



Community News

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Budget cuts unprecedented

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The massive state budget shortfall has deeply affected Allan Hancock College and its students. At the time of this writing, it appears that a tentative budget has been reached. The cuts are the largest in the history of California community colleges. It is estimated Allan Hancock College must overcome a \$4.5 million reduction in state funding in 2009-10. Already the college has taken steps to increase class sizes, reduce class sections, curtail hirings, reduce utility and printing costs, and consolidate services and hours of operation. More steps are needed to make the required funding cuts.

"We do this with great concern," said José Ortiz, Ed.D., Allan Hancock College superintendent/president, "because we recognize that Allan Hancock

College is part of the California community college system that educates more than 2.7 million students annually. We understand, and I believe the citizens agree, that California commu-

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nity colleges are the key to California's economic recovery.”

As the largest provider of workforce training in the state, community colleges offer more than 175 degree and certificate programs in hundreds of career technical fields such as nursing, business, public safety, and more. Further, the community colleges generate enormous benefits to the state's economy. According

to the Community College League of California, students earning a degree or certificate from California's community colleges increase their earnings by 63 percent in three years. For every dollar that California invests to enroll and put students through college, the state's economy receives \$3 in return on investment as graduates earn better wages.

"The budget reality is that we have more students than we have funding to serve them," added Ortiz. "We are responding to this challenge by doing everything we can to identify the necessary savings in ways that least affect students in the classroom. But truth be told, we have had to make some difficult decisions, and until our state funding stabilizes, it will be impossible to accommodate all the students who seek our services."

In spring 2009, the college offered 120 fewer course sections than it did in spring 2008, reducing its total offerings by about 11 percent. These reductions were followed by a 28 percent cut to the summer credit schedule and a 66 percent cut to the Spectrum noncredit class offerings. It is also expected that fewer class sections will be offered in fall 2009 than were available in fall 2008.

Going Green

A desire to support environmental sustainability has driven the college to rethink many of its processes. Establishing greener practices while saving money is a priority at Allan Hancock College. Following are examples of how the college has or will continue to "go green."

- Pursue LEED certification on all new construction (LEED certification is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability)
- Discontinued printing and mailing schedules to all district homes
- Installed a chemistry-free platemaker and a web-based, 24/7 online order system in Campus Graphics
- Planning for future gray water irrigation across campus
- Printed this newsletter on recycled and recyclable paper; reduced the printed quantity
- Retrofitted lighting across campus using energy efficient fixtures and motion sensors
- Established master plan to install sustainable/drought tolerant landscapes
- Closed the college on Fridays during the summer when classes are not in session; saves utility costs and puts fewer drivers on the road

Commencement 2009



More than 800 gleeful graduates earned 1,075 degrees in 64 areas of study in 2008-09. They celebrated at commencement in May.



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Rec Management offers plenty of possibilities



Even in tough times, people need a way to relax and have fun. Whether it's traveling, participating in sports, going to a concert, or visiting a local winery, all of these activities are part of the culture of the Central Coast and, more importantly for those looking for a career, they're a vital part of the economy.

To help students take advantage of job opportunities available in the field of recreation and hospitality, Allan Hancock College is offering four specialized courses in **recreation management**.

"I have always had a talent in event coordination and was amazed to find I could make a living of my passion," said recent Hancock graduate Brittney Conklin. "One word to describe a recreation student would be 'leader.' If you find yourself taking the lead, you may be a good candidate for this major."

The series of courses at Hancock is designed to give students a basic understanding of the field of recreation management and allow them to transfer their units to any of the 11 Cal State University campuses that offer a bachelor's degree in recreation management.

Conklin, who will transfer to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, as a recreation, parks and tourism administration major, took all four recreation management classes offered at Hancock: **Introduction to Recreation Management (REC 101)**; **Recreation Programming (REC 105)**; **Recreational Sports Programming (REC 107)**; and **Recreation Leadership (REC 103)**.

"Because I took these classes at Hancock, I won't be required to take them at Cal Poly in the fall which will save me a lot of time and money," Conklin said.

Conklin is interested in event management and concert promotion, but there are countless careers available to recreation management majors. Possibilities include resort manager, adventure tour leader, travel agent, special events coordinator, recreational business owner, golf course professional, and park ranger, to name a few.

Three of the four recreation management courses will be offered at Allan Hancock College's Santa Maria campus this fall: Introduction to Recreation Management; Recreation Programming; and Recreational Sports Programming.

New course helps prepare women for public safety careers

Stephanie Pipan and Nelida Aceves were the only two women in their Law Enforcement Academy class at Allan Hancock College. Because of this they became very good friends, very quickly.

"As the only females, it's a little bit easier if you have help," Aceves said. "We had each other's back."

Pipan and Aceves got through the academy with the support of their instructors and each other, but at the same time, they said they saw a need for a larger support system. Starting this fall, that need will be addressed by a new course, **Women in Public Safety Careers**.

"I would have 100 percent taken this class if it were offered," Aceves said.

The Women in Public Safety Careers class is a 16-week pre-academy training regimen designed to get women (and men) physically and mentally prepared to take on the academy. The course was created by police academy director Greg Dossey, who wanted a way to help women start careers in public safety including law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical services. Dossey explained that he sees only a few women enroll in the academy each semester, and out of those, some are not prepared for the rigorous training.

Improving upper body strength and general physical fitness is one of the main components of the course.

"This class would have saved me so much stress. I thought I was physically fit until I got into the academy," Pipan said.

In addition to physical fitness, the course will help women deal with some of the issues unique to being a woman in a traditionally male-dominated career, including childcare issues and family dynamics.



Bob Herrick, Allan Hancock College Law Enforcement Academy recruit training officer, interacts with recruit Stephanie Pipan.

"I don't see how a course like this couldn't help. It's like any field; the more research you do, the better prepared you are to succeed," said Janice Goodwin, a sergeant in the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

While the economy suffers, police departments have not been immune. At the same time, there will always be a need for qualified firefighters, police officers, and emergency services personnel. Aceves can testify to this. Just weeks out of the academy, she is already in the last stages of being hired by a police department right here on the Central Coast.

That is exactly why women should consider a career in public safety and why they should take this class first, said Deb Annibaldi, the academy coordinator and main instructor for the new class.

"If you've ever thought about starting a career in public safety but were too intimidated to try or told that it would be too difficult, then this is the class for you," she said. "Going through this course will help you determine if this is the right career for you and help you achieve your goals."

The class meets on the Santa Maria campus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:55 p.m. beginning August 25.

Mural paints picture of community

The outer walls of the Allan Hancock College Atkinson Lifelong Learning Center have been brought to life by a group of artists whose colorful scenes reflect what goes on both inside and outside—learning, community, creativity. The mural project, titled, "You Are Here," was spearheaded by local artist Servando Garcia, an Allan Hancock College art instructor. It was funded in part by the college's Community Education program, a grant from the Housing and Urban Development's Office of University Partnerships, and the City of Santa Maria.

The 1,500 square-foot mural is located in the gated courtyard of the Atkinson Center building.



A new mural reflects learning and community.

The mural reflects colorful glimpses of the local neighborhood and the educational activities taking place at the center.

The AHC Atkinson Lifelong Learning Center serves the community by offering free GED, citizenship, computer skills, basic skills, gardening, and digital photography classes to anyone 18 and over.

Standing Ovations!

Ray Snowden receives excellence in teaching award



Rayvell Snowden, welding instructor and head of the industrial technology department, is the 2009 winner of the California Community College Association for Occupational Education Excellence in Teaching award. "Ray is well respected within the industry, and I think that Hancock's great reputation for having a strong welding vocational program is truly a testament to him," said Anne Cremarosa, dean of academic affairs. Cremarosa nominated Snowden for the state-wide award based on his 28 years of service to the college, his work in the community, and his original and effective methods of teaching. Snowden credits many with his ultimate success as a teacher. His welding instructors encouraged him to teach, Snowden said, and his wife always supported him and wanted him to get an education. There was one other person that Snowden credited with helping him get his bachelor's degree. He was a counselor at Cal State Fresno who recognized that Snowden was having trouble paying for tuition and offered to help. "He told me, 'if you drop out one more time, you're not going to come back,'" Snowden said. "He just whipped out his checkbook and wrote me a check for the tuition." Snowden returned months later to pay the man back, but the counselor had already left the school. "I think about it to this day," Snowden said. "I never got to pay him back, but if I see a student who's hungry, I have to get them something to eat. If I see a student out on the street, I have to find them a place to live. I have to help all of them, because I had so much help." Snowden came to Allan Hancock College as an instructor in 1982.

Bob Nichols honored by Santa Maria Arts Council

Bob Nichols, long-time fine arts instructor, was chosen as the 2009 Santa Maria Arts Council Grants Showcase honoree in recognition of his significant contributions to the local arts community. The Santa Maria Arts Council awarded \$10,000 in grants in Nichols' name to local artists in dance, drama, visual arts, and music at their annual grant showcase.



Nichols said, "I am honored and humbled to be chosen as this year's honoree. I just do my work, and sometimes that work speaks to the community." Nichols has been a ceramics instructor at Hancock for the past 21 years. In addition to his personal artistic and teaching triumphs, his community involvement includes leading a group of artists in the design and installation of the Highway 101 mural project. Nichols has also been a generous contributor to the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser for the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County. In fact, Nichols donates most of his artistic creations to arts and community organizations for fundraising.

Lola Dority named outstanding volunteer for 2008-09

Not content to leave the books behind, retired librarian Lola Ardella Dority has spent the last three years volunteering her time at the Allan Hancock College Library. She has been working to catalog and organize the Hancock estate archives, a collection of more than 10,000 photographs, files, pamphlets, and other historical material from the estate of Capt. G. Allan and Marian Hancock. Dority's attention to detail, experience, and patience made her the perfect person for the job, and because of her exemplary work, she was recognized as the college's Outstanding Volunteer for 2008-09. In her short time volunteering at Hancock, Dority has made a big impact. In addition to cataloging close to 800 photographs, four scrapbooks, and hundreds of newspaper clippings, Dority has devoted herself to increasing the library's children's literature collection. Dority donated thousands of dollars through the Friends of the Allan Hancock College Library to purchase new children's books. The college's early childhood studies students, English as second language learners, and remedial readers have all benefited from her contribution.



Hancock alumnus named master automotive technician of the year



When a mechanic has 42 Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications, then you know he's good. Allan Hancock College graduate Scott Stephen is so good at his job that he was recently named a national ASE Master Automotive Technician of the Year.

"If there's any training available, Scott is going to take it," said Ron Domingos, automotive technology instructor at Hancock. "He is persistent with his certifications."

Stephen has been in the field since he took apart his first car and rebuilt it from scratch when he was 14 years old. He received some of his first formal training at Allan Hancock College. Still in his teens, Stephen entered the automotive technology program as a student and took classes from Domingos, who has always been a big believer in ASE certification. The college was one of the first ASE test centers in California, according to Domingos, and Stephen caught the bug.

"I think it's important to never stop learning and trying to improve my skills," Stephen said. "I encourage all mechanics to keep up their certifications as a way to set industry standards and show their commitment."

Since he completed Hancock's automotive program, Stephen has returned numerous times to take more certification tests, to mentor young mechanics, and to guest lecture in automotive technology courses at the college. He also serves on the accreditation committee for the National Auto Technicians Education Foundation, the organization that ensures that Allan Hancock College meets and exceeds standards required for an ASE test site.

Spring sports excel

It was an exciting spring season for Allan Hancock College athletes. The baseball team took a trip to the playoffs after going 15-10 in conference and 22-20 overall and ended the season ranked ninth in the Southern California Conference. For the second time, coach Chris Stevens was named Western State Conference North Division Co-Coach of the Year with Cuesta's Bob Miller. Eleven Hancock players were also honored by the WSC: Corey Dotzler, Skyler Ellis, Dave Anderson, Zac Plancich, and Sheldon Lechuga were named All-Conference first team. Chris Mallory, Seth Hockaday, Bryn Calhoun, and Joey Green were named to the WSC second team, and Jake Plancich and Chance Daskauskas received honorable mention.



To date, five baseball players have accepted scholarship offers to play at four-year universities. Corey Dotzler will play for Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; Dave Anderson has signed to play for the University of Delaware; and Joey Green will play for Oklahoma Baptist University. Both Sheldon Lechuga and Bryn Calhoun plan to play for Chico State.

The Hancock softball team had four players named WSC selections. Selina Gonzales was named first team All-Conference, Leanna Corral was named second team All-Conference, and both Jessica Garcia and Alyssa Ray were named honorable mention.

The track and field team sent 12 athletes to the WSC nationals and out of those, two made it all the way to the state meet. Kenna Wolter and Chelsea Cassulo returned from the California State Championship meet with top-10 finishes. Wolter placed eighth in the long jump with a distance of 5.25 meters. Cassulo placed eighth in the shot put with an 11.88-meter throw, and 10th in the javelin at a distance of 32.11 meters.

Golfer Levi Garcia represented the college at the state championship tournament and returned with a 12th place finish.

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Many businesses, organizations, foundations, and individuals direct their contributions to specific programs or purposes. Those contributions that provide scholarships to Allan Hancock College students account for the bulk of these restricted gifts each year. Other gifts directly benefit program areas such as nursing, tutoring, viticulture, and the library, just to name a few.

There is a special group of individuals and businesses listed under the President's Circle Honor Roll who have made an unrestricted contribution of \$1,000 or more during the year. As unrestricted gifts, the foundation is able to use those dollars with direction from the college's Superintendent/President to support the areas of greatest need across the college. This past year, a large portion of those contributions were used to support an initiative between Allan Hancock College and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, to increase the number of students transferring from Hancock to Cal Poly and other four-year universities in the fields of biomedical and behavioral sciences.

To each and every contributor, we give our heartfelt thanks. It has been amazing to me, that even in these tough economic times, there still are generous individuals who are willing to help fund educational endeavors. On behalf of the foundation board of directors, thank you, thank you, thank you.

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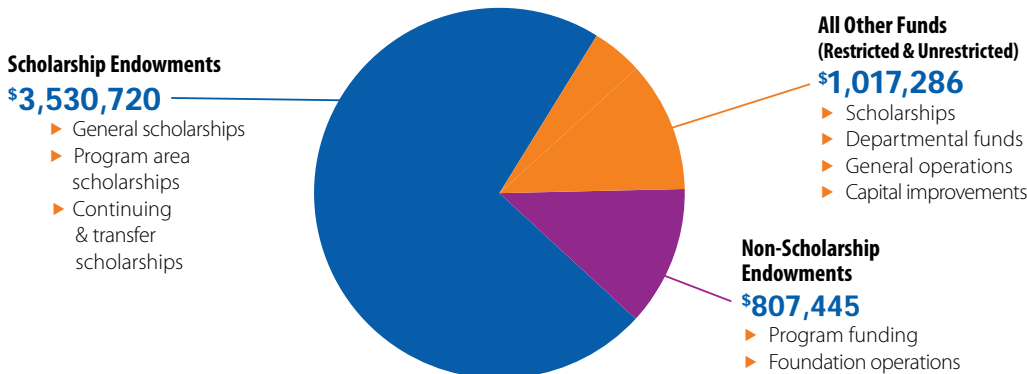
Marian Hancock award winner Lucerito Salgado (L)

The Allan Hancock College Foundation awarded \$250,000 in scholarships to 250 students at its 40th annual awards banquet last May. More than 700 students, relatives, friends, donors and others attended the event during which 152 donors from the community awarded scholarships to both returning and transferring students from all parts of the Central Coast.

The theme for the annual scholarship event was "Community Supporting Community," with the recognition that without community support, the scholarship program would not exist.

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▶ August 18 & 19, 2009

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▶ August 24-27, 2009

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