



# Community News

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## Building boom!



Science building



Nursing, dental and geology labs in the new science building.

Paul Gauna recently returned from his tour in Iraq and immediately enrolled full time at Allan Hancock College. His transition has been smooth, and he said it helped to find beautiful new buildings on campus to support his studies. "The new buildings are impressive," he said. "As a student, I appreciate access to state of the art labs and classrooms. I'm very glad to be here."

The 44,302 square foot Science Building and the 18,482 square foot Community Education building opened this fall to students, joining the new Academic Resource Center that opened its doors in January 2007. These new facilities mark the beginning of a robust capital

construction campaign that will span the next ten years. This campus transformation is being made possible by Measure I, the \$180 million general obligation bond passed by voters in June 2006.

Already in motion are plans for a comprehensive "one stop" Student Services building, a new public safety facility for police and fire training, and possible expansion of the industrial technology building. Upgrading technology, including a multimillion dollar computer mainframe system, and systematic renewal and replacement of existing technology, is also being supported by the bond.

### Oversight committee update



The Measure I Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC) continues to meet quarterly.

Current members include: Terry Dworaczyk, Joannie Jamieson,

Barbara D. Nelson, John D. (Jack) Pellerin, David Schmarje, Camillo Wilde, George Baker, Jr., and Felipa Velasco.

Measure I, passed by the electorate in 2006, provides \$180 million for collegewide improvement.

For complete information on Measure I and the COC, go to [www.hancockcollege.edu](http://www.hancockcollege.edu) and click Measure I on the homepage.

## New Title V grant supports student learning



A multimillion dollar federal grant will further establish a "Learning College" approach at Allan Hancock College, meaning students will have new and innovative opportunities for learning in classes throughout the college.

The \$2.8 million, five-year U.S. Department of Education Title V grant to Allan Hancock College was one of only three awarded to a California community college. Title V grants are targeted to Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) that have at least 25 percent Hispanic full-time equivalent students. Allan Hancock College's current student population is about 34 percent Hispanic.

When announcing the new grants, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said, "At the higher education level...Hispanic students still lag behind their peers in earning a post secondary credential. This program will ensure that Hispanic students have access to quality programs at the higher education level to improve their opportunities for success beyond school."

According to Marla Allegre, a faculty member and one of the principal grant

writers, the Learning College approach will shift Allan Hancock College's teaching emphasis to a learner-centered educational model. "Our goal, through establishing learning outcomes, is to shift our assessment away from what is being taught to confirming what is being learned." She said the results of the efforts produced by Allan Hancock College through this grant will contribute to a national best practices model.

The grant has several key goals. They include:

- Increasing the number of first-time Hispanic students in developmental math and English courses who successfully complete a course at least one level higher.
- Increasing the number of first-time students who complete an AA/AS (especially in math, science, engineering, and technology) or become transfer-ready within three years.
- Documenting that students are achieving student learning outcomes.

Allan Hancock College Superintendent/President José M. Ortiz, Ed.D., noted that competition for Title V grants is fierce across the United States and that "this award is a huge accomplishment for our institution."

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- José M. Ortiz

# New degrees feature mechatronics



Two new degrees at Allan Hancock College couple engineering, electronics, robotics and computers into career opportunities in the field of “mechatronics.”

What exactly is mechatronics? According to Bob Alldredge, an electronics instructor at the college, “the curriculum teaches the complex decision making in the operation of physical systems, such as robotics,” he said. “These physical systems depend on computer software for functionality. Mechatronics emphasizes that link.”

One example for application would be in the aerospace industry, which incorporates mechatronics in the development of production systems and planetary rovers, Alldredge added.

Allan Hancock College is a natural choice to offer this type of curriculum due to its proximity to Vandenberg Air Force Base, according to Paul Murphy, dean of academic affairs.

“What’s important is accessibility—this program is open to all first-time college

students and working adults who want to change careers.”

A strong local job market exists for employees with this type of training. According to a recent aerospace technician demand assessment study, more than 1,000 aerospace technicians are located within the Vandenberg area, many of them approaching retirement age.

“It is difficult to recruit qualified technicians to the area, mostly due to the cost of living,” said Murphy. “The next five years could see a high local demand for qualified technicians.”

Along with aerospace, mechatronics skills are needed in medical facilities, manufacturing, industrial robotics, automotive technology and security systems. Professions incorporating mechatronics skills are consistently ranked among the highest-paying. For those with an associate degree, annual wages range from \$45,000 to \$90,000 and up.

## Math professor honored



Charles Pasquini

The Allan Hancock College Foundation has honored mathematics professor Charles Pasquini as the recipient of its quarterly Outstanding Faculty Award.

This award is “the heart and soul of what we do,” said Foundation Executive Director Tim Flemming. “It is a way to recognize and demonstrate the caliber and commitment of all teachers and the quality of instruction that makes Allan Hancock College such a great college,” he added. “We want to help nurture that.”

Pasquini joined the Allan Hancock College faculty in 1982, and teaches math courses ranging from developmental math up to and including multivariate calculus. His students, whose math abilities vary considerably, are consistent in their praise of Pasquini and his commitment to their success.

## Poetry becomes music for instructor

A chance connection between a somewhat obscure Web site and a world-class composer led Allan Hancock College fine arts instructor Gabriel Navar on an odyssey that recently culminated in a world premiere of his poetry set to music.

Navar, a painter who teaches principles of design among other art classes at Hancock, is also a prolific poet.

Several years ago, he posted some of his poems, along with his paintings, on a personal Web site as a means of sharing his creations with others. In 2000, Paul Basler, a Doctor of Musical Arts and professor of music at the University of Florida and one of the most performed composers of his generation, was commissioned to write a work based on a Spanish text. Through that effort he was introduced to Navar’s Web site and discovered his poetry.

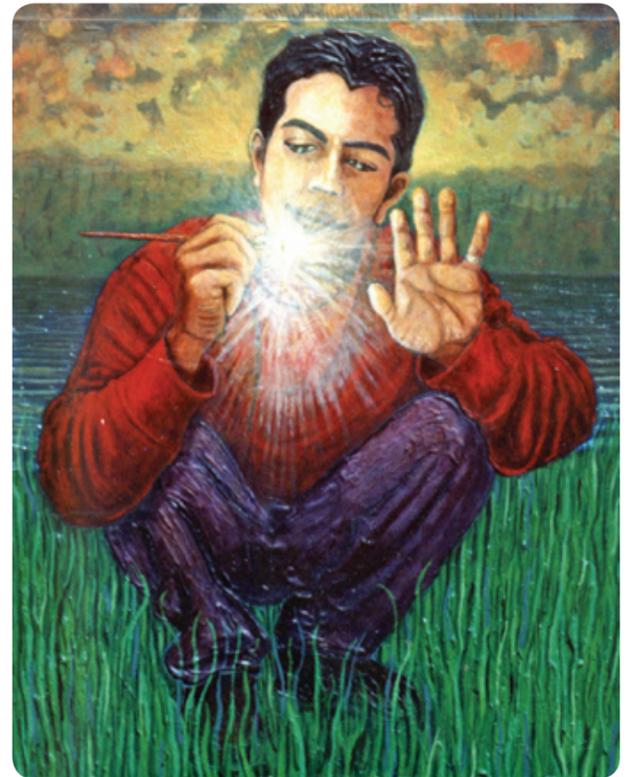
“I was immediately struck by the incredible imagery of the poetry, as well as the obvious joy in life, nature and love that is so present in Gabriel’s work,” said Basler. “From that point, I knew that I had found the perfect artist with which to collaborate.”

Since 2000, Basler and Navar have collaborated on several major pieces. The latest, titled “Embrace Creation,” after one of Navar’s poems, was commissioned by the Tennessee Tech University Department of Music. It premiered Nov. 5 in the university’s Wattenbarger Auditorium, with Navar in the audience.

Navar flew to Tennessee to meet with the performers and experience the concert first hand.

An interesting and important aspect of Navar’s work is that each poem has

a corresponding painting with the same title. He said, “Painting for me has been a mechanism for digesting and visually exploring experiences, dreams, and entities, including issues of consumer culture, relationships, spirituality and politics. One of my personal goals as an artist is to manifest warmth, love and peace. I truly believe that art is a powerful platform for understanding and making sense of the world.”



Self portrait: Gabriel Navar

He said the idea that his words are used to create beautiful music is still a new concept for him, even after seven years of worldwide performances featuring his poetry and paintings.

“Embrace Creation” encompasses four of Navar’s poems, including the poem for which the entire piece has taken its name. Basler describes the music as “very lush, full of warm harmonies which envelope the poetry.”

The poem reads in part:

yes, it is true, I love a small leaf of the tree  
like I love the entire tree  
because it makes me live completely  
and that is how I love  
the entire forest  
morning is a kiss,  
the day, a caress,

and the night, an embrace,  
a very strong embrace...  
and when I embrace you with  
passion,  
I embrace creation  
when I love a small leaf  
when I embrace you  
I love the forest  
I embrace creation  
today and always  
today and always

Basler’s compositions have been performed at Carnegie Hall, Orchestra Hall in Boston, Symphony Hall in Chicago, the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, the Sydney Opera House, and the Aspen Music Festival, among other venues.

To see Navar’s art and read his poetry, go to [www.gabrielnavar.tripod.com](http://www.gabrielnavar.tripod.com).

# Culinology® cooks up career opportunities

Watching his mother cooking aromatic enchiladas and tacos fed Eduardo Rucobo's passion to pursue a culinary career.

"The food talks to me; I want to show people my style of cooking and how to cook for health and pleasure," he said about his cooking classes at Allan Hancock College. He is pursuing an associate of arts degree in Culinology®.

"Culinology® blends culinary arts, nutrition and food science into one field," said Ginger Lordus, R.D., family and consumer sciences program coordinator at Allan Hancock College. "We offer hands-on education in the field right here, at a fraction of the cost of attending a culinary institute."

With the explosion in food technology, careers in this new field are booming, Lordus said. Plus, consumers are

demanding more gourmet foods, as well as fast, convenient foods.

"I want to blend art and science in cooking," said Hancock culinary arts and management student Timothy Favorite about his aspirations. Favorite plans to manage his own restaurant.

When Favorite graduates from the Culinology® program, he will be qualified to become a corporate executive chef, a director for food research and development, a flavorist, a menu development professional, a techno-chef, or a food scientist/technologist, to name a few career choices. According to the Research Chefs Association, there are not enough Culinology® graduates to fill the demand for these careers.

To support the new Culinology® degree program—and other culinary classes within the family and consumer sciences department—a new culinary



Culinology students, from left to right: Sylvia Garcia Lopez, Angel Govia, Heather Smith

teaching kitchen recently opened in the new Community Education building (bldg. S) at the south end of the Santa Maria campus.

In addition to the Culinology® degree, the culinary arts and management program offers an array of certificate programs from baking and catering and events management to dietetic service supervision and more.

## Spring 2008 culinary classes:

- FCS 109 Basic Nutrition for Health
- FCS 110 Nutrition Science
- FCS 123 Principles of Foods 2
- FCS 124 Sanitation, Safety & Equipment
- FCS 125 Supervision & Training Techniques
- FCS 126 Food Production Cost, Control & Management
- FCS 128 Field Experience—Dietetics
- FCS 129 Catering & Events Management
- FCS 159 Controversial Nutrition Issues
- FCS 323 Specialty & Wedding Cakes

## University programs info online

Completing a bachelor's degree "locally" used to mean a lot of car time for residents who had to drive to Santa Barbara or San Luis Obispo to complete their academic goals. Now a growing number of students are completing their bachelor's degrees right on the Allan Hancock College Santa Maria campus or at other local sites.

A new University Programs link is available in the left column on the Allan

Hancock College Web site home page, [www.hancockcollege.edu](http://www.hancockcollege.edu). It lists all the bachelor degree programs that Allan Hancock College has worked to make available to students.

Individuals are encouraged to work with the Allan Hancock College University Transfer Center (UTC) for these opportunities. The UTC can be reached at (805) 922-6966, ext. 3363.

## Cancer inspires creative focus for professor

Undergoing treatment for cancer gave Allan Hancock College English professor Bob Isaacson a new perspective on life and a new goal for life—to preserve it through words.

The long-time Hancock professor recently published two books—one of poetry; the other a family history project—and his cancer threat largely inspired him to do it.

"I've looked at my whole culmination of teaching and writing and, to me, this is a very natural direction in which to evolve," he said. "Dealing with cancer has certainly triggered the motivation to accomplish these projects."

Isaacson endured two years of chemo and radiation therapy, as well as an experimental clinical trial, drugs and surgery for his prostate cancer. His doctor told him he should do two things during his treatments: take long walks on the beach and write a book.

*Unconsecrated Ground* is the result of that challenge. It represents a collection of poems Isaacson has written over the course of the last 40 years. It begins and ends with writings about being in limbo, about uncertainty, because that is where Isaacson said he finds himself now as he continues to deal with his cancer.

Another book, *The Muleshoe Cattle Company: An Anthology of Memories of Life on an Arizona Cow Ranch, 1906-1928*, is a family history of sorts that Isaacson and his wife Sally worked on together.



Bob Isaacson with James Joyce statue

"This makes meaning of the past; it's not just chronicling," Isaacson said about the project. "All of the work we [as writers] do is scattered unless we take initiative to put it all in one place. Otherwise, it will simply evaporate."

Isaacson is part of the South Coast Writing Project, and also co-founded the Gaviota Writers Group, which shares information and poetry among writers. He said that he hopes his most recent books will inspire others to look at their own lives and realize that the daily, often mundane things are worth writing about.

"People explore through writing their own dreams and fantasies. I hope others find a way to leave something for their children and friends. Writing poetry is a way of doing that."

Isaacson's books are available at the Book Loft in Solvang, Printed Matter in Lompoc, Jedlickas in Los Olivos, and the Allan Hancock College bookstore.



George Ribble

## Volunteer Honored

George Ribble was recently honored by the college as Outstanding Volunteer 2007 for his efforts to help students conquer math. Ribble has volunteered his time weekly since 2002 in the college's Math Lab. "I want students to feel good about (math)", he said. "I'll go over it until it sticks."

## Career Exploration Day



Nearly 1,000 high school students and hundreds of college students and community members explored career options at the annual Career Exploration Day. More than 50 employers and an equal number of educators teamed up to talk to participants about what it takes to land great careers locally and across the state and nation.

## Message from the President



### Greetings and Happy 2008

It is a pleasure and a relief to share this annual report to the community with you—a pleasure, because in these pages we gladly showcase the many accomplishments and milestones Allan Hancock College achieved in fiscal year 2006-2007. It is a relief, because by chronicling the events, we also “put to bed” some of these efforts, and start afresh with new challenges.

Of course, permeating throughout all of these pages are the effects of Measure I, the \$180 million bond passed by the electorate in June 2006. Thanks to the bond, the college has set an aggressive course of campus construction, while at the same time infusing technology and innovative learning opportunities into all areas.

Already we have seen the opening of the Community Education and Science buildings, projects that began with state funding before the bond was passed, but were completed with the help of Measure I funds. Plans for a comprehensive “one-stop” student services center and a public safety facility for police and fire training are also under way, with ground breaking for the one stop center expected in summer 2009. Other potential bond-funded projects include a new fine arts facility, expansion of the industrial technology building, and major upgrades to various classrooms and facilities. In addition, we are actively pursuing a massive upgrade to our antiquated mainframe computer system at a cost of over \$6 million. The results will greatly benefit students.

As these exciting developments unfold, we are extremely cognizant of the rapidly escalating costs of construction. It is a nationwide phenomenon that we are feeling here on the Central Coast. A building we earmarked \$19.2 million to construct just last year is now predicted to cost more than \$30 million to complete. That means two things: we must act quickly and responsibly to move our projects to construction, and we must face the reality that not everything on our master list will come to fruition through Measure I funding.

Even with that reality, this is an extremely exciting time for Allan Hancock College and its communities, and I thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

José M. Ortiz, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President

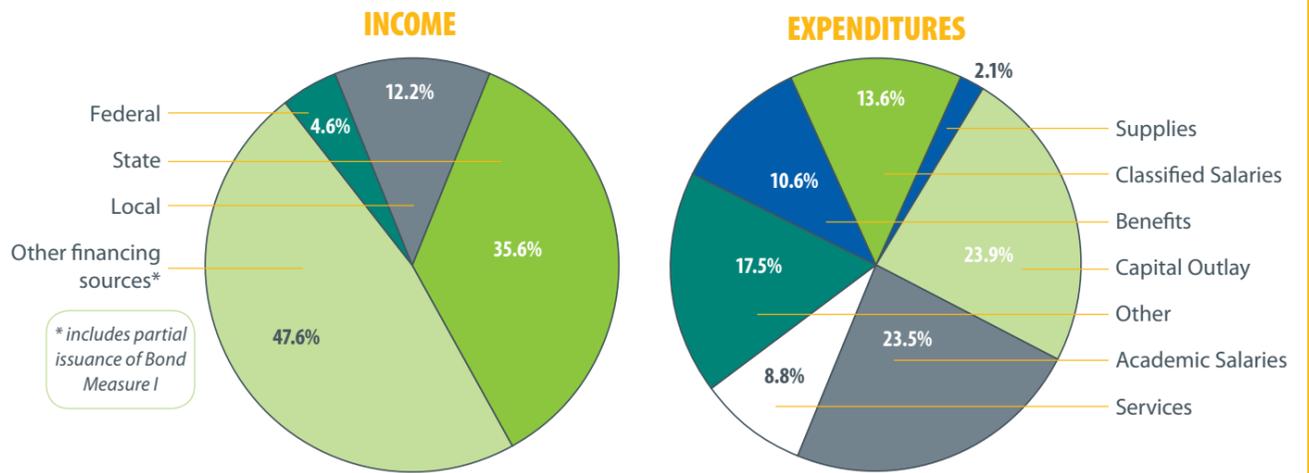
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# Report to the Community

## ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007

### 2006-2007 District Expenditures \$91,617,318



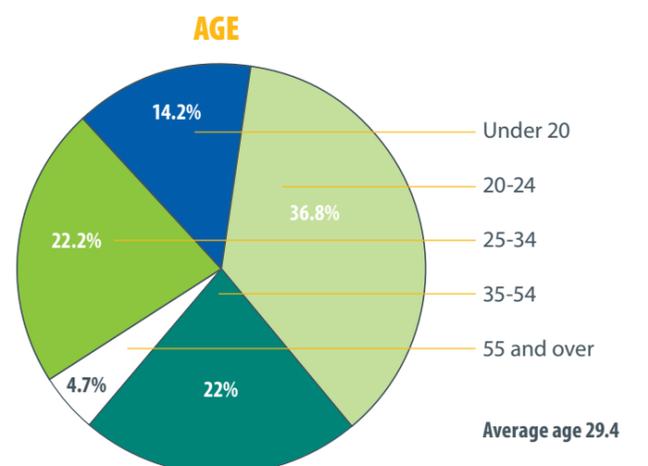
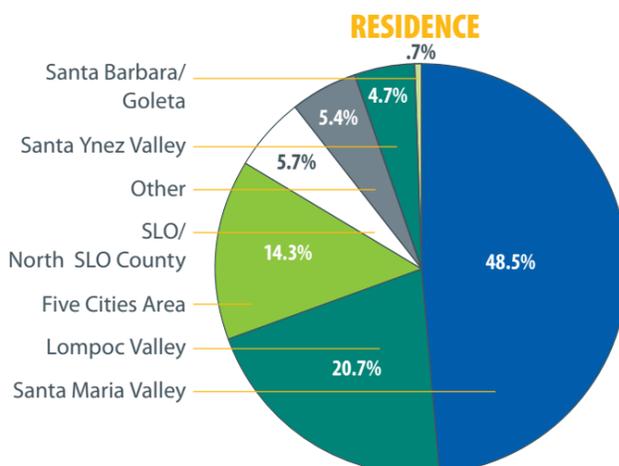
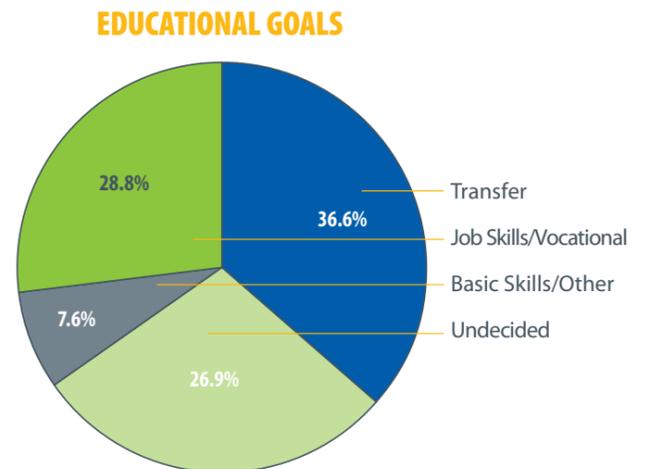
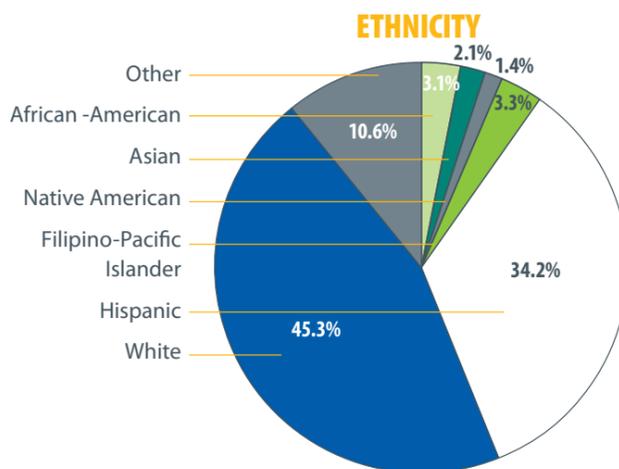
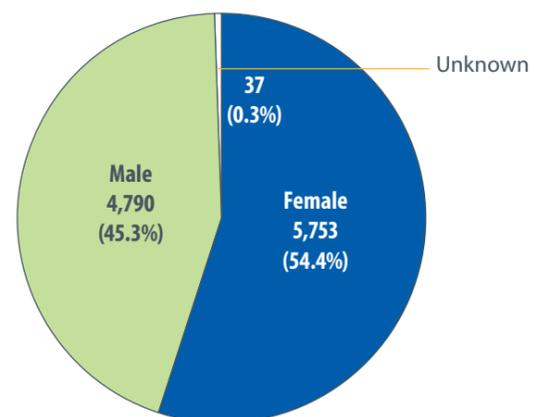
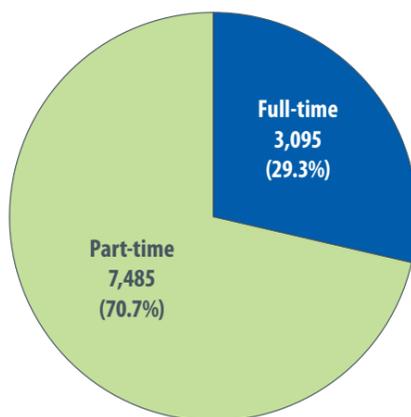
Through payroll, purchasing and other expenditures, Allan Hancock College infused more than \$242 million into the local economy in 2006-2007.

### 2006-2007 Student Enrollment: 25,607

Noncredit 7,298 • Credit 18,309

#### Fall 2006 Credit Student Profile

##### FALL 2006 STUDENT ENROLLMENT: 10,580





## 2006-2007 Selected Achievements

- Celebrated the grand opening of the Allan Hancock College Atkinson Lifelong Learning Center in partnership with the city of Santa Maria.
- Presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Career Exploration Day, with 600 high school and college students and more than 50 local employers participating.
- Established the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District Measure I Citizens' Oversight Committee. The committee meets quarterly.
- Accessed Measure I funding with the issuance of \$68 million in bonds.
- Earmarked \$1.1 million annually from Measure I funding for collegewide technology support.
- Launched "myHancock," the new student Web portal for current and former Allan Hancock College students.
- Hosted a meeting of the boards of trustees of three local community colleges: Allan Hancock College, Santa Barbara City College and Cuesta College.
- Hired 18 tenure-track faculty, including math, physics, film, dance, and nursing instructors, among others.
- Created 38 new credit courses and modified 75.
- Staged 30 dance performances with a total of 12,000 audience members.
- The Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) sponsored Diversity Day, featuring ethnic foods, tribal dancing and festive presentations from various cultures.
- Received a \$600,000, three-year grant from the California Innovation Corridor WIRED grant to pilot a two-year Mechatronics degree and certificate program.
- Partnered with the National Science Foundation SpaceTEC consortium to support space operations curriculum development and implement a National Certified Aerospace Technician program.
- Co-hosted a two-day NASA educators' launch conference associated with a Pegasus-launched satellite at Vandenberg Air Force Base.
- Student Raul Benitez received a first place award for his engineering research presentation at a national science and engineering symposium held at UCLA.
- Received recognition by *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* magazine as one of the top 50 community colleges in the nation in graduating Hispanic students.
- Celebrated the grand opening of the new Academic Resource Center (ARC) and remodeled library.
- Cosponsored "Salute to the Arts" events with the Santa Maria Valley and Lompoc Valley chambers of commerce
- Cosponsored the Y.E.L.L. (Young Educated Latino Leaders) conference to motivate more local young men to attend college.

- Cosponsored the 10<sup>th</sup> annual high school welding contest with more than 60 local high school students from six local schools.
- Celebrated Arbor Day with a tree-planting ceremony on the Santa Maria campus and at the Lompoc Valley Center.
- Welcomed Scott Lay, President/CEO of the Community College League of California, as the keynote speaker at an Allan Hancock College President's Circle luncheon.
- Received 14 new grants and 15 renewed grants, for a total of \$4,707,860.
- PCPA produced 18 plays, reaching more than 100,000 audience members, while educating approximately 150 aspiring theater professionals.

### Sports

- Bulldog football finished with a 7-3 overall record after averaging 35 points per game.
- Cross Country qualified three runners for the State Meet. Jesus Solis was the top Bulldog finisher at 12<sup>th</sup> overall.
- Women's soccer coach Cherif Maghni was named Western State Conference North Coach of the Year.
- Anthony Madden was named to the men's basketball All-WSC North team. Lady Bulldog Brittini DeWitt earned All-WSC North first team honors.
- Baseball's first baseman David Van Ostrand set three school records and was named to the All-WSC North first team. Outfielder Jimmy Dodos was also selected first team.
- Angeli Guerrero was named WSC Co-divisional Coach of the Year.
- Jeff Spalinger was named Co-coach of the Year for men's tennis; in women's tennis, player Elysha McLain earned two mentions on the all-conference first and second teams.
- Blaz Uzeta placed third in the shot put and fifth in the discus at the State Track & Field Championships.

### AHC Foundation

- Awarded more than \$325,000 to deserving students at the 38<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship banquet
- Received contributions totaling \$1,098,419 for projects ranging from scholarships and program funding to capital improvements.
- Launched the President's Circle, a group of community leaders and businesses, whose contributions help support Allan Hancock College. To date, more than 80 members have raised more than \$85,000.
- Selected college instructors Michael Messina, Roger Hall, Kathy Johnson and Sofia Ramirez-Gelpi as recipients of its quarterly Outstanding Faculty Award, which recognizes and demonstrates the caliber and commitment of all Allan Hancock College teachers.

## Key Stats

- 909 students earned 1,276 degrees in 66 different subject areas, a 21.5 percent increase in graduates, and a 25.5 percent increase in degrees earned
- 709 students completed 784 certificates in 64 subjects
- Summer 2006 credit enrollment: 4,977, an increase of more than 6.5 percent over summer 2005; noncredit enrollment: 2,340, an increase of 15.8 percent
- Fall 2006 credit enrollment: 10,580, an increase of 1.4 percent over fall 2005; noncredit enrollment: 4,303, an increase of more than 10.7 percent
- Spring 2007 credit enrollment: 12,236, an increase of 3.4 percent over spring 2006; non-credit enrollment: 4,797, an increase of more than 5.4 percent
- Distance learning courses grew by 11.7 percent from fall 2005 to fall 2006, and by 12.5 percent from spring 2006 to spring 2007. Since fall 1999, student enrollment in distance learning classes has grown by more than 500 percent.
- 5,086 financial aid applications were processed
- 1,344 students were awarded Pell grants
- Increased the number of students receiving a Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOG) by 3.9 percent, from 5,876 to 6,105
- Total financial aid awarded: \$4.3 million
- Served 1,071 students in the EOPS programs, up 3.6 percent from the previous year
- AHC's CARE program emerged as the third largest in the state, with 270 students served and \$195,805 in cash grants provided to CARE students.
- Named 541 students to the fall 2006 deans honors list and 547 to the spring 2007 list for maintaining GPAs of 3.5 or higher.
- Allan Hancock College is the 5th largest employer in northern Santa Barbara County, and the 12th largest employer in the entire county.
- The college offers 84 degrees and 105 certificates ranging from accounting to viticulture/enology.
- Allan Hancock College serves a 3,000 square mile area on the Central Coast with a population of about 267,000 stretching from New Cuyama to the Channel Islands.

### Transfer

- AHC students enjoyed the highest acceptance rate at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, with 65 percent of fall 2007 AHC transfer applicants accepted compared to 38 percent statewide.
- 32 percent of AHC transfer bound students were first generation college attendees.
- Top California State University (CSU) transfer destinations for Allan Hancock College students in 2006-2007 were:

Cal Poly, SLO    San Diego State University  
 CSU Fresno    CSU Long Beach



Arbor Day



Scott Lay (c)



Diversity Day



Career Exploration Day



Atkinson Opening

# Celebrating our donors



Ron Thatcher

Billed as an “Evening of Stars,” more than 135 donors and guests gathered “under the stars” on the patio outside of the Ann Foxworthy Gallery. This annual event honors and recognizes those individuals and businesses whose contributions have supported the students and faculty at Allan Hancock College.

Mr. Ron Thatcher, president of the Foundation Board of Directors; José M. Ortiz, Ed.D., superintendent/president of Allan Hancock College and Larry Lahr, president of the Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees, welcomed and thanked everyone for their generous support. Lahr added that contributions to the foundation make it possible for some of the brightest and most promising young people in our community to attend college. They also make it possible for the college to complete capital improvements and to secure state of the art technology for classrooms and laboratories—projects that might otherwise not be possible given budget constraints that the trustees face each year.

We celebrate our “stars” year-round as they make it all possible. **THANK YOU DONORS!**



Franziska Shepard and Judge Royce Lewellen enjoy the outdoor reception.



From left to right: Dick & Patty Melsheimer, members of the President's Circle; Art Westerfield, scholarship endowment; Greg & Jackie Pensa, members of President's Circle/Greg serves on AHC Foundation Board of Directors



Hancock students Brian Billones and Marjorie Fernandez take time for lunch and to study for their science class using the new “wireless” Internet connection in the Student Center – a project funded by the President's Circle

## President's Circle

During the fall of 2006, the foundation launched the President's Circle, a program designed to recognize prominent community leaders, alumni, businesses and corporations. The purpose is to establish communication between the college and those individuals who, through their generosity, might provide resources that would enable the college to complete projects that might not have been possible. With more than \$85,000 in “Charter Memberships” paid to date, the list of funded projects already under way is growing. Those include:

- Started a textbook rental program to help students deal with escalating textbook costs.
- Purchased and installed a WiFi network (wireless Internet) in the Student Center. This enhances

student's ability to study, do research, complete class assignments, work collaboratively with other students – all while sitting in the comfort and safety of the Student Center.

- Provided seed money for the college to begin looking at ways to establish “public art” on its campuses. The hope is that as the college continues to grow in numbers of students, buildings, and programs, that it also becomes a place where one's senses and mind will be stimulated by surroundings that include all aspects of art.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a President's Circle member, contact the foundation office at 925-2004 or log onto our Web site at [www.ahcfoundation.org](http://www.ahcfoundation.org).

### President's Circle Charter Members Honor Roll

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# Estate planning can leave a lasting legacy

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Many of my clients routinely ask me during the process of the preparation or modification of their estate planning documents how they can assure that the non-profit organizations they wish to assist will best benefit from their bequests.

One of the first questions I ask is, "What do you want to accomplish through your bequest?" Through a will or trust, a donor can have the flexibility to make sure that his/her goals are reached. A donor can, for example, establish an endowment, annual scholarship, or donation that may lead to the purchase of a capital piece of property that will benefit the organization, like the AHC Foundation, for years to come. Through estate planning, individuals can positively shape the future of our community and students at AHC. Through specific bequests, donors can ensure that AHC truly benefits

from all their hard work and that the specific programs or goals they have are best served by their gifts.

Estate planning provides a flexible vehicle which allows a donor to make bequests of various assets and at various times such as money, life insurance policies, stock, real property, or specific items of personal property. Donors can place specific conditions on how their bequests are distributed if they desire, or they can make an outright bequest to the non-profit organization which will allow said entity to have the flexibility to use the bequest where it is most needed. There are also various other tools a donor can use such as the establishment of a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity. Once a client executes his/her estate planning documents, one of the greatest rewards I have is seeing the peace of mind they have achieved and the joy they have in knowing that what they have done will make such a big difference in the community and future generations.



Mario Juarez

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## A hero for Allan Hancock College

By Ron Thatcher,  
President, AHC Foundation Board of Directors

Bernard Malamud, the Pulitzer Prize winning author, wrote "Without heroes, we are all plain people and don't know how far we can go." Allan Hancock College has many heroes, and I would like to tell you about one of them.

Florence Young moved to the Santa Maria area more than 20 years ago, following a 40-year career with the United States government. An extremely talented woman, she worked as a court stenographer for the State Department. In her work, she often was called upon to record historic meetings between world leaders. Beginning in World War II, she traveled and worked in the company of U.S. presidents, from Roosevelt to Reagan, and world leaders from Churchill and Stalin to Gorbachev. I am surprised that a book has not been written about this remarkable woman.

Having no children or immediate family to provide for, Florence Young set up a living trust in which she designated the Allan Hancock College Foundation as beneficiary. Her instructions to the foundation were clear and simple—use her gift to make AHC a place of opportunity for all.

Following her death in 2003, the foundation received the bequest totaling \$950,000. The foundation board later dedicated \$250,000 to the Building Student Success Campaign going on at that time, and today her name has been memorialized in one of the campus buildings. Each year, income from this bequest will fund important needs at the college. Her legacy will live on!

Because of the dramatic growth taking place at Allan Hancock College, we need more heroes like Florence Young. When you do your estate planning, we hope you will remember the college as one of your beneficiaries. For more information, please call the foundation office at 925-2004.

## Hancock Cup



Presentation of Net Division Champions, (l/r) Dean Teixeira, Allan Teixeira, Glenn Teixeira, "The Cup," Dr. Ortiz, John Teixeira.

It was another perfect day in paradise as 124 golfers teed up for the Sixth Annual Hancock Cup—the Allan Hancock College Foundation golf tournament & \$1,000,000 "Hole-in-One" ShootOut. The big winners at this September golf tournament are students at Allan Hancock College who benefit from the scholarships and funding for college programs that the foundation supports with proceeds from this event.

The Hancock Cup is a perpetual trophy on which the names of each player for the gross and net division champions are inscribed. The cup is then placed on

permanent display in the Santa Maria Country Club's trophy case. This year the gross division championship team was made up of Glenn Davis, Ken White, Mike Valdez and David Zavala. This foursome shot 15 under par to post a final score of 55. In the net division, it was Team Teixeira taking home the championship honors, shooting a final net score of 49.4. The team included Allan Teixeira, Dean Teixeira, Glenn Teixeira and John Teixeira.

The post-tournament celebration/reception started with the Bulldog "PuttOff," a fundraiser for the Allan

### Talk to us...

The Allan Hancock College Foundation supports all aspects of the college. Members of the foundation staff are ready to help you find answers to your questions on how your gifts can support our students, faculty, and programs. Please contact us to learn more about giving to Allan Hancock College.

**Web address:** [www.ahcfoundation.org](http://www.ahcfoundation.org)  
**Email:** [ahcfoundation@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:ahcfoundation@hancockcollege.edu)  
**Telephone:** (805) 925-2004  
**Fax:** (805) 739-1064  
**Foundation Office:** 936 South College Drive, P.O. Box 5170, Santa Maria, CA 93456-5170

Hancock College women's and men's golf teams. Twenty-five golfers who had qualified during regulation play earlier in the day took one last putt on the 18th green for a chance to be crowned 2007 PuttOff Champion. In the end, it was Ed Murray winning in sudden death over Bill Ostini.

Wrapping up the post-tournament events was the "Hole-in-One" ShootOut. Sixteen golfers had earned the chance to walk away with a million dollar prize. All that was required was to sink a 135 yard shot from the 18th fairway. Seemed simple enough, but at the end of the day, the BIG CHECK with lots of zeros went unclaimed! Maybe next year.

Be sure to circle Monday, September 15, 2008, on your calendar now and be part of the fun at the seventh annual Hancock Cup golf tournament.



Student Center,  
Santa Maria campus

## Register now for spring 2008 classes

### Who chooses Hancock?

- ▶ **Students who want to transfer to UC Berkeley, Fresno State, and other four-year universities.** As a Hancock student, you enjoy transfer guarantees with many universities.
- ▶ **People who want to get on a career fast track without a four-year degree.** Computer animation, automotive technology, nursing, electronics, welding, business... the list goes on and on. Hancock has something for every career interest.
- ▶ **Employees who want to move up in their current career or move on to a new one.** The key to a successful future awaits at Allan Hancock College. Schedule your college classes around your work schedule. Take evening, weekend, even online classes.

**If you plan to earn a bachelor's degree,** start at Allan Hancock College. Call the University Transfer Center at 922-6966 ext. 3363.

### In-person Registration

- ▶ **January 14 & 15, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.**

### Late In-person Registration

- ▶ **January 22-24, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.**
- ▶ **January 28-31, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.** (with instructor's signature only)

### Classes begin

- ▶ **January 22, 2008**

### Fees

- ▶ All California residents pay \$20 per unit, plus other minimal costs such as parking. Financial aid is available. Call 922-6966 ext. 3216. Allan Hancock College has the lowest tuition in the nation.

Schedules at all college locations and online at [www.hancockcollege.edu](http://www.hancockcollege.edu)

## QUESTIONS? 922-6966 ext. 3248

Toll-free in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties: 1-866-DIAL AHC (342-5242), ext. 3248

#### SANTA MARIA CAMPUS

800 South College Drive  
Santa Maria CA 93454-6399  
Admissions & Records Office  
M-Th: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Fri: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
(805) 922-6966 ext. 3248

#### LOMPOC VALLEY CENTER

One Hancock Drive  
Lompoc CA 93436  
M-Th: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fri: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
(805) 735-3366  
From Santa Maria:  
(805) 922-6966 ext. 5200

#### VANDENBERG AFB CENTER

144 Wyoming Ave., Bldg. 14003  
Vandenberg AFB CA 93437-6312  
M-Th: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Fri: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
(805) 734-3500, (805) 605-5915  
From Santa Maria:  
(805) 922-6966 ext. 3250

#### SOLVANG CENTER

320 Alisal Road, Suite 306  
Solvang CA 93463  
M-Th: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Fri: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
(805) 693-1543  
From Santa Maria:  
(805) 922-6966 ext. 3355

## Registration how-to

- ▶ **Register in person January 14 & 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.**
- ▶ Registration sites are the Admissions & Records office in building A on the Santa Maria campus, and the administrative offices at the Lompoc Valley Center; the Vandenberg AFB Center; and the Solvang Center.
- ▶ For those who are registering for distance learning (online, etc.) classes *only*, registration via fax or U.S. mail is also available January 10-31 for semester-length classes, January 10-24 for Fast Track Term 3 classes, and January 10-March 25 for Fast Track Term 4 classes. For details, see page 42 of the spring credit schedule on the AHC Web site at [www.hancockcollege.edu](http://www.hancockcollege.edu) (click Class Schedule).
- ▶ Spring schedules were sent to area homes in November. Additional schedules may be purchased for 50 cents at any college location. The schedule is also posted on the Web site (click "Class Schedule").
- ▶ Enrollment fees are \$20 per unit for all California residents (\$60 for a typical three-unit class; other minimal fees may apply).
- ▶ Financial aid is available to help students pay fees and related college expenses such as books, supplies and living expenses. Applications and information are available in the Financial Aid office. For more financial aid information, call (805) 922-6966 or toll free 1-866-DIAL AHC (342-5242) ext. 3200.

## Allan Hancock College Degree/Certificate Programs

### Accounting

Bookkeeping  
Payroll Accounting

### Administration of Justice

Basic Law Enforcement Academy

### Agribusiness

Viticulture/Enology  
Wine Marketing & Sales  
Viticulture  
Pairing Wine & Food

### Applied Design/Media

Film & Video Production  
Animation-Traditional Drawing  
3D Computer Animation  
Graphics  
Multimedia Arts & Communication  
Photography

### Architectural Drafting

### Art

### Auto Body Technology

Auto Body Metal  
Auto Body Refinishing

### Automotive Technology

Auto Service Management  
Auto Tune-Up & Diagnostic Procedures  
Auto Engine Rebuilding  
Auto Chassis  
Tune-Up Emission Control Specialist  
Engine, Power Trains Specialist

### Biology

### Business Administration

### Business

Management  
Marketing  
Business  
Administrative Assistant  
Human Resource Management  
Business Law  
Customer Service  
Supervisory Management  
Executive Leadership  
Entrepreneurship &  
Small Business Management  
Sales & Marketing

### Chemistry

### Computer Business Information Systems

Computer Business Office Software  
Information Architecture  
Office Systems Analysis  
Office Software Support  
Information Technology Fundamentals  
Small Business Webmaster

### Computer Business Office Technology

Administrative Assistant/Secretarial  
Legal Secretarial  
Word/Information Processing  
Computer Business Office Skills  
Computer Business Presentations &  
Publishing  
Administrative Office Skills

### Computer Science

### Cosmetology

### Culinary Arts & Management

Restaurant Management  
Dietetic Service Supervision  
Food Production Supervision  
Food Services Production  
Catering & Events Management  
Baking

### Culinology®

### Dance

### Dental Assisting

### Drama

Acting  
Design/Technical Theater

### Early Childhood Studies

General  
Elementary Education  
Elementary Education-Bilingual/  
Bicultural Emphasis  
Preschool/Infant Toddler Programs  
Special Education

### Electronics Technology

Electronics Technology  
Digital Systems  
Communication Systems  
Electronics Engineering Technology  
Network Maintenance/Digital Technologies

### Electronic Training

Space Operations  
Mechatronics

### Emergency Medical Services

Paramedic Training  
Emergency Medical Technician 1 (Basic)  
Emergency Medical Services Academy  
EMT 1 (Basic) Refresher  
Advanced Life Support  
First Responder Update

### Engineering

### Engineering Technology

General  
Civil Engineering  
Mechatronics  
Engineering Drafting

### English

### Environmental Studies

Social Science  
Natural Science

### Environmental Technology

Environmental Health & Safety Technician

### Family & Consumer Sciences

General  
Fashion Studies  
Fashion Merchandising  
Interior Design Merchandising

### Fire Technology

Firefighter Academy

### Graphic Communication

### Human Services

General  
Addiction Studies  
Family Studies  
Co-occurring Disorders  
Family Services Worker 1  
Family Services Worker 2  
Family Services Worker 3

### International Studies

### Liberal Arts

### Liberal Studies

### Machine Technology

Maintenance Machining  
Production Machining

### Mathematics

Computer Science  
Physics

### Medical Assisting

Administrative  
Clinical  
Medical Billing  
Phlebotomy

### Music

### Nursing

Assistant  
Assistant-Certified Home Health Aide  
Assistant-Health Unit Coordinator  
Assistant-Restorative Aide  
Assistant-EKG/Monitor Observer  
Vocational  
Registered (LVN to RN only)

### Pharmacy Technology

### Physical Education

Exercise Science/Pre-Physical Therapy  
Teaching

### Physics

### Psychology

### Social Science

### Sound Technology

### Spanish

### Speech Communication

Communication Skills for Public Safety  
and Health Professionals  
Communication Skills for the  
Business Professional  
Communication Skills for the  
Professional Speaker

### Transfer Studies

### Video & Film Production

### Welding Technology

Metal Fabrication  
Pipe Welding

### Wildland Fire Technology

Operations  
Prevention, Investigation, Prescribed Burning  
Logistics, Finance, Planning