Students compete for cash in entrepreneurship class

Students can earn more than a grade in a special Allan Hancock College business class. New Venture Laboratory (ENTR 103) rewards one student or group of students with a cash prize of $1,000.

“It’s unlike any class you’ve ever taken,” said Anne Cremarosa, director, Small Business Entrepreneurship Center. “You’re graded, but the ultimate grade is the $1,000.”

The concept of the class is for students to develop, research, and market a business idea with the assistance of their classmates and entrepreneurship mentors. At the end of the 16-week class, students present their business idea to a panel of judges to compete for the $1,000 grand prize.

“This class really demystifies the process of starting your own business,” said Ruben Sarino, whose business, Pacific Coast Honey, won the cash prize last fall.

If you have any hint of wanting to start your own business, or an idea for a product that you’d like to turn into a business, then this class can help,” he added.

The New Venture Laboratory class is a way to help encourage entrepreneurship on the Central Coast, Cremarosa explained. Students receive assistance with market research, advertising, creating prototypes of their product, and finally, applying for a provisional patent.

Hancock dedicates new baseball field

The beautiful new Allan Hancock College baseball field has been officially rededicated as John Osborne Field.

Funded by Measure I, the new field is located directly across the street from the previous John Osborne Field and adjacent to the Hancock softball field. The new location is better suited to mitigate the Central Coast winds and features brand new irrigation, dugouts, and batting cages.

“We worked with the architect to make sure the field was ideally positioned in terms of sun and wind management,” said baseball Head Coach Chris Stevens. “In addition, all the materials used are top of the line, from the infield to the outfield fencing and irrigation.”

A new football practice field, track and field, and soccer fields are currently under construction.

AHC’s SACNAS chapter receives national award for community service

The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) is a national organization composed of highly successful working professionals as well as students aspiring to be. At last fall’s national conference, the organization chose Allan Hancock College’s SACNAS chapter to receive its prestigious Role Model Chapter for Outstanding Community Service Award – a selection that was made from among the country’s community colleges and universities.

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“These awards are very competitive, and I’m so proud of our chapter members who have given so much to the community and to the college,” Wong said.

SACNAS is dedicated to fostering the success of scientists, whether college students or professionals. Members are dedicated to giving back through mentorship, peer networks and professional development.

Summer 2013 registration dates

Admission applications for summer are now being accepted. All summer classes are available for viewing online at www.hancockcollege.edu; click the Class Search link on the home page.

• Priority Registration April 29-May 3, 2013
• Open registration May 4-June 21, 2013
• College Now! registration June 3-21, 2013
• Summer credit classes begin June 17, 2013

Note: Dates are subject to change

Funtastic Science!

Five labs of hands-on experiments will include smoke ring cannons, psychedelic mirrors, glowing rocks, magnetic sand, levitation experiments, magnetic mayhem, and more!

Don’t miss the battle between the chemists and the physicists – which group will come up with the most outrageous demonstrations?

It’s fun for all ages, and it’s FREE!

6-8:30 p.m. Building M Santa Maria campus
Of the 565 honorees, 211 graduated from Santa Maria Valley high schools; 66 from Lompoc Valley high schools; 56 from Five Cities-area high schools; nine from Santa Ynez Valley high schools; and 223 from high schools outside the college’s district, including out-of-state and foreign high schools.

The 215 students named to the Special Honors List included 62 graduates from Santa Maria Valley; 27 from the Five Cities area; 19 from the Lompoc Valley; three from Santa Ynez Valley; and 104 from outside the college district.

Total credit enrollment for the fall 2012 semester was approximately 10,000 students.

Grant helps fund model outdoor classroom

The college’s Children’s Center Lab School is in the midst of a major transformation. Completion of its new facility is just around the corner, and a 150,000 grant from The Orfalea Foundation will allow the staff to put the finishing touches on the new building and outdoor classroom.

The grant will fund audiovisual equipment for two observation rooms used by early childhood education students, completion of the playground’s outdoor classroom features and equipment for the center’s kitchen.

The playground and kitchen are of particular interest to the Orfalea Foundation, which created the Outdoor Classroom Project and the School Foods Initiative as part of the foundation’s overall focus on whole child development.

“The Orfalea Foundation helped us in the design of our new outdoor classroom,” said Thesa Roepke, program director and early childhood studies instructor. “The foundation really is an amazing advocate for early childhood education and health.”

The Children’s Center Lab became the first Outdoor Classroom Project demonstration site in Santa Maria in 2010, and it has been described as a model for the entire state. The new playground is based on research that shows that children can benefit greatly from structured play activities in a natural environment. The grant is providing the funds for a pivotal part of the new outdoor space, a water wall and creek that simulates a natural setting, circulating water throughout the day. This feature is the only one of its kind throughout the state in a child care setting.

The Orfalea School Foods Initiative has also been a resource for the Children’s Center Lab, Roepke said, stepping in to help assess the functionality of the center’s new kitchen and review their inventory.

New kitchen equipment will be purchased based on the group’s assessment.

“The Orfalea Foundation truly has been a lifesaver, and we’re so grateful for their assistance,” said Thesa Roepke, program director and early childhood studies instructor.

Local High School Graduates Excel at AHC

The fall 2012 Dean’s Honors List contained 565 students, including 215 named to the Special Honors List.

The lists recognize students’ academic achievement at the college. For each semester, students named to the dean’s list must complete at least 12 units with a 3.5 or better grade point average. To be named to the special list, students must complete at least 12 units with a 4.0 grade point average.

Degrees and Certificates

Accounting
Bookkeeping
Administration of Justice
Agribusiness
Enology/Viticulture
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) with Agricultural Applications
Paring Wine & Food
Wine Marketing & Sales
Viticulture

Applied Design/Media
Animation
Graphics
Multimedia Arts & Communication
Photography
Website Design

Architectural Drafting
Art
Auto Body Technology
Auto Body Metal
Auto Body Refinishing

Automotive Technology
Auto Engine Rebuilding
Automotive Chassis
Auto Service Management
Auto Tune-Up & Diagnostic Procedures
High-Tech General Mechanic - Engine, Power Trains Specialist
High-Tech General Mechanic - Tune-Up Emission Control Specialist

Biology
Business Administration
Business Management
Business Marketing
Business Law
Customer Service
Executive Leadership
Human Resource Management
Sales & Marketing
Supervisory Management

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

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

Computer Science
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts & Management
Baking
Catering & Events Management
Dietetic Service Supervision
Food Production Supervision
Food Service Production
Restaurant Management

Culinary

Dance

Dental Assisting

Drama

Acting

Design/Technical Theater

Early Childhood Studies

Elementary Education
Elementary Education: Bilingual/Bicultural Emphasis
General
Preschool/Infant Toddler Program

Director

Special Education

Electronic Engineering Technology

Electronics Technology
Digital Systems Technician
Electronic Tuning
Mechatronics

Network Maintenance/

Digital Technologies

Emergency Medical Services
Advanced Cardiac Life Support
Emergency Medical Services Academy
Emergency Medical Technician 1 (Basic)
EMT 1 (Basic) Refresher

First Responder Update
Paramedic Training
Engineering
Engineering Technology
Civil Engineering
Engineering Drafting
Mechanics

English
Entrepreneurship
Entrepreneurship and Small Business Mgt

Environmental Technology
Environmental Health & Safety Technician

Family & Consumer Sciences
Fashion Studies
Fashion Merchandising

General

Interior Design Merchandising

Film & Video Production

Fire Technology

Firefighter Academy

Global Studies

Human Services

Addiction Studies

General

Co-occurring Disorders

Family Studies

Family Services Worker 1

Family Services Worker 2

Family Services Worker 3

Specialized Helping Approaches

Law Enforcement Training

Basic Law Enforcement Academy

Liberal Arts — Non-Transfer Option

Arts & Humanities

Mathematics & Science

Social & Behavioral Sciences

Liberal Arts — Transfer Option

Arts & Humanities

Mathematics & Science

Social & Behavioral Sciences

Liberal Studies — Elementary Teacher Preparation

Machining & Manufacturing Technology

Mathematics

Computer Science

Medical Assisting

Medical Assisting

Medical Billing and Coding

Music

Nursing

“30 unit” Option

Certified Nursing Assistant

Certified Home Health Aide

ERG/monitor Observer

Registered (LVN to RN only)

Restorative Aide

Vocational

Paralegal Studies

Physical Education

Physics

Psychology

Recreation Management

Social Science

Sound Technology

Spanish

Speech Communication

Communication Skills for Public Safety & Health Professionals

Communication Skills for the Business Professional

Communication Skills for the Professional Speaker

Transfer Studies

CSU General Education Breadth

Intergeneral General Education Transfer (IGETC)

UC/CSU Transfer Studies (Math, Science & Social Science majors)

Wildland Fire Technology

Wildland Fire Technology

Logistics, Finance, Planning

Operations

Prevention, Investigation,

Prescribed Burning

Associate Degrees for Transfer

Communication Studies (A.A.T.)

Mathematics (A.S.T.)