

WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: Mr. Jeffery Hall
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report



Police Week

May 15 through May 21 is National Police Week, where we salute law enforcement officers and remember peace who died in the line of duty. On behalf of Hancock and our students, I offer my sincere thanks to the members of our own public safety department. We are fortunate and grateful for their critical work keeping our campuses safe for all.

Classified Staff Week

This week, Hancock celebrated Classified Staff Week. Events included lunch outside building B on May 18 and the planting of two memorial trees at the Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center on May 17. The college is thankful for the work all our classified staff do each day to help change the odds for our students.



College Corps Kickoff

On May 19 I joined California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday and leaders from Cuesta College and Cal Poly, SLO, to encourage students to apply for the #CaliforniansForAll College Corps program – a new opportunity for thousands of California college students to serve their communities in critical issue areas such as climate action, education, and food insecurity. Hancock is incredibly excited to be a part of this new program. You can view the press conference on [YouTube](#), and learn more about the program on the [College Corps website](#).

Fire Academy Graduation

On May 19, 21 cadets graduated from Hancock’s Fire Academy. Before the ceremony at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc, the cadets gave a live demonstration of the skills they learned during their time at the academy. Two graduating cadets, Emilio Jimenez and Thomas Jimenez, will go on to work for the Chumash Fire Department. Academy graduate Matthew Richards has been hired by the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, and academy graduate Jordan Robinson will go on to work for the Morro Bay Fire Department.



“Stop the Bleed” Training

On May 20, PCPA and Hancock’s Facilities Department joined our Campus Police Department to complete the second part of their “Stop the Bleed” safety training. This program trains employees to learn life-saving techniques such as applying direct pressure, packing wounds, and using a tourniquet to stop bleeding. To learn more, visit the [Stop the Bleed website](#).

Noncredit Graduation Ceremony

Community Education celebrated the achievements of students in our noncredit and high school equivalency programs with a special recognition ceremony on May 20. This ceremony recognized more than 100 students who passed the GED/HiSET high school equivalency exam as part of the college’s Community Education programs, and more than 200 students who earned certificates in noncredit programs such as commercial trucking, income tax preparation, advanced English as a Second Language, and others. The ceremony included students who completed these programs between 2019 and 2022.



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Mon, May 23	7 p.m.	AHC Symphonic Band Concert	SM campus
Tues, May 24	8:30-10:30 a.m.	VP Candidate Forum	SM campus
Wed, May 25	4-6 p.m.	Transfer Stars Celebration	SM campus
Thurs, May 26	10 a.m.	EMS Graduation	PSTC, Lompoc
Thurs, May 26	6-8 p.m.	AHC Foundation Scholarship Banquet	SM campus (Gym)
*Thurs, May 26	1 p.m.	Commencement Staff Rehearsal	SM Campus
Fri, May 27	10:30 a.m.	2022 Commencement	SM campus
Wed, June 8	10 a.m.	Law Enforcement Academy Graduation	PSTC Lompoc
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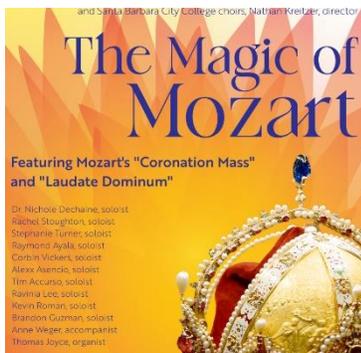
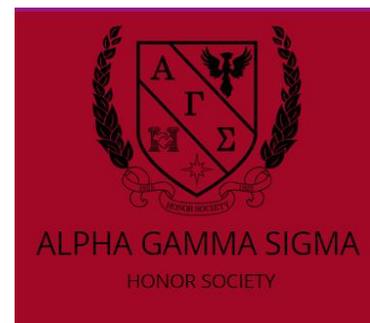


2022 Retirement & Recognition Ceremony

On May 13, Hancock honored 16 retirees with a combined total of 408 years of service to college. In addition to celebrating our retirees, we also recognized four newly tenured faculty members. This year's Supervisory/Confidential Achievement Award was presented to Coordinator of HR Operations Tina Middleton, and CSEA Achievement Awards were presented to Adrienne Sandvik, Jeanette Hernandez, and Maryfran Marecic. Project of the Year was awarded to our 89-person Return to Campus Team, and the Department of the Year Awards were presented to Campus Graphics and Student Health Services.

Hancock Students Win AGS Scholarships

Hancock students Joshua Paiz and Rebecca Martinez were selected to receive the [Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society's](#) Kathleen Loly Scholarship award. This scholarship is highly competitive and awarded to AGS members who earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above and complete at least 60 semester units by the end of the spring term. Congratulations to Joshua and Rebecca for their achievements!



AHC Spring Choir Concert

Hancock's talented choir students will perform their spring choral show, "The Magic of Mozart", on May 14 and May 15 in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. The May 14 performance will take place at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 305 E. Anapamu St. in Santa Barbara. Tickets are \$15 for general admittance and \$10 for students and seniors. The May 15 performance will take place at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 402 S. Lincoln St. in Santa Maria. A \$10 donation is suggested for the Santa Maria performance.

Industry Spotlight Event

Hancock is inviting our industrial technology students to a special industry spotlight event on May 17. Participating students will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from GreetAtlas Copco Mafi-Trench Company and MarBorg Industries. Both companies will host meet-and-greet and Q&A session where students can learn more about employment opportunities and how to use their training to enter careers in industrial technology.



VP Forum

Hancock will host a candidate forum for the Associate Superintendent/Vice President of Student Services position on May 24, 2022 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The forum will also be streamed live online on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat, May 14	4:30-5 p.m.	EOPS/CARE/NextUp/CalWORKs Banquet	SM Elks, 1309 N. Bradley Rd
*Sat, May 14	7 p.m.	AHC Spring Choir Concert	305 E. Anapamu St in Santa Barbara
*Sun, May 15	3 p.m.	AHC Spring Choir Concert	402 S. Lincoln St. in Santa Maria
*Tues, May 17	11 a.m.-1:15 p.m.	Industry Spotlight Event	SM campus (O-307)
Thurs, May 19	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	PSTC, Lompoc
Fri, May 20	5 p.m.	Noncredit Graduation Ceremony	SM campus
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Hancock ASL Interpreter Steps Up to Assist VP Harris Visit

On the night of April 17, I received a call from a community member who told me that Vandenberg SFB needed an ASL interpreter for Vice President Kamala Harris' visit the following day! One call to Hancock's talented Julia Townsend and the day was saved. Julia was the lone interpreter for at least six different people during the vice president's visit - and she did it without the benefit of getting to see a script. Hancock is proud when our staff members step up and go above and beyond to serve others.

ASBG Earth Day

Hancock's Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) hosted an Earth Day Celebration on April 20 at the Santa Maria campus. Attendees were able to meet with various student groups and clubs, listen to special guest speakers, and have fun in an inflatable activities area during the event. The Lompoc Valley center also hosted an Earth Day event the previous day on April 19.



EOC Vaccine Clinic Debrief

On April 22, members of our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) teams met to conduct a detailed review of the college's COVID-19 vaccine clinic efforts. The group discussed the lessons learned from the project, and how the experience can inform and improve the college's emergency response protocols moving forward.

#AHCCountdown Reveal Event

You may have seen images from our colorful and mysterious #AHCCountdown teaser campaign around campus and on social media. These little hints point to an exciting surprise that we plan to reveal during a short ceremony on April 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Joe White Memorial Gym. We invite the Bulldog community to learn more at <https://bit.ly/ahccountdown>, and join us next week on Wednesday for this fun event.



The MESA, STEM, ENGAGE, and
ESTEEM Scholars Programs

cordially invite you to the

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION 2022

Student Achievement Celebration

Hancock's MESA, STEM, ENGAGE, and ESTEEM programs will host a student achievement celebration on May 13 from 4-6 p.m. outside building M on the Santa Maria campus. The ceremony will also feature special guest speaker and AHC MESA alumna Bianca Aleman. Dinner will be served at this event. Please RSVP with Carmen by May 3 if you wish to attend.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed, April 27	12:30 p.m.	AHC Countdown Reveal Event	SM campus (Gym)
Sat, April 30	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Summer and Fall Registration Rally	SM campus
Sat, May 7	8 a.m.	Viticulture and Enology 5k	SM campus
*Fri, May 13	4-6 p.m.	Student Achievement Celebration	SM campus
Thurs, May 19	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	PSTC, Lompoc
*Fri, May 20	5 p.m.	Noncredit Graduation	SM campus
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Student Success: The Boys and Girls Club Gala celebrated one of our students, Lisete Vazquez, at their gala on Saturday night. Lisete is a two time recipient of youth of the year and recently earned two degrees from AHC – both were auto-awarded! She has been accepted to Cal Poly and will be going there next year to prepare for a career in education in Santa Maria!



Welcome Dr. John Colson

Hancock is pleased to announce that John Colson, Ed.D., will join us as the college's interim vice president for student services. Dr. Colson served at Grossmont College and Coastline College before retiring last year from Mt. San Jacinto College. We look forward to welcoming him to campus. The job announcement for a permanent VPSS position has been posted, and Hancock will conduct a robust search for candidates with the goal of having a new VPSS hired by this summer.

Summer & Fall Class Search

Beginning Monday, April 11, Hancock students will be able to view summer and fall classes using the college's online Class Search tool. We are encouraging students to use Class Search to view available classes and prepare for priority and open registration later this month. Class Search can be accessed through Hancock's online student portal, and on the college's [website](#).



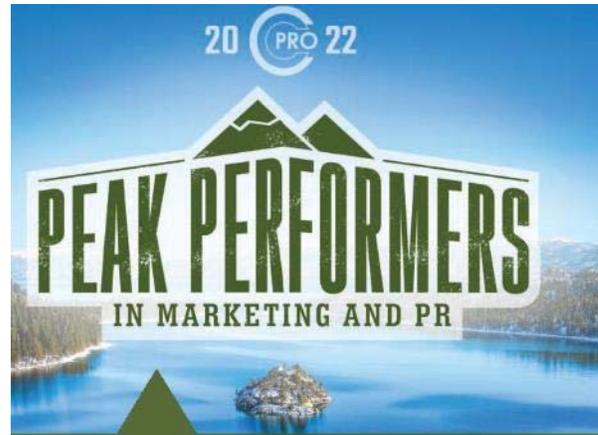


Viticulture and Enology 5K Fun Run

AHC’s Viticulture & Enology Club is hosting a 5k fun run on Saturday, May 7 at 8 a.m. to raise funds for the club's activities and programs. This 5k run and walk will take place at the Santa Maria campus. Discounted early bird tickets are available until April 16. After April 16, tickets will be \$45 for general admission and \$35 for Hancock students and staff. The race route will start at the track and end at the AHC Winery. Each participant will receive a shirt at the registration and a medal upon completion. To learn more and sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/ahc5k>.

Hancock Wins Big at CCPRO 2022 Awards

Hancock’s Public Affairs and Communications and Campus Graphics teams won several awards at the Community College Public Relations Organization’s (CCPRO) annual awards ceremony on April 7. Hancock won six awards total, including a first-place award for the media coverage of the college’s Asteroid Days events and two silver medals for the college’s Covid-19 communications and centennial commencement program respectively.



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Diversity Day

On March 30, our students and staff participated in a Diversity Day celebration at the Santa Maria campus. Hancock ASBG, BIGE, Chess, Fashion, and other student clubs hosted booths with food and information on a variety of cultures represented at Hancock. Students also enjoyed live music and food.

AHC Student Named PTK All-California Award Winner

Hancock student Heidi Roberts was selected as a 2022 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Award Winner this week. PTK recognizes the academic achievement of college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders. Winners are selected based on their grades, leadership, and community service. Heidi is one of 114 students selected for this honor. You can view the full list of this year's PTK All-California Award [here](#).



Covid-Testing and Prize Drawing

Our students and employees did an excellent job ensuring a safe and healthy return to campus after spring break. A total of 630 individuals took a Covid-19 test on-campus between March 27 and March 29. Only one positive result was reported (an off-campus student), resulting in a positivity rate of 0.15 percent. A total of 10 employees and 12 students won prizes as the result of drawing of all those who tested during that three-day period.

CORE Graduation

After 220 hours of intensive training, nine recruits graduated Hancock’s CORE Custody Academy on April 1 at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. All nine of the CORE Academy graduates will go on to work as custody deputies for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office.



Career Exploration Day

Hancock hosted 1,500 local high school students and more than 100 area businesses at its 16th annual Career Exploration Day on April 1 at the Santa Maria campus. Students not only met with local businesses and Hancock faculty, but were also invited to tour Hancock’s Santa Maria campus, watch demonstrations from the college’s career and technical education programs, and were treated to performances from Hancock’s dance and music students, as well as an “upcycle” fashion show from Hancock’s Fashion and Design Club.

Transfer Stars Recognition Ceremony

Hancock’s University Transfer Center will continue its tradition of honoring graduates who are transferring to a university with a special Drive-Thru “Transfer Stars” recognition ceremony on May 25 from 4-6 p.m. We are encouraging our transfer grads to start registering to participate in this event on the [UTC Transfer Stars webpage](#).



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SMHS Visits AHC

In a program coordinated by Gemma Garcia, more than 100 students from the Santa Maria High School Mexican American Studies class came to Hancock on Thursday. They took a campus tour, heard from a student panel and took in PCPA's production of *Mother Road* (special shout-out to the PCPA company for the special 10 AM showing!).



President's Roundtable

On March 24, Hancock invited local high school superintendents and principals to an informal, in-person President's Roundtable Reception event at the AHC Winery. In addition to keeping our K-12 partners up-to-date on how Hancock is changing the odds for area students, the group also enjoyed food, wine made by our talented viticulture and enology students, and music.

Dr. Ornelas Named As SBCCD Vice Chancellor

At the March 24 meeting of the San Bernardino Community College District, Dr. Nohemy Ornelas was named as SBCCD's first-ever Vice Chancellor for Educational and Student Support Services. We are proud that Dr. Ornelas is taking the next step in her career. As an AHC graduate, she personifies both the "start here, go anywhere" motto and our new motto that shows what happens when we *change the odds*. We will have time for a formal farewell soon and are in the process of finding an interim superintendent/vice president at AHC. We anticipate launching the search for a permanent replacement in April and completing that process prior to commencement.





YFRA Club Central Valley Visit

Students in Hancock’s Young Farmers & Ranchers of America club spent two days touring California’s Central Valley with Agriculture Coordinator Erin Krier and Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau Executive Director Teri Bontrager. The group’s activities included tours of the Kern County Water Agency banks and the Setton Farms dairy and pistachio farm.

COVID-19 Testing Prize Drawings

To encourage a safe and healthy return to classes after Spring Break, Hancock is entering any currently enrolled student or staff member who takes a Covid-19 test on campus between March 27 and March 29 into a prize drawing. Prizes include televisions, AirPods, and Bluetooth speakers. This opportunity will be available to those who take tests at the Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center.



Extended FAFSA Deadline

The deadline for students to submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or DREAM Act application has been extended to April 1. Hancock is encouraging any students who have not already applied to take advantage of this extension. Students who have questions about the application process or the extension are encouraged to contact Hancock’s Cal-SOAP office.

Jayci Bayne Named To All-State Team

Hancock sophomore Jayci Bayne was named to the California Community College Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-State team this week. This makes her the first Hancock women's basketball player to earn All-State honors since 1993. You can read more about Bayne’s achievement in the [Lompoc Record](#).



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Fri, March 25	All Day	Campus Closed for Spring Break Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Wed, March 30	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Diversity Day Celebration	SM campus
Wed, March 31	5-6 p.m.	Faculty Art Show Closing Reception	SM campus
Fri, April 1	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Career Exploration Day	SM campus
Fri, April 1	2-5 p.m.	Upcycle Fashion Show	SM campus (Winery)
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Updated Testing and Masking Protocols

Hancock is making sure our students are aware of the updated Covid-19 masking and testing protocols going into effect on Monday, March 14. In addition to sending our students the information via email, text message, and social media, we've also included the updated protocol on the college's [Covid-19 webpage](#) and created a [helpful video](#) outlining the changes. In addition, we are also swapping out signage related to masking and replacing it with new signage reflecting the updated protocols.

MESA/STEM Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

I'd like to thank the members of the board for joining us on March 8 to celebrate the grand opening of Hancock's MESA/STEM Academic Success Center. It was exciting to introduce the students, staff, and community members who attended the event to this excellent new building, and to let them know about all the great work our MESA/STEM program does to change the odds for Hancock students.



Nutrition Day

Hancock's Nutrition and Wellness Club hosted a Nutrition Day event outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center on March 10. Attendees were able to visit with staff and students, get important information about nutrition and healthy eating, try free food from AHC's culinary students, and pick up a free "swag bag" and lunch. The event coincided with our weekly student-only food share program.

Career Carnival

On March 11, our Career Carnival traveled to Fesler Junior High School in Santa Maria. Students were able to watch demonstrations from Hancock’s Career and Technical Education programs, participate in fun career-oriented activities, and explore possible college and career paths through our new Guided Pathways framework.

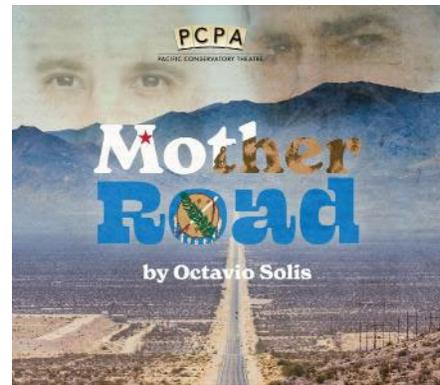


“Upcycle” Fashion Show

Students in Hancock’s Fashion and Design Club will show off their creativity with an “upcycle” fashion show on April 1 from 2-5 p.m. at the AHC Winery. All the outfits for the show were created using donated clothing. Admission is free, but pizza and appetizers will be available for a \$15 donation. All proceeds will benefit the AHC Fashion and Design Club.

PCPA Presents “Mother Road”

PCPA began its production on Octavio Solis’ "Mother Road" on March 10. The play. Which runs through March 27, is inspired by John Steinbeck’s *The Grapes of Wrath*, and picks up 90 years after Steinbeck’s masterpiece. PCPA will also host a free event "The Road Home" on March 13 at 1:30 p.m. in Guadalupe City Hall at 918 Obispo St, Guadalupe. The Road Home is an exciting conversation between renowned authors Dr. Francisco Jiménez and Octavio Solis, who will share how life on the Central Coast and the writing of John Steinbeck inspired their work. You can learn more and get tickets at <https://www.pcpa.org/MotherRoad>.



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
March 15-16	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Mid-Term Brain Break	LVC
Sat, March 19	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Community Food Share	SM campus
Thurs, March 24	4 p.m.	President’s Roundtable	SM campus
*Wed, March 30	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Diversity Day Celebration	SM campus
Wed, March 31	5-6 p.m.	Faculty Art Show Closing Reception	SM campus
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Bellwether Presentation

This week, we traveled to the 2022 Bellwether College Consortium's College Futures Assembly in San Antonio, TX, to make the case for how Hancock's "Credit Where Credit's Due" auto degree-awarding program has changed the odds for our students. While Hancock was not selected as a Bellwether award recipient, we were proud to be named as finalists and to be able to share the inspiring stories of the students who benefited from the program, as well as how our college rose to the challenge of removing barriers and supporting student success.

LVC Launch to College

Students from Cabrillo High School and Lompoc High School visited the Lompoc Valley Center to participate in a Launch to College event on March 4. During the event, Hancock's staff welcomed these new Bulldogs and conducted new student orientations, answered questions about registering for classes, reviewed financial aid information, and provided information about important student support services and resources.



Evening Childcare Program

The Orfalea Children's Center at the Santa Maria campus is once again offering free evening childcare for eligible student-parents of children 3-5 years old who qualify for Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) services. The CCAMPIS program supports low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based child care services. Enrollment and the hours of care are based on the students' class schedules and units enrolled. Eligible student-parents can also receive 2 hours of study time per unit. Parents interested in the program can learn more and apply by visiting the [Children's Center webpage](#).

MESA/STEM Academic Success Center Ribbon Cutting

On March 8, Hancock will celebrate the grand opening of its new MESA/STEM Academic Success Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. in front of building M500. The ceremony will include remarks from special guest speakers, including Cesia Cazares, a Hancock MESA/STEM alumnus and Cal Poly graduate who currently works as a mechanical engineer for Northrup Grumman.



Athletics Golf Tournament

AHC Athletics' Final Fore Golf Tournament is just one month away and spots to play are filling up quickly. This inaugural tournament takes place April 4 will feature a day of golf, prizes, food, drinks, and more at the inaugural at the beautiful Santa Maria Country Club. Later in the day, participants will be invited to a special viewing party at the clubhouse to watch the NCAA National Championship Final Four basketball game. You can learn more and sign up at <https://athletics.hancockcollege.edu/.../20220214t3ajlg>.

Short-Term Spring Classes

Hancock is encouraging students to sign up for short-term spring classes to earn additional college credits. These short-term classes, many of which are available in online formats begin March 28 and run for between 6-8 weeks. Students can register for these short-term classes at <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/shortterm/>.



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Tues, March 8	3 p.m.	MESA/STEM Grand Opening	SM campus
March 9-12	7 p.m.	<i>¡Folklorico!</i> Dance Performances	Ethel Pope Auditorium, SMHS
Thurs, March 10	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Vaccine and Booster Clinic	SM campus
March 15-16	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Mid-Term Brain Break	LVC
Sat, March 19	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Community Food Share	
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FFA Field Day

High school students from local campuses and across California traveled to Hancock on Feb. 19 to compete in a variety of agriculture-based contests as part of an [FFA Field Day Competition](#). The event, hosted by AHC's agriculture program, helped kick off National FFA Week, which highlights the impact of the FFA program on students interested in agricultural careers.

Black History Celebration

Hancock students, staff, and faculty showed up in force to celebrate Black History Month on Feb. 23 at the Santa Maria campus. This event, hosted by Hancock's ASBG, featured food, entertainment, and several guest speakers. Thank you to every student and staff member who worked to make this inspiring and educational event happen.

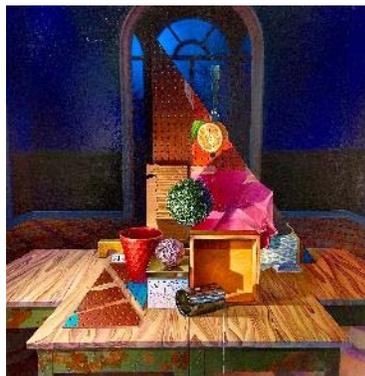


Equity Summit

Faculty, staff, students, and community members gathered to participate in Hancock's annual Equity Summit on Feb. 25. This in-person event featured several amazing guest speakers, including AHC alumnus Adrian Galvan of the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, and focused on how we can work together as a college and a community to foster a more equitable and inclusive environment for students.

Rodeo Club Barrel Race Fundraiser

On Feb. 27, members of Hancock’s Rodeo Club hosted a barrel racing contest and fundraiser at the Santa Maria Elks Event Center. The event drew nearly 1,000 participants from across all age groups. While the members of the Rodeo Club did not compete in this event, they assisted with manning gates and barrels during the competition.

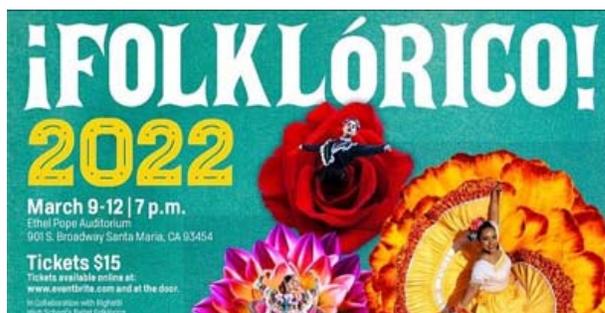


Faculty Art Exhibition

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is displaying the imagination and talent of our Hancock faculty at its annual Faculty Art Exhibition. The exhibition runs through March 10, and features paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, digital media, video, installation, and even dance. Featured faculty artists include Adrienne Allebe, Shane Anderson, Teri Brown, Kris Doe, Glenn Hiramatsu, John Hood, Kam Jacoby, Mike McNutt, Lauren Rayburn, TC Reiner, Michelle Simonson, Sydney Sorenson, Laura-Susan Thomas, Patrick Trimbath, Mark Velasquez, Candace Vosburg, Nancy Jo Ward, and Tim Webb.

jFolklorico! Dance Performance Returns

Hancock’s dance program is proud to announce the return of the annual Folklorico Celebration of Mexican Dance Culture. The show, which features a variety of traditional and contemporary *Folklorico* dance performances, will take place on March 9 through March 12 at Santa Maria High School’s Ethel Pope Auditorium. Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) by searching “Santa Maria *Folklorico*”.



Save the date:

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Thurs, March 10	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Vaccine and Booster Clinic	SM campus
Tues, March 8	3 p.m.	MESA/STEM Grand Opening	SM campus
*March 9-12	7 p.m.	<i>jFolklorico!</i> Dance Performances	Ethel Pope Auditorium, SMHS
*March 15-16	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Mid-Term Brain Break	LVC
Thurs, March 24	5-6 p.m.	Faculty Art Show Closing Reception	SM Campus
Fri, April 1	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Career Exploration Day	SM campus

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[Swimming Continues Action at WSC Meet #1](#)
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[Bayne Reaches Career Milestone in Women's Basketball Win](#)
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passed away last year. As it happened, I was able to share this news with my friend on what turned out to be the day before Miss Weaver's birthday. It's a small world, but sometimes it's just small enough to remember how connected we all are.

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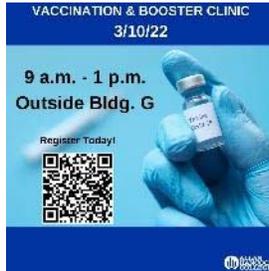


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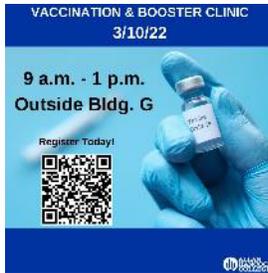


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[Baez Tabbed as Northern Santa Barbara County Male Athlete of the Week](#)

[Bulldogs Use Late Surge to Secure Win Over Cuesta](#)

[Golf Places 5th at WSC Opener, Wellenkamp Ties for Third](#)

[Women's Basketball Completes Season Sweep After Road Win at Cuesta](#)

Television Highlights

KSBY [Allan Hancock men's basketball wins fourth straight with a win over Cuesta 66-51](#)

[Allan Hancock men's basketball tops Cuesta 86-70](#)

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Newspaper Highlights

[Hancock Trustee Takes Reins of Los Amigos de Guadalupe](#)

[Hancock's Baez and Santa Ynez' Ortiz named Athletes of the Week](#)

[Roses & Raspberries: Volunteers, public transportation, and the City of Santa Maria](#)

[Shake It Off](#)

[Allan Hancock College Bulldogs enjoy winning weekend on the court and diamond](#)

[Baseball: Hancock has high hopes after solid 2021 campaign](#)

[PCPA brings newest production 'As You Like It' to Marian Theatre starting Feb. 17](#)

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ACCT National Legislative Summit

On Feb. 6-9, Hancock joined more than 800 representatives from community colleges across the U.S. in Washington D.C. to participate in the [2022 Community College National Legislative Summit \(NLS\)](#). Hosted by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) in collaboration with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the summit offered participants the chance to meet with their representatives in Congress and take part in workshops, panels, and lectures.

Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock hosted a spring Bulldog Bow-WOW event at the Santa Maria campus on Feb. 9. Hundreds of our students enjoyed the sunny weather as they chatted with representatives from AHC clubs, academic programs, and community organizations while enjoying free food and entertainment. The Lompoc Valley Center will host its own Bow-WOW event on Feb. 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

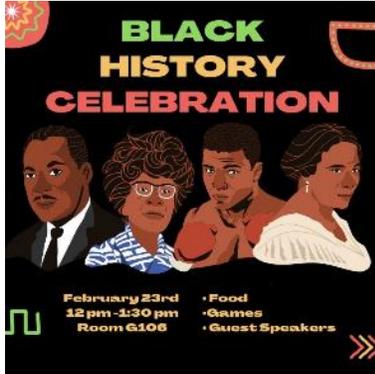


Rotary Club Donation

The Rotary Club of Santa Maria helped Hancock change the odds for students with a [generous donation](#) to support scholarships for our nursing program. Hancock would like to thank the members of the club, including Noon Rotary Foundation Chairperson Tom Martinez.

Hancock Hosts FFA Field Day

Hancock's agriculture program invited high school students from across California to compete in an FFA "Field Day" event on Feb. 12 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Santa Maria campus. More than 125 students from 14 schools are expected to compete, including local students representing Santa Maria, Pioneer Valley, Righetti, and Lompoc high schools. The students will participate in soil and land evaluation, vegetable crop judging, and veterinary science competitions



Black History Month Celebration

Hancock's ASBG will host a Black History Month Celebration on Feb. 23 from 12 -1:30 p.m. at the Mechanics Bank Student Center. This free event is open to all students, staff, and faculty, and will feature food, games, entertainment, and special guest speakers.

Save the date:

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New AHC Foundation Board Members

The Allan Hancock College Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks as the organization continues its mission to support the college and its students in Northern Santa Barbara County. The Hancock Foundation Board unanimously elected Gloria Soto and Larry Lahr to serve three-year terms. Both Gloria and Larry are dedicated public servants who are deeply committed to their communities. We are particularly proud that they are also both Hancock alumni.

eCHECKUP To GO

Hancock students can now access eCHECKUP TO GO, a free, researched-based online tool designed to motivate students to reduce their consumption of alcohol, tobacco products, and cannabis using personalized information about their own use and risk factors. The eCHECKUP To Go program is a personalized, evidence-based online behavior intervention developed by counselors and psychologists at San Diego State University.



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Booster Vaccination Incentive Program

Starting Feb. 7, Hancock is offering a \$10 gift card to all currently enrolled spring 2022 students who have received their COVID-19 booster vaccine. To be eligible, students must be registered for the spring 2022 semester and be able to provide proof of a booster vaccination and a photo ID to the Santa Maria campus or the LVC Cashier's office.



MESA/STEM Center Grand Opening

Hancock will celebrate the grand opening of the new MESA/STEM Academic Success Center (Bldg. M-500) on March 8 at 3 p.m. The event will feature brief remarks from MESA/STEM program representatives as and an opportunity to tour the new building, which will serve as a place for the college's MESA/STEM students to relax, study, and access important resources to support their academic path. Please let Carmen know if you wish to RSVP to attend this event.

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Mon, Feb. 7	10 a.m.- 2p.m.	Blood Drive	SM campus
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Spring Classes Begin

Hancock welcomed students back to campus for spring classes on Jan. 24. Our student information booths were once again manned by administrators, staff, trustees, and student-leaders who helped more than 700 students during the first two days of classes. Hancock also thanks all of the staff and workers at our campus health check-in stations for ensuring students returned to a safe and healthy campus.

On-Campus Vaccination Clinic

Hancock partnered with Albertsons to host a Covid-19 vaccination and booster shot clinic on Jan. 27 at the Santa Maria campus. The clinic was open to students, employees, and the public. Current Hancock students who received a booster shot were also able to pick up a \$10 gift card as a “thank you” for doing their part to keep Hancock healthy this spring.



Blood Drive

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Tax Assistance Program

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2022 “Equity Allies” Summit

Hancock will host its annual Equity Summit in person on Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Veterans Memorial Building on 313 W Tunnell St, Santa Maria. This year’s summit theme is “Equity Allies” and will promote multicultural competency and awareness of implicit bias, Breakfast and lunch will be provided. You can learn more and register at <https://bit.ly/2022equity>.

Save the date:

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Fri, Jan 28	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Bulldog Bound Event	SM campus
Mon, Feb. 7	10 a.m.- 2p.m.	Blood Drive	SM campus
Tues, Feb. 8	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM campus
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COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC
1/27/22

10 am - 2 pm
Outside Bldg. G

Register Today!





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Spring Commerical

Hancock's new spring commercial is running on local television stations, in area movie theaters, and online. The 30-second commercial features Hancock student Rebecca Martinez, a military veteran and mother of two who came back to school after 15 years and is now a 4.0 STEM student aiming to become a high school science teacher. She is a great example of how Hancock is changing the odds for our students. You can view the commercial on the [AHC Youtube page](#).

LE Academy Graduation

Eighteen recruits graduated from Hancock's Basic Law Enforcement Academy on Dec. 15 at the college's Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. The graduating recruits of Class #21-122 gathered with their friends and families to celebrate the completion of more than 830 training hours required to graduate from the academy and enter careers as peace officers. All 18 academy graduates are now employed by local law enforcement agencies.



Winter Cash For College Workshops

Hancock is inviting high school seniors and their parents to attend winter Cash for College workshops at the Santa Maria campus on Dec. 20-22 and Dec. 27-29. Students who attend these workshops can get assistance filling out their FAFSA and DREAM Act applications and start their Hancock Promise steps. As a bonus, seniors from participating Cal-SOAP high schools who complete and submit their 2022-2023 FAFSA or CA Dream Act applications by Dec. 31 will be eligible to win one of 40 Grad Night tickets valued up to \$240.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!
Let Cal-SOAP staff help you complete your 2022-2023 FAFSA or California Dream Act app. So fill in and complete your promise steps.

LOCATION: Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria Campus
Student Services, Building 8, Room 103

TIME: Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DATES: Monday, December 20 through Wednesday, December 22, 2021
Monday, December 27 through Wednesday, December 29, 2021
No appointment necessary, plus parking is free.



Community Food Share

Hancock is hosting another drive-through community food distribution event this Saturday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. on the Santa Maria campus. This event is open to all students and members of the community, who will be able to drive up and receive food from the Food Bank of Santa Barbara, pre-bagged and distributed by our Student Ambassadors.



“Valley of Light” Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

The Santa Barbara County Arts Commission is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the [“Valley of Light”](#) art installation on Jan. 19 at 5:15 p.m. outside the Betteravia Government Center at the intersection of Betteravia Road and Miller Road. The installation was designed by AHC Art and Design Professor Nancy Jo Ward. The event is being held at dusk so attendees can experience the installation’s dynamic lighting animation, which is controlled by an astronomical clock.

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*Sat, Dec. 18	10 a.m.	Community Food Distribution	SM campus
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Angel Tree

On Dec. 6, our Hancock family was once again able to gather in-person to support the children of our students at our annual Angel Tree gift donation program event. We are grateful for all the administrators, faculty, employees, and community members who participated in this year's Angel Tree program, which brought joy to many children and their parents this holiday season.

Student Voice Performance

Students in Hancock's fall voice class braved the chilly weather to put on a fall performance for their fellow Bulldogs on Dec. 8. The students performed a variety of music including classical, popular, and even some show tunes.



Nursing Graduation

Sixty-four students graduated from Hancock's nursing program on Dec. 9, continuing the college's legacy of training highly-skilled healthcare workers. The graduating class included 33 graduates from Hancock's associate degree nursing program and 31 graduates from the college's vocational nursing program. In two separate ceremonies at the college's Santa Maria campus, both groups received commemorative pins marking their accomplishments.

Fire Academy and EMS Graduations

Hancock celebrated 53 cadets who graduated from the college’s Fire Academy and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program in two separate ceremonies on Dec. 10 at the Public Safety Training Complex (PSTC) in Lompoc. A total of 22 cadets graduated from the Fire Academy as part of Battalion 148, and 31 cadets graduated from the college’s EMS program.



Los Olivos Rotary Donation

The Los Olivos Rotary is changing the odds for Hancock students with a major gift to support AHC students training for the trades. This generous \$10,000 donation will provide tuition support, awards, and help with buying tools. Hancock also extends a special thanks to Rich Nagler for his leadership in making this donation happen.

Dana Elementary School Visit

This week, students from Dana Elementary School were invited to watch and explore Hancock’s STEM and CTE programs at the Santa Maria campus. The highlight of their field trip included a visit to Professor John Gerrity’s machining and manufacturing shop, where they took a tour and viewed a demonstration of the shop’s state-of-the-art equipment.



Guadalupe Middle School Leadership Camp

Sixth-grade students from Guadalupe Middle school were invited to participate in a Bulldog Bound Leadership Camp this week. The camp was run in partnership with Hancock’s Career Center and focused on encouraging the participating student to build their leadership skills and encourage them to explore the opportunities of a college education through educational and team-building activities.

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Mon, Dec. 13	All Day	Winter Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed, Dec. 15	9-11 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	LVC
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*Fri, Jan 28	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Bulldog Bound Event	SM campus

WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: Mr. Jeffery Hall
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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

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Gene Haas Foundation Donation

On Nov. 30, the [Gene Haas Foundation](#) helped change the odds for our students by donating \$25,000 to Hancock's machining and manufacturing program. This generous donation will directly support students in the machining and manufacturing program, which Haas representatives have said is "at the top of the list" when it comes to producing highly-skilled students who are prepared to enter the machining and manufacturing industry.

Study-A-Thon

Student Activities is hosting a series of Study-A-Thons to help students prepare for their final exams. The Study-A-Thon events are offered in-person and virtually at the Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center on Dec. 2, Dec. 6, and Dec. 7. Participating students can take advantage of tutoring and enjoy free food during these events. You can learn more at <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/studyathon/index.php>.



\$5 PCPA Tickets for Hancock Students

PCPA is offering all Hancock students discounted tickets for the Dec. 8 matinee showing of *The Secret Garden*. The discounted tickets are just \$5 for students who show proof of their student ID at purchase. Students interested in obtaining tickets for the Dec. 8 performance can call PCPA at 805-933-8313. Additional information about PCPA's current season is available at <https://www.pcpa.org>.

Veterans Success Center “Adopts” Casa de Flores

Hancock’s Veterans Success Center is collecting donations of various items to help veterans in need at the [Casa de Flores](#) (AKA Camp Flores) facility this holiday season. Needed items include gift cards, socks, sheets, blankets, home cleaning supplies, and toiletries. Donations can be dropped off at the Veterans Success Center in bldg. G-101 or bldg. A-304



ANGEL TREE GIFT DRIVE

Support the children of Hancock students!



Angel Tree Donations

We’re in our final push for this season’s Angel Tree donation drive. In years past, we distributed all of the tags with ease but this year we have many more families that we are helping. As of Dec. 3, there are still about 70 tags left on the Santa Maria campus, and 100% of the tags for the LVC angel tree have been claimed. Tags are still available on the tree in the Mechanics Bank Student Center or [online](#), and the deadline to return them is Dec. 6. This year’s Angel Tree Celebration will take place Dec. 7 from 3-4:40 p.m. in the Severson Theatre and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in bldg. 1-202/203 at the LVC.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat, Dec. 4	7 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	First Methodist Church, Santa Barbara
Sun, Dec. 5	2 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	St. Mark's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, Los Olivos
*Mon, Dec. 6	5-10 p.m.	Study-A-Thon	SM campus
*Mon, Dec. 6	5-8 p.m.	Study-A-Thon	LVC
*Tues, Dec. 7	5-10 p.m.	Study-A-Thon	SM campus
*Tues, Dec. 7	5-8 p.m.	Study-A-Thon	LVC
*Tues, Dec. 7	11 a.m. -1 p.m.	Angel Tree Celebration LVC	LVC
*Tues, Dec. 7	3-4:30 p.m.	Angel Tree Celebration SM	SM campus
*Wed, Dec. 8	1:30 p.m.	PCPA \$5 Student Matinee	Marian Theatre
Mon, Dec. 13	All Day	Winter Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Dec. 23-24	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	All Campuses
Dec. 30-31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	All Campuses

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CARE Turkey Giveaway

For the thirteenth year in a row, Hancock's CARE program [provided students](#) who are single parents with a turkey and other Thanksgiving meal items free of charge. Ninety families stopped by CARE's "Turkey Fest" booth outside the college's Santa Maria campus on Nov. 23. This year, our generous Hancock community donated nearly \$4,000 to provide these meals to single-parent students in the college's EOPS, NextUp, CalWORKs, Rising Scholars, Guardian Scholars, AIM to Dream, CAN/TRIO, Veterans, LAP, Noncredit Counseling, and Basic Needs programs.



AHCPD Special Olympics Torch Run

On Nov. 19, members of the AHC Police Department joined with officers from neighboring law enforcement agencies and volunteers from Santa Barbara County to participate in the 35th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for the [Special Olympics](#). Each year, over 97,000 members of law enforcement from across the country carry the "Flame of Hope". The flame symbolizes courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

Shopping with Spike

With the gift-giving season just around the corner, the AHC Foundation is encouraging our Hancock community to support Hancock students while shopping on Amazon. Amazon users can select the Foundation as the recipient of their Amazon Smile donations, which will donate a percentage of their purchases to directly help Hancock students. You can learn more on the [Amazon Smile webpage](#).

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You shop. Amazon gives.



Veterans Success Center “Adopts” Casa de Flores

Hancock’s Veterans Success Center will be helping veterans in need at the [Casa de Flores](#) (AKA Camp Flores) facility this holiday season. The Veterans Success Center will be collecting donations for various items needed by Casa de Flores, a home for veterans in Santa Maria run by the nonprofit [Echo Group](#). The Veterans Success Center will provide additional information on how to donate to this program later this month.

Asteroid Days

Our partnership with NASA to celebrate the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) Mission concluded on Nov. 23 with a packed house at the Lompoc Valley Center to view the mission’s launch from Vandenberg Space Force Base. The launch viewing concluded two days of expos and workshops at the Santa Maria campus as part of AHC Asteroid Days. Hancock was very excited to work with NASA and get our community excited about the agency’s work as well educational opportunities in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).



AMDA DAY

On Dec. 3, Hancock’s dance program will welcome representatives from the AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts to campus. The AMDA representatives will teach dance classes for our students, and hold auditions for students applying for a scholarship to attend the college. You can learn more about AMDA at <https://www.amda.edu>.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs, Nov. 25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	All Campuses
Fri, Nov. 26	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	All Campuses
*Thurs, Dec. 2	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Childrens COVID Vaccine Clinic	SM campus
*Fri, Dec. 3	All day	AMDA Day	SM Campus
Sat, Dec. 4	7 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	First Methodist Church, Santa Barbara
Sun, Dec. 5	2 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	St. Mark's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, Los Olivos
Mon, Dec. 13	All Day	Winter Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Hancock Student Wins Cal Poly Elevator Pitch Competition

Hancock students continue to achieve amazing things on and off-campus. This week, Hancock student Ruby Ramirez was named as one of the three winners of the Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship's 12th annual Elevator Pitch Competition. Ramirez's 90-second startup pitch earned her a \$1,000 prize. You can read more about the Elevator Pitch Competition in this article from [Mustang News](#).

Hancock Alum Selected For USNA Submarine Program

Hancock alumni also continue to achieve greatness. Bulldog grad Annalise Ketz has been accepted into the [United States Naval Academy's](#) prestigious submarine program. Ketz was accepted into the program following multiple rigorous interviews and by demonstrating the technical prowess, confidence, and competence required to enter this demanding program.



Student Farm Stand

Hancock's Introduction to Agribusiness class reopened its on-campus farm stand this week. Students held their first farm stand of fall on Oct. 19 at the Santa Maria campus, selling lettuce, kale, chard, and other student-grown produce. The farm stand was held in concert with a student and faculty art show and a special wine tasting event in partnership with the college's Multimedia Arts Club and the AHC Winery.

Toys for Tots

The Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society is collecting donations for Toys for Tots. AGS is asking for any students or staff interested in participating in the toy drive to drop off donations in the designated bin in the Mechanics Bank Student Center near the Student Activities office.



Angel Tree

As the holiday season approaches, our Student Services team has expanded our Angel Tree program beyond the traditional EOPS/CARE programs to include veterans, LAP students, Rising Scholars, Aim To Dream students, and non-credit students. As a result, we have our highest family and child count ever – 121 families with more than 250 children. To participate in this Hancock holiday tradition, drop by the student center to grab a tag from the Angel Tree, or visit the [Angel Tree webpage](#) to get an electronic tag or simply make a donation.

NASA Moon Rock Workshop

To kick off our [Asteroid Days](#) celebration, eleven local high school teachers will attend a NASA-led workshop at Hancock to earn certification to bring real moon rocks and meteorites into their classrooms. During the Nov. 20 workshop, participating teachers will be able to examine samples of materials collected from the moon, Mars, and asteroids. By participating in the workshop, these teachers will earn certification to borrow NASA meteorite samples and actual Apollo lunar samples to bring into their classrooms.



Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat, Nov. 20	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	NASA Moon Rock and Meteorite Workshop	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 20	7 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Santa Maria
Nov. 22	11 a.m.-6 p.m.	AHC Asteroid Days Expo Day 1	SM campus, Student Center
Nov. 23	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	AHC Asteroid Days Expo Day 2	SM campus, Student Center
Nov. 23	9 p.m.-12 a.m.	DART Launch Viewing	LVC
Tues, Nov. 23	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CARES Turkey Giveaway	SM Campus
Sat, Dec. 4	7 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	First Methodist Church, Santa Barbara

Sun, Dec. 5	2 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	St. Mark's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, Los Olivos
Mon, Dec. 13	All Day	Winter Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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National First-Gen Student Day

On Nov. 8, Hancock's CAN-TRIO program celebrated National First-Generation College Student Day. The group invited first-generation students to watch a live-streamed panel from Washington D.C., network with other first-generation Hancock students, and learn more about how the CAN-TRIO program supports first-generation students. To learn more about National First-Generation College Student Day, visit <https://firstgen.naspa.org>.

Mental Health and Wellness Summit

On Nov. 9, Hancock Student Health Services, Transitions- Mental Health Association, and Lived Experiences Advocacy Development (LEAD) hosted a free community summit on mental health and wellness. This year's virtual summit focused on the impact of systematic racism, social inequality, and poverty on the mental health of underserved communities. This was the third year SHS, TMHA, and LEAD hosted the summit.



Book Giveaway

Hancock's Writing Center held its annual book giveaway outside the Academic Resource Center (ARC) on Nov. 10. Students and Hancock employees were able to stop by and choose from more than 100 books, including children's books, fiction, nonfiction, and even some textbooks.

Asteroid Days Augmented Reality

This week we [announced](#) our exciting partnership with NASA to celebrate the launch of NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission. To help get the word out, our inventive Campus Graphics team created a series of augmented reality installations outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center. You can walk up to any of these "craters", scan the QR code using your phone's camera, and see a virtual 3D billboard promoting the [Asteroid Days Events](#).



CARES Turkey Giveaway

Hancock's CARE program is currently accepting donations for its 13th annual Turkey Giveaway. This year, CARE is expanding this fundraiser beyond the CARE program to serve single-parent families who participate in the EOPS, NextUp, CalWORKs, Rising Scholars, Guardian Scholars, AIM to Dream, CAN/TRIO, Veterans, LAP, Noncredit Counseling, and Basic Needs programs. Anyone who wants to help can make a tax-deductible donation to <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/careturkey>. The Turkey Giveaway event will take place on Nov. 23 from 8:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Upcoming Choir Performances

Hancock's choir is partnering with Santa Barbara City College and St. Mark's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church for a local touring performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria" and other selections beginning this month. The first performance will take place at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Santa Maria on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. Subsequent performances will take place in Santa Barbara and Los Olivos. Tickets for all performances are \$10 at the door.



Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thurs, Nov. 11	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Fri, Nov. 12	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Fri, Nov. 12	9 a.m.- 3 p.m.	AHC Formerly Incarcerated Student Visit UCSB Campus	UCSB campus
*Sat, Nov. 20	7 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Santa Maria
Nov. 22-23	Various Times	AHC Asteroid Days	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Nov. 23	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CARES Turkey Giveaway	SM Campus
*Sat, Dec. 4	7 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	First Methodist Church, Santa Barbara
*Sun, Dec. 5	2 p.m.	Hancock Choir Performance	St. Mark's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, Los Olivos
*Mon, Dec. 13	All Day	Winter Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Hancock Nominated For Aspen Prize

Hancock has once again has been named one of the nation's top 150 community colleges and is eligible to compete for the 2023 [Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence](#) and \$1 million in prize funds. This is the fifth time that Hancock has been recognized by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. Eligible colleges were identified out of more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds. You can learn more at <https://highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspenn-prize>.

Bellwether Award Nomination

Hancock was one of only 30 colleges nationwide [nominated for the prestigious 2022 Bellwether Award](#). Hancock is one of 10 colleges nationwide nominated in the Planning, Governance, and Finance category, which recognizes programs or activities that improve efficiency and effectiveness within a community college. Hancock was nominated for our automatic degree and certificate awarding program.



"Valley of Light" Art Installation

Hancock Professor Nancy Jo Ward's "Valley of Light" public art installation has [officially been installed](#) at the Betteravia Government Center. The installation includes seven tree-like sculptures with brightly colored, translucent acrylic leaves. The leaves will be lit by 100% solar-powered LED lights, connected to the new solar grid at the Government Center.

PepsiCo Promise Donation

The Allan Hancock College Foundation received a [generous \\$125,000 donation](#) this week from PepsiCo, Inc., to support the Hancock Promise campaign. The PepsiCo donation brings the total raised for the Promise fund to more than \$5.5 million of the foundation's \$10 million goal. Hancock is thankful for Pepsi's commitment to changing the odds for our students.

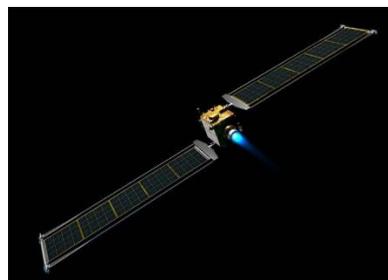


Hancock Debuts TimelyMD Telehealth Service for Students

As part of Hancock's ongoing efforts to prioritize the health and well-being of the campus community, students now have free and immediate access to medical and mental health support through [TimelyMD](#), a leading telehealth company specializing in higher education. Through the TimelyCare app on a phone or other device, Hancock students can now easily select from a wide-ranging menu of virtual care options from licensed physicians and counselors at no cost.

Signed Books Donated to AHC Library

My aunt spent her career as a librarian for the Dallas Independent School District and retired as the district director. Over the course of her career, she collected many children's books and recently donated signed several copies of those books to the AHC library.



Asteroid Days

Hancock is inviting students, employees, and the community to celebrate a special series of events with representatives from NASA in anticipation of the historic DART mission. The events (Nov. 20-23) include on-campus expos and workshops, resources for local teachers, and a live viewing of the DART launch on the evening of Nov. 23. You can learn more and view a schedule of events on our [Asteroid Days webpage](#). All events are free and open to the public.

Budget Book Update

The 2021-2022 Budget Book, as approved at the Sept. 14 board meeting was mailed to all trustees with the monthly meeting board book.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat, Nov. 6	2 p.m.	<i>No Exit</i> performance	SM campus
Sat, Nov. 6	All Day	Open registration for winter and spring classes	SM, LVC, Virtual
Tues, Nov. 9	6-7:30 p.m.	TMHA Mental Health Summit	Virtual
*Fri, Nov. 12	9 a.m.- 3 p.m.	AHC Formerly Incarcerated Student Visit UCSB Campus	UCSB campus

*Nov. 20-23	Various Times	AHC Asteroid Days	SM campus, LVC
*Tues, Nov. 23	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CARES Turkey Giveaway	SM Campus

WEEKLY UPDATE

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President's Circle Tours Fine Arts Complex

On Oct. 21, members of the AHC Foundation's President's Circle were invited to the Santa Maria campus for food, drink, and a tour of our Fine Arts Complex. Guests at the event included trustees Pensa and Levy, former trustee Larry Lahr, former state senator and California Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, and many more. The Fine Arts Complex construction remains underway and is scheduled to be complete in fall of 2022.

Machining and Manufacturing Field Trip

Professor John Gerrity and students from Hancock's machining and manufacturing program visited UCSB's NanoFabrication (NanoFab) Facility courtesy of UCSB Professor Demis John. Our students got a first-hand look at the state-of-the-art facility, which is dedicated to the research and manufacture of nanotechnology, a growing career sector.



Toothbrush Giveaway

On Oct. 26, our dental assisting program students promoted tooth and gum health by giving away free toothbrushes and oral health information outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center. Thanks to these hard-working students for taking time from their studies to serve and educate their fellow students. You can learn more about Hancock's dental assisting program on our new [Guided Pathways](#) website.

Empty Bowls Santa Maria

The Food Bank of Santa Barbara County is hosting its annual Santa Maria Empty Bowls event on Nov. 3 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Santa Maria Fairpark. Once again, students in our culinary arts program are serving their community by preparing more than 20 gallons of soup and helping fill to-go bowls for participants during the event. You can learn more about this year's Empty Bowls and buy tickets at the [Empty Bowls](#) website.



Dia De Los Muertos Memorial

The AHC Writing center is once again inviting students and employees to honor family, friends, and pets who have passed away as part of a *Dia De Los Muertos* celebration. Those who wish to participate can leave a photo or memento on the large memorial display set up in the Writing Center, or participate online by leaving a remembrance on a special [Dia De Los Muertos webpage](#). The memorial will be on display in the Writing Center through Nov. 6.

FREE Theater Production

Hancock's theater arts program will host a free performance of Jean Paul-Sartre's *No Exit* on Nov. 4-6 in the Fine Arts Courtyard at the Santa Maria campus. The showings on Nov 4 and Nov. 5 will begin at noon, and the Nov. 6 performance will start at 2 p.m.



Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat, Oct. 30	12-2 p.m.	Bulldog Bound-O-Ween	SM campus
*Wed, Nov. 3	11 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Empty Bowls	SM Fairpark
Mon, Nov. 1	All Day	Priority registration for winter and spring classes begins	SM, LVC, Virtual
*Nov. 4-5	12 p.m.	<i>No Exit</i> Performance	SM campus
Thurs, Nov. 4	6 p.m.	Artist Talk	Foxworthy Gallery, SM campus
*Sat, Nov. 6	2 p.m.	<i>No Exit</i> performance	SM campus
Sat, Nov. 6	All Day	Open registration for winter and spring classes	SM, LVC, Virtual
Tues, Nov. 9	6-7:30 p.m.	TMHA Mental Health Summit	Virtual

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Winter and Spring Class Search

Winter and spring classes are now live and available for students to view via [Class Search](#). Hancock is encouraging our students to take a look at available classes and modalities and prepare for winter and spring registration. Priority registration for winter and spring will run from Nov. 1-5, and open registration begins Nov. 6. Students can access Class Search via their myHancock portal, or through the [college's webpage](#).

Blind Date With a Book

The AHC Library is inviting students to participate in a Halloween-themed “blind date with a book”. Students can stop by the library through Nov. 1 and pick out a mystery “spooky” book chosen by library staff to take home.

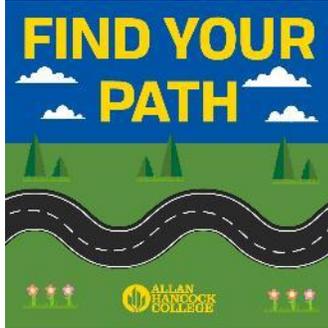


COVID and Flu Vaccine Clinic

Hancock is partnering with Albertsons to host a COVID-19 vaccine and flu shot clinic on Oct. 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center on the Santa Maria campus. The clinics are open to all Hancock students and employees. You can register for the COVID-19 vaccine clinic [here](#), and register for the flu shot clinic [here](#).

AHC Shows National Leadership

Hancock's work in changing the odds for students were featured in two national outlets this month. On Oct. 18, *Government Technology* published a [feature story](#) on the college's efforts to utilize cloud-based technology in response to challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Hancock's successful degree auto-awarding program was [featured](#) by the Association of Community College Trustees in their recent newsletter.



Guided Pathways Website

As our students prepare to register for winter and spring classes and consider their paths to graduation, Hancock is encouraging them to explore our new [Guided Pathways website](#). This easy-to-use, one-stop-shop helps current and potential Hancock's explore Hancock's degrees and certificates within our academic programs, view detailed program maps, plan for their future career by taking a career quiz, and more.

Mental Health Summit

For the third year, Hancock Student Health Services is partnering with Transitions- Mental Health Association and Lived Experiences Advocacy Development (LEAD) to host a free community summit on mental health and wellness. This year's summit will focus on the impact of systematic racism, social inequality, and poverty on the mental health of underserved communities. The summit will take place virtually on Nov. 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. You can register [here](#).



Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Oct. 22	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Virtual
Tues, Oct. 26	9-11 a.m.	Oral Health Promotion Booth	SM campus
Thurs, Oct. 28	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	COVID and Flu Vaccine Clinic	SM campus
Sat, Oct. 30	12-2 p.m.	Bulldog Bound-O-Ween	SM campus
Thurs, Nov. 4	6 p.m.	Artist Talk	Foxworthy Gallery, SM campus
Tues, Nov. 9	6-7:30 p.m.	Mental Health Summit	Virtual

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Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

On Oct. 13, Hancock's ASBG invited students and staff to an in-person, on-campus Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Attendees enjoyed free food, music by Hancock's Music Club, and a keynote address by Alma Hernandez, district representative for Santa Barbara County Third District Supervisor Joan Hartmann.

LVC Midterm "Brain Break"

Students at the Lompoc Valley Center were invited to relax and take a "Brain Break" from their midterms this week on Oct. 13 and Oct. 14. This fun event allowed students to destress with painting, puzzles, board games, adult coloring, and even an opportunity to "adopt" a houseplant.



National Disability Employment Awareness Month

In October, Americans observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month, paying tribute to the people with disabilities whose work helps keep the nation's economy strong. Hancock is inviting our staff and students to learn more about these important issues by participating in a series of virtual workshops on Oct. 12- Oct 20. You can view upcoming workshops and other information [here](#).

Community Food Share Event

Hancock continues to serve our community members in need by hosting a drive-through food share program at the Santa Maria campus. The next community food share program will take place this Saturday at 10 a.m. We also continue to serve students with a student-only food share event every Thursday at the Santa Maria campus and the Lompoc Valley Center.



Undocumented Student Week of Action

Hancock's Aim to DREAM Center will be working with our DREAMers and allies to provide support and awareness on issues affecting our immigrant community Oct. 18-Oct. 22 as part of an annual Undocumented Student Week of Action. We are encouraging our students and staff to take part in an informative series of virtual workshops on a variety of topics, including financial aid, wellness, immigration resources, and much more.

Bulldog Bound-O-Ween

For the second year in a row, we are inviting members of the community to join us for a family-friendly, drive-through Trick-or-Treating event on the Santa Maria campus on Oct. 30 from 12-2 p.m. Participants will remain in their vehicles during the event, and children will receive Halloween treats while supplies last. Participants will also be invited to join us after our Bulldog Bound-O-Ween for an AHC football game.



Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat, Oct. 16	10 a.m.	Community Food Share	SM campus
Mon, Oct. 18	All Day	Spring Class Search Opens	Virtual
Fri, Oct. 22	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Virtual
Tues, Oct. 26	9-11 a.m.	Oral Health Promotion Booth	SM campus
Sat, Oct. 30	12-2 p.m.	Bulldog Bound-O-Ween	SM campus
Thurs, Nov. 6	6 p.m.	Artist Talk	Foxworthy Gallery, SM campus

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Vaccine and Testing Requirements Begin

Vaccine and testing requirements for Hancock students began on Oct. 4. Students now must use our new Vax Check tool to either upload proof of vaccination or submit proof of a negative COVID-19 test within three days of coming to campus. As of Friday, more than 7,800 of our students are fully vaccinated and eligible for a “fast pass” to enter campus. We continue to communicate with students and staff, and continue to offer free testing on both the Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center.



Kate Adams Memorial

On Oct. 5, the Hancock community honored the passing of Professor Kate Adams with a public memorial ceremony on the Santa Maria campus. During her 25 years as an English professor at Hancock, she mentored and nurtured thousands of students on their educational journeys. She was also a devoted activist who volunteered many years of her life for the benefit of the Santa Maria community. You can watch a video of the ceremony [here](#).

SkillsUSA Student Seeks to Compete Internationally

Cristiana Flores, a Hancock welding student, was invited to SkillsUSA Worlds' pre-trials in welding. Since August, Christina has been applying her welding skills to various SkillsUSA projects. At the end of January, she will compete against six other students throughout the U.S. The finalist will be representing the U.S and will be going to Shanghai, China to compete against other students who will be representing other countries.



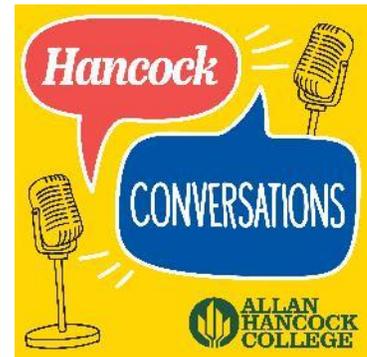


New Foxworthy Gallery Exhibition

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is featuring the works of the late Lucienne Bloch from Oct. 11 - Nov. 24, in an [exhibition](#) from her personal archives. Bloch (1909-1999) was an accomplished artist and close friend of artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. In addition to the exhibit, the gallery will also host a special in-person discussion with Lucienne Allen, Bloch’s granddaughter, on Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

Hancock’s Industrial Hemp Research Program is producing important research and preparing students for careers in a growing job sector. In this episode, we explored this exciting program with AHC Professor Dr. Anjali Misra and students Leticia Segoviano and Joey Kehoe. You can listen [here](#).



Dimensions in Dance

Hancock’s fall Dimensions in Dance performance will kick off with its first performance today Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. This year’s performance will be held outside on the Santa Maria Campus in the courtyard between buildings A and B. A second performance will occur on Oct. 9 at 5 p.m. Both performances are free to all attendees. You can watch a sneak preview of the show [here](#).

LEA Academy Featured By KCOY

Hancock’s Law Enforcement Academy continues to train the next generation of highly- skilled peace officers. That amazing work was highlighted by KCOY’s Scott Hennessy in [this news segment](#), which ran on Oct. 6. We continue to be proud of all the programs at the Public Safety Training Complex and glad that our community has the chance to get a glimpse of the great work they do.



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Sat, Oct. 9	5 p.m.	Dimensions In Dance	SM Campus
Mon, Oct. 11	All Day	Term 2 Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed, Oct. 13	Noon	Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration	SM Campus
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Thurs, Nov. 6	6 p.m.	Artist Talk	Foxworthy Gallery, SM campus

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AHC Vax Check Tool Rollout

As we prepare to enact the college's COVID-19 vaccine and testing requirements on Monday, Hancock released a new [Vax Check](#) online tool on Sept. 29. Vax Check will allow both our students and staff to upload their proof of vaccination or COVID test results. We are encouraging all of our fully vaccinated students to upload their proof of vaccination, get their student ID sticker, and pick up their \$250 Visa Gift card before Oct. 4. We also created helpful videos about the vaccine and testing requirements for [students](#) and [employees](#).

Student Virtual Town Hall Meetings

To further help our students prepare to meet the upcoming vaccination and testing requirements, Student Services hosted a series of virtual student town halls via Zoom between Sept. 29 and Oct. 1. The town halls covered helpful information about how to meet the new requirements and access campus after Oct. 4, and allowed the students to ask any questions they might have about the college's vaccine and testing requirements.



Cash for College

Hancock is again encouraging local high school students and their parents to attend a [Cash for College](#) workshop and learn how they reduce the cost of college attendance. This year, there will be a total of 40 Cash for College workshops, offered both in-person and online, from October 2021 through February 2022 throughout Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Spanish-speaking staff will be available at all locations.

Westmont College Students Visit AHC

Students from Westmont College’s food systems program course visited our Santa Maria campus on Oct. 28. The students toured the AHC vineyard, student garden, and our culinary program lab, where they collaborated with Hancock culinary program students to cook a “stone soup” using fresh ingredients harvested from Westmont and Hancock’s student gardens.



Dimensions in Dance

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Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, Oct. 4	All Day	Covid Vaccine and Testing Mandate Starts	All campuses
Fri, Oct. 8	5 p.m.	Dimensions In Dance	SM Campus
Fri, Oct. 8	11 a.m.	EOPS BEST Speaker Series	Virtual
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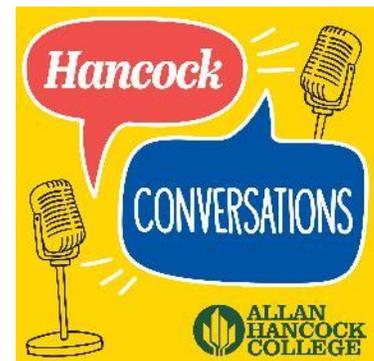


Covid-19 Vaccination and Testing Requirements

This week, we continued helping our students prepare for the vaccination and testing requirements set to go into effect on Oct. 4. In addition to providing the latest information on our [Covid-19 webpage](#), we also sent students this [helpful guide](#) to get them thinking about what they will need to do and what to expect as we get closer to Oct. 4. Next week, we will continue messaging students across multiple platforms, including the release of a fun and informative video featuring myself and Spike, to ensure they have all the information they need to be ready to meet Hancock's vaccination and testing requirements.

New Hancock Conversations Episode

On Sept. 21, we released the latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. This episode's very special guest was Hancock alumnus Bobby Martinez. Martinez, who performs as rapper BobbyBeenFresh and is the son of President's Office Executive Secretary Melinda Martinez, shared his journey as a Hancock student and talked about his music career. You can listen to the episode [here](#).

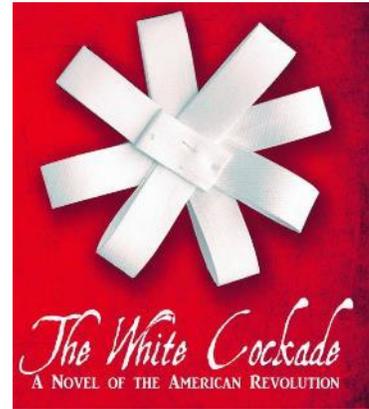


EOPS BEST Speakers Series

This Friday, Hancock EOPS kicked off its Beyond Expectations and Stereotypes (BEST) speaker series. The series features guest speakers from marginalized and underrepresented communities who work in the legal system in Santa Barbara County, many of them Hancock alumni. This week's speaker was Hancock graduate and SB County Court Judge Von Nguyen Deroian. The next BEST event will occur on Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. [via Zoom](#).

AHC English Instructor Publishes Second Novel

Part-time Allan Hancock College English instructor Mark James Miller will tackle the subject of historical fiction with his second novel, *The White Cockade*. The book, which will be published on Sept. 30, tells the story of men and women caught up in the tumultuous events surrounding the early days of the American Revolution. Miller published his first novel, *Red Tide*, in 2015. You can get the book at [Black Rose Writing](#), as well as [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).



Sen. Monique Limón Visits AHC

On Sept. 22, we were proud to welcome State Senator Monique Limón, Santa Barbara County Supervisor Bob Nelson, and Santa Maria City Councilman Carlos Escobedo to our Santa Maria campus. We toured the campus, including the new MESA/Stem Center, the Academic Resource Center, and the Fine Arts Complex. I am also proud to report that Sen. Limón’s newest staff member, Carson Link, is a Hancock alumnus and former AHC student trustee.

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Farm Day

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Roadmaps To Success Kickoff

On Sept. 17, our staff and faculty were invited to participate in a Roadmaps To Success (R2S) Fall 2021 Kick-Off event. This event featured four Zoom workshops related to different elements of AHC’s Roadmaps To Success project. The workshops topics included an R2S Committee update, an introduction to institutional data for beginners, a “Learning Collective” showcase, and a deep dive in data use for our R2S success teams.



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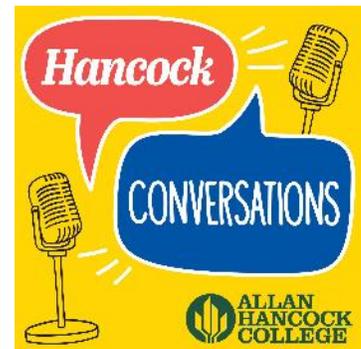


Covid-19 On-Campus Testing Continues

This week, we continued offering free on-campus COVID-19 testing as a part of a pilot program. We are encouraging students and employees to get tested as we prepare to implement the full vaccination requirement on Oct. 1. We plan to continue this pilot program next week. We will also host another pop-up vaccine clinic on Sept. 17, and continue to provide fully vaccinated students with \$250 Visa Gift cards on both the Santa Maria campus and the Lompoc Valley Center.

New Hancock Conversations Podcasts

We released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast this week featuring longtime Hancock staff photographer and videographer Kevin Boland. Kevin has been documenting life at Hancock for nearly a decade, and even helps produce the podcast! In this episode, we sat down with him to talk about his career at Hancock and his family's close ties to the college and Santa Maria. You can listen to the interview on iTunes, Spotify, or our [AHC Podcast webpage](#).



PCPA Celebration

As PCPA prepares to return to campus, the program's staff, faculty, and students celebrated the return of in-person performances with delicious food from El Toro on Sept. 8. You can learn more about PCPA's upcoming performances at <https://www.pcpa.org>.

Men's Support Group Kickoff

Hancock's [Men's Support Group](#) is one of the many clubs returning to campus this fall. The group is hosting an in-person and virtual orientation meeting on Sept. 10 from 3-5 p.m. on the lawn outside the library at the Santa Maria campus. The meeting will also be held on Zoom for students who are not able to join in person. Attendees will not only be able to learn more about the group, but will also be able to receive school supplies and a \$20 gas card.



LVC Bulldog Bow-WOW

We hosted our second in-person and on-campus Bulldog Bow-WOW at the Lompoc Valley center on Sept. 8. Once again, our LVC students were able to meet in person with representatives from AHC clubs, academic programs, and community organizations while enjoying free food and entertainment. Both students and staff followed masking and other Covid-19 guidelines to ensure a fun and safe Bow-WOW for everyone.

Model A Ford Club Raffle

The Santa Maria Model A Ford Club will continue its tradition of holding a grand raffle to raise money for student scholarships in the Hancock's industrial technology program on Sept. 11, at 3 p.m. at the Orcutt Union Plaza on 201 S. Broadway in Old Town Orcutt. Prizes include two-night stays at the Ragged Point Inn, the Airport Radisson Hotel of Santa Maria, and the Cambria Pines Lodge. The packages also include \$300 cash for spending money and beautiful Central Coast gift baskets. You can buy tickets for the raffle [here](#).



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Fri, Sept. 10	3-5 p.m.	Men's Support Group Orientation	SM Campus
Sat, Sept. 11	3 p.m.	Model A Ford Club Raffle	Orcutt Union Plaza, Orcutt
Wed, Sept. 15	10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM campus
Thurs, Sept. 16	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM campus
Thurs, Sept. 16	4 p.m.	Centennial Vessel Unveiling	Foxworthy Gallery, SM Camus
Sat, Sept. 18	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Farm Day	SM campus (vineyard)
Fri, Oct. 8	8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Career Carnival	SM campus

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Covid-19 On-Campus Testing Pilot

This week, we began offering free on-campus COVID-19 testing on a limited basis as a part of a pilot program as we prepare to implement the full vaccination requirement on Oct. 1. The test is available to all students and staff and located on the east side of Building W. We plan to continue this pilot program into next week, and will continue to encourage our students and staff to take advantage of this free testing.

Wellness Screenings

This week, we also continued to refine our health screening process for students entering campus. Our students began using our new online Covid screening survey, making the process quicker and more efficient, and our Campus Safety staff installed new barriers near the screening stations that are branded with our Hancock colors. The college is very thankful for all the administrators, staff, and student workers who have been manning the screening stations and helping keep our campus healthy.



Covid FAQ Page Update

To better help our students, staff, and community members get the latest information about the college's response to the ever-evolving Covid-19 situation, Hancock has debuted a revamped version of our Covid-19 Frequently Asked Questions webpage. This page contains a comprehensive list of commonly-asked questions related to all things Covid at Hancock including vaccinations, course modalities, Covid-19 resources, and much more. You can view the updated [FAQs here](#).

Bulldog Bow-WOW

We were very excited to finally host an in-person and on-campus Bulldog Bow-WOW event on Sept. 1. Once again, our students were able to meet in person with representatives from AHC clubs, academic programs, and community organizations while enjoying free food and entertainment. Both students and staff followed masking and other Covid-19 guidelines to ensure a fun and safe Bow-WOW for everyone. The LVC will host its own Bow-Wow event next week on Sept. 8.



Banned Books Week Scavenger Hunt

The AHC Library is bringing back one of their favorite annual traditions, the Banned Books Week scavenger hunt. This year's [Banned Books Week](#) is observed from Sept. 26 – Oct. The Friends of the AHC Library provided the library with three copies of each of the 10 most challenged books of 2020 (20 for Santa Maria and 10 for Lompoc). Starting Sept. 7, students can pick up a set of clues to help them find these books, which will be hidden on both campuses. Students who find the copies of these books will be able to keep them.

PBT "40 Under 40" List

Congratulations to Hancock Student Success Outreach/Retention Specialist Carlos Escobedo, who was recently named to the *Pacific Business Times*' "40 Under 40" list. Carlos received this honor for his dedicated service both to our Hancock students and to our local community. The college is grateful to Carlos for all his amazing work changing the odds here at Hancock and beyond.



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, Sept. 6	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Wed, Sept. 8	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Bulldog Bow-WOW	LVC
Fri, Sept. 10	3-5 p.m.	Men's Support Group Orientation	SM Campus
Sat, Sept. 18	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Farm Day	SM campus (vineyard)
Fri, Oct. 8	8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Career Carnival	SM campus

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Student Health Screenings

This week, we successfully piloted a student health screening process, directing all students entering campus to six points of entry on the Santa Maria campus and one point of entry at the Lompoc Valley Center. To help ease the process, the college is launching a digital screening tool for students beginning Monday. Students will be directed to log into the college's online health assessment survey at https://bit.ly/AHC_COVID_Screening. Answering a few questions will result in clearing students to come onto campus.

Vaccination Incentive Program

This week, we distributed nearly 3,000 \$250 Visa gift cards to fully vaccinated students as part of Hancock's Student Vaccine Incentive Program. The cards were handed out to eligible students on Aug. 23 and again on Aug. 26. We continue to encourage our students to get fully vaccinated and will distribute another round of gift cards on Aug. 31.



#GetSocialAHC

Student Activities is encouraging our returning Bulldog students to get involved on-campus and "Get Social" this fall through the #GetSocialAHC campaign. As part of this new program, student can pick up a "passport", which can be stamped at AHC events and redeemed for prizes and rewards. Several of our student ambassadors and athletes have taken to social media to encourage their peers to take part in the program using the #GetSocialAHC hashtag.

Athletics Survey

Hancock’s Public Affairs and Athletics departments are inviting college staff, students, faculty, and our community members to take part in shaping the future “look & feel” of our athletics program. With the help of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, we have developed a short, fun survey with the goal of possibly revising the athletics logo, which may include updates to our mascot, Spike. The survey takes just a few minutes and will be available until Sept. 15 at https://bit.ly/AHC_Mascot.

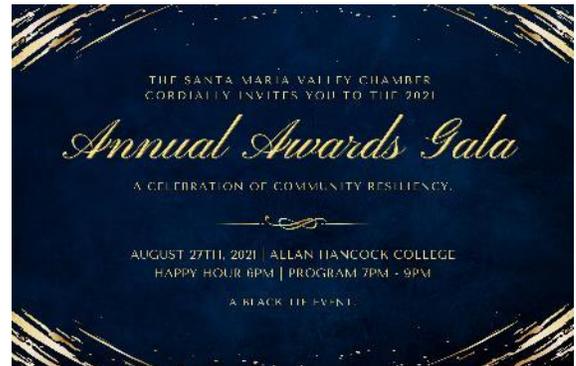


Vaccine Clinic

Hancock held our third pop-up vaccine clinic on Aug. 27. This clinic was open to students and the public and offered first and second doses of the recently FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine. The clinic had a steady flow of students and community members, and we expect the number of attendees to surpass that of the two previous pop-up clinics we hosted earlier this month.

SMV Chamber Annual, Awards

On Friday, Hancock was honored at the Santa Maria Valley Chamber’s [Annual Awards Gala](#). Not only did the college have the pleasure of being the site of the celebration, but the Hancock was honored as “Nonprofit of the Year” for its Food Share and vaccination clinic programs and former Trustee Larry Lahr received the prestigious Robert F. Grogan Public Service Award. Hancock is incredibly thankful for the many hardworking staff, administrators, faculty, volunteers, and community partners who came together to serve our community when they needed us the most.



Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Aug. 31	5 p.m.	Special Board Meeting	SM Campus
Tues, Aug. 31	8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Vaccine Incentive gift card distribution	SM Campus, LVC
Wed, Sept. 1	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Bulldog Bow-WOW	SM campus
Wed, Sept. 8	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Bulldog Bow-WOW	LVC
Fri, Oct. 8	8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Career Carnival	SM campus

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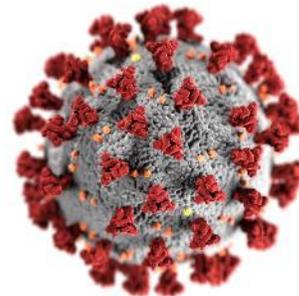


First Day of Fall Classes

Hancock welcomed hundreds of new and returning students to our Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center for in-person Aug. 16. As always, our amazing staff, student ambassadors, administrators, and trustees were on-hand to assist students at information booths and make them feel welcome on campus. Once again, Hancock is grateful to all the administrators, faculty, staff, and the Board of Trustees for their efforts to make on-campus learning a reality for our students this fall.

Covid-19 Information

As we continue to monitor the ever-evolving situation with the Covid-19 virus, Hancock is ensuring that our students have access to the college's most up-to-date policies, protocols, and resources. In addition to providing information and updates via email, social media, on-campus signage, and our Covid hotline, the college also continues to update its COVID-19 resources webpage with the most current information available. You can visit this webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/covid.



**Free SMAT
Pass with
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Bulldog Go!

Hancock has partnered with Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) to offer free student bus passes through our new Bulldog Go! Program. The Bulldog Go! program provides Hancock students a pass to ride SMAT fixed routes for free for up to a year. The pilot program is just one of many support services available to our students through the Basic Needs Office. Students can access Bulldog Go! via SMAT's new SMAT Pay app. You can learn more about this program on the [Basic Needs webpage](#).

Student Vaccination Incentive Program

On Aug. 20, our student-athletes became the first group to benefit from Hancock's [vaccine incentive program](#). More than 150 of these students received a \$250 Visa gift card for showing proof that they'd been fully vaccinated. Beginning Monday, all Hancock students will be eligible to receive their gift cards. We continue to encourage our unvaccinated students to get the vaccine by Oct. 1, and will host a vaccine clinic for first and second doses on Aug. 27.



Brendalynn Consul

One of our nursing students, Brendalynn Consul, [shared her inspiring story](#) with *Santa Maria Times* in the newspaper's recent Day of Hope special issue. A two-time cancer survivor, Consul fought through her first treatment and decided to pursue her dream career by enrolling in Hancock's Licensed Vocational Nursing program. Her story is yet another reminder of the extraordinary students we have at Hancock.

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Mon, Aug. 23	All day	Student vaccine incentive begins.	SM campus, LVC
Fri, Aug. 27	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Pop-up vaccination clinic	SM campus
Fri, Aug. 27	6-9 p.m.	SMV Chamber Annual Awards	SM campus
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