and interdisciplinary research in computer engineering at UC Irvine. In addition, through National Science Foundation grant programs, four students are interning at the California Nanosystems Institute at UC Santa Barbara. For more information about Hancock’s MESA program, contact Julie Niles at 922-6966 ext. 3348.

**Professor’s book sheds new light on the ’60s**

This year, the first of the baby boomers turns 60. Ironically, “60” is also associated with one of the most dramatic and colorful decades in history—both for better or worse—in terms of the social change and the legacy it left behind.

In his latest book, “America in White, Black, and Gray: A History of the Stormy 1960s,” Allan Hancock College Professor Klaus Fischer explores this radical decade from a fresh and unique perspective.

“The idea behind the book is to let a generation accept the political, cultural, and social movements of the 1960s from the point of view of both an outsider who was affected by these events, and the generation that was experiencing them,” Fischer said.

He is referring to the legacy of rock music, drug usage, free-flowing sexuality, radical politics, and experimentation in “alternative lifestyles.”

Fischer’s book, and his previous works, such as “Nazi Germany: A New History” (Continuum Publications, 1998), “America in White, Black, and Gray: A History of the Stormy 1960s” (Continuum Publications, 1999), and “The History of an Intellectual Obsession: German Judeophobia and the Holocaust” (Continuum Publications, 1997), have been translated into five languages and are required reading at several universities as well as for courses in Jewish, history, and Shakespeare studies.

“America in White, Black, and Gray” is now in bookstores nationwide. Fischer will also be a featured speaker Oct. 6 during the college’s fall 2006 Faculty Lecture Series, at which time signed copies of his books will be available.

Fischer holds a Ph.D. in cultural and intellectual history of modern Europe with expertise in Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. He also authored “The History of an Intellectual Obsession: German Judeophobia and the Holocaust” (Continuum Publications, 1998) and the acclaimed “Nazi Germany: A New History.” (Continuum, 1995), a one-volume history of the Third Reich that is required reading at several universities.

**Automotive techs in demand**

Santa Maria auto dealers are in need of qualified technicians and are partnering with Allan Hancock College to recruit new employees. The auto dealers prefer technicians right out of school can expect to earn $40,000 and up, with experienced technicians doubling that income. Allan Hancock College automotive graduates, and are offering incentives to begin automotive training at the college as soon as possible. Close to 150 high school students and parents learned more about Hancock’s automotive program at a recent info session. For more information, call the industrial technology department at 922-6966 ext. 3335.
Hancock students create their own fashion futures

When it comes to fashion, to each his own. And students in Allan Hancock College’s fashion studies program are no exception. Students enrolled in the program have personal and professional goals ranging from costume creator to fashion designer.

Russ Conchilo, a 68-year-old retired history teacher, makes his own historical costumes for reenactment celebrations throughout the West Coast. Over the years, he’s portrayed everything from Davy Crockett to a vaquero. And in his case, clothes don’t make the man, the man makes the clothes.

“I had no clue about tailoring,” he said. “But I decided it was cheaper and easier to sew them myself.”

Students enroll in these fashion classes for a variety of reasons, said instructor Edda Hayes. “Some of them have dreams of getting into the fashion industry; others want to start their own business or simply learn how to sew.”

“Last year I made a fur coat for my 21st birthday,” said 22-year-old Kimberly Strance, who wants to transfer to San Francisco’s Art Institute and one day have her own design business. Her current project is a cruise ship motif summer dress made from Italian cotton.

Lenoy Griswold, a mechanic from Lompoc, is using taking things apart and putting them back together. He constructed an outfit to wear as a Spanish Lord for the Ojai Renaissance Fair over Mother’s Day weekend.

“I wanted to learn how to make it myself,” he said about his first sewing class.

Students can pursue a multitude of careers in every area of fashion design, including tailoring, consulting, accessories—such as handbags and jewelry, and alterations.

“It is reasonable for a successful alterations business to earn up to $80,000 annually,” Hayes said. And you can work from home or own a small neighborhood alterations business. Alterations makes the money; if you can do that, you can do anything.”

Student Barbara Hall is making alterations to her daughter’s prom dress during class and also wants to have a home-based business.

Rosie Cruz, 20, a second-semester fashion studies major, embellishes her own clothes and wants to start her own fashion line.

Whether a beginner or brushing up on existing skills, students at all levels and career interests can obtain both the one-on-one training and learning experience to reach their goals, Hayes said.

For more information about the fashion studies program, call 922-6966 or toll-free 1-866-DIAL-AHC (342-5242), ext. 3505 (Hayes) or ext. 3293 (counseling).
See the fall schedule of classes for ticket numbers, course descriptions, dates and times.
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A total of 153 donors from the community awarded scholarships to both returning and transferring students through the Allan Hancock College Foundation scholarship programs.

The top scholarship winner was Connie L. Havelka of Santa Maria, who received the prestigious Marian Hancock Scholarship. The scholarship is named for Marian Hancock, the wife of Capt. G. Allan Hancock, for whom the college is named. During her life, Mrs. Hancock was a loyal supporter of the college and the scholarship program.

This award is significant in that it represents the scholarship committee’s choice for most outstanding and deserving student of the academic year. Havelka is described by her professors as “exceptional, very talented, intelligent, cheerful, and an outstanding student.” She has worked to fund her college education single-handedly—including securing state and federal grants, work study, on campus jobs and any other opportunities available. Havelka is the first generation in her family to graduate from college. A single mother of a 2-year-old daughter, she maintained a 3.87 grade point average. She said her educational goal is to earn a bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene, not only to provide for her daughter, but to use her skills to volunteer in clinics for disadvantaged families and children.

“I am going to do more than just clean teeth. I will educate people at a young age to help them form good hygiene habits that will last a lifetime. Reaching out to families and children who think they cannot afford good dental care is my ultimate goal,” said Havelka.

She was also recently selected as EOPS/CARE student of the year. Another featured scholarship winner was Kevin Taubee of Lompoc. Taubee was awarded the $10,000 Edwin O'Neill Law Enforcement Scholarship. The award is disbursed annually. Edwin O'Neill was a pioneer in methods of scientific detection in law enforcement in the 1930s and worked for many years at the crime detection laboratory at Northwestern University and later at the Chicago Police Department. O'Neill's longtime resident of Santa Maria who passed away in 1993, selected Allan Hancock College to continue his legacy of excellence in law enforcement.

Taubee will transfer to California State University, Fresno, this fall to work toward obtaining a bachelor's degree in criminology. He plans to work in investigative law enforcement.

The Allan Hancock College Foundation awarded 297 scholarships totaling more than $287,000 to 213 students at its annual awards event. Nearly 700 students, relatives, friends, donors and community members attended the college’s 37th annual scholarship banquet in the Joe White Mansion Ballroom. Scholarships up to $10,000 were awarded to students from all parts of the Central Coast, from Solvang to Arroyo Grande.

In keeping with tradition, the Allan Hancock College Associated Student Body Government hosted the evening’s event.

Our fiscal year is June 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

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Fred Bittle
Fred is the owner/broker of Santa Fe Mortgage in Lompoc where he, his wife Cynthia, and two daughters have lived for the past 19 years. Fred’s community activities include the Lompoc Rotary Club and the Lompoc Valley Board of Realtors. He is an avid baseball card collector and enjoys traveling around the globe with his family.

Robert (Bob) Rhodus
Bob has operated as a Directors’ Option for Lockhart-Martin, a 40-plus year career in the aerospace industry which included launch test and operations management.

New board members
at Vandenberg, Canaveral, and Denver. He and his wife, Mary Lee, have retired to their home in Solvang. They have five children and two grandchildren.

Community activities include the Santa Barbara Trail Riders and the Hancock Vistadome.

Peter Robbins
In addition to being an active participant in many Santa Ynez Valley community activities over the years, Peter enjoyed providing a distinguished career as an independent school administrator and teacher, and most recently built a successful small business providing computer services. Peter and his wife, Gabrielle, have a daughter. He has been active in Rotary International locally and at the district level, has served on several non-profit boards, and enjoys can, running, and construction projects.

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Highlights of 2005/2006
This has been a year of “Highlights” for the Allan Hancock College Foundation. Generous gifts received from individuals, businesses, and organizations have benefited the students, faculty, programs and facilities of the college. We would like to share just a few of those highlights with you here:

• Honored 125 donors and guests in November 2005 at the annual “Evening of Celebration,” hosted by the foundation board of directors and held on the Santa Maria campus.
• Created 12 new annual scholarships for a total of $12,695.
• Total contributions pushed past $1,100,000.
• Hosted the fourth annual “Hancock Cup” golf tournament and $1,000,000 “Hole-in-One” ShootOut at the Santa Maria Country Club. With 20 corporate sponsors, this tournament is a guaranteed sell-out event each year!
• During this past year, college employees have contributed $67,189 to the foundation.
• That list of donors includes many faculty and staff who have raised their commitment to student success above and beyond just “doing their job.”
• The foundation provided funding to the college’s faculty development committee to supplement travel for professional development, and created a quarterly “Outstanding Faculty Award” to recognize the exemplary faculty at Allan Hancock College.
• Received granting from the Santa Barbara Foundation to upgrade the foundation’s donor management software. Additional grants from the Valley Foundation, Blaine Johnson Memorial Foundation, Central Coast Wine Grower’s Association Foundation, to name a few, provided funding for scholarships, the purchasing of new classroom technology, and improvement of academic and student retention programs.
• Gifts totaling more than $577,400 created new, or added to existing scholarships and endowments during the year. As these endowments continue to grow, so does the legacy of the donor as those gifts add to the total scholarships being awarded to Allan Hancock College students.
• Grants totaling $5,000 were made to faculty from the Lewellen Department Fund. Over the years, the Lewellen fund has been available as seed money and support to a spectrum of academic programs across the college, bringing innovation and opportunity to classroom learning environments.

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Outstanding individual performances highlighted the 2006 spring season of sports at Allan Hancock College, as 16 student athletes earned either All-Western State Conference recognition or qualified for state post-conference competition. Additionally, a total of 43 spring-sport athletes earned All-WSC Academic Team honors.

Freshman track-and-field athlete Jesus Solis won the WSC title in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, the 10,000-meter run and the 5,000-meter run. At the State Championship Meet, the Righetti High grad finished fourth in the steeplechase and fifth in the 5,000 meters, and was named the WSC’s Male Athlete of the Year.

The 2006 men’s golf season was highlighted by AHC serving as host of the Southern California Regional Tournament at beautiful Santa Maria Country Club. Three Bulldogs qualified for the event, including sophomore Justin Warthen and freshmen Chad Jackson and Brian Wiggins. In baseball, the campus diamond was formally named for longtime head coach and former athletic director John Osborne. The opportunity was provided by the Hancock College Boosters, Inc., which made a three-year, $115,000 commitment to athletic facility improvements.

In other sports news, Coach Chris Stevens’ Bulldog baseball team saw nine players earn All-WSC recognition.

For state post-conference competition, including sophomores and freshmen David Van Ostrand. In softball, sophomore Stacey Davis, a Santa Maria High grad, led the WSC in home runs and was second in runs batted in to earn first team all-conference honors. Under Coach Ginny Barnett, freshman tennis player Gina Havlicek from Cabrillo High School posted a flawless 10-0 regular-season record as the Bulldogs’ No. 6 singles player.

Hancock film student wins media arts award

Allan Hancock College film student Angela Lopez recently received statewide recognition for her motion graphics work. Her entry, a beating heart logo, received a merit award in the Motion Graphics Category of the 2006 Media Arts Award Competition sponsored by the California Community Colleges’ Multimedia & Entertainment Initiative. The competition featured entries from students enrolled in media-related instructional programs from 33 California community colleges and high schools. In all, there were 14 categories that also included digital imagery, computer animation, graphic and Web design, and film. Her entry was a combination of special-effects editing computer programs like Adobe AfterEffects, Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, and DVD Studio Pro. Lopez originally focused her academic efforts on cinematography and had aspirations of becoming a director of photography. “I had been told that I had a pretty good eye for framing a picture, and really enjoyed myself with it,” she recalled. But after enrolling in FILM 125, a computer video editing class in the college’s multimedia program, she says she now has “a new obsession” for film post-production work. Her enthusiasm swelled and motion graphics became her emphasis. Lopez heads to San Francisco State University in the fall.

For more information on multi-media classes starting in the fall, check the fall 2006 class schedule, or visit www.hancockcollege.edu and click Class Schedules/Catalog.