Allan Hancock College receives full accreditation reaffirmation

With commendations in several areas, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, recently took action to reaffirm Allan Hancock College’s accreditation.

Every six years, California community colleges undergo a self-study and accreditation reaffirmation process that includes a visit by a team of peer evaluators on behalf of the commission.

In its letter to Superintendent/President José M. Ortiz, Ed. D., commission president Barbara Beno, Ph.D., commended Allan Hancock College “for the support for and upgrades to the technology infrastructure, for providing excellent library and learning support services and student support services for students both online and in person, for an engaged campus environment with active participation from all constituent groups including students, and for its successful efforts to provide orientation and development for the Board of Trustees which has enabled the Board to function effectively.”

“Given that in recent years the accreditation process has become even more stringent, we are especially pleased with this very positive result,” Ortiz said.

To review the team report and the college self-study, go to www.hancockcollege.edu and click “News & Information” in the left-column menu, then “Accreditation” in the right-column menu.

New degrees and certificates!

Entrepreneurship Studies
Students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to become a successful entrepreneur: how to start and operate a business by developing innovative ideas, evaluate business opportunities, write a business start-up plan and promote existing businesses.

Paralegal Studies
Paralegals earn an average annual wage of about $60,000 a year. This new program provides a broad-based understanding of the American legal system and the practice of law in California. Students gain the education, training and experience to become successful paralegals.

Recreation Management
Those who enjoy the outdoors, sports or working with people should consider a career in the parks, recreation or tourism and leisure professions. Participants can earn an A.S. degree or certificate in recreation management that can transfer to any of the 12 CSU campuses that offer undergraduate degrees.

Rent Books—Save Cash!

The Allan Hancock College Bookstore has found a way to save students up to $250,000 dollars this year by renting them textbooks at approximately 40 percent of the cost of a new book.

The textbook rental program began in 2008 with 10 books. There are plans to increase the number of books for rent to 90 titles and approximately 2,000 books for the spring 2011 semester. Book rentals are also available at the college’s Lompoc Valley Center bookstore.

With the program’s expansion, it is one of the largest in the state.

Textbook rentals for the spring 2011 semester will be available starting January 11. For more information on the book rental program, go to the Hancock bookstore’s website at http://bookstore.hancockcollege.edu or contact them at 922-6966 ext. 3238.

Cost Comparison

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Another student’s story

“Right now I’m taking a full load of classes, working as a student worker in the athletics department and playing on the volleyball team. My schedule keeps me busy, but I wouldn’t change a thing. As soon as volleyball season is over I start softball practice.

My goal is to graduate from Hancock and transfer to a university. Hopefully I’ll also be able to play volleyball or softball at that next level.

I chose Hancock because it was close enough to my home in Paso Robles to be convenient but far enough to give me some independence and a chance to grow. I also really liked the volleyball program here and the coaching staff. Everyone in the athletics department has been very nice to me. I feel like I’ve learned life skills at Hancock that will help me succeed wherever I go.”

Hancock graphic design classes help students learn to apply new technology

The graphic design industry is changing rapidly, and Nancy Jo Ward, new full-time graphics instructor at Allan Hancock College, wants to lead her students into the new world of design technology.

Classes offered this spring include:
- GRPH 108 – Design 1 On the Computer
- GRPH 110 – Intro to Graphic Design
- GRPH 111 – Electronic Imagery Lab
- GRPH 112 – Basic Electronic Imagery
- GRPH 113 – Computer Illustration
- GRPH 114 – Computer Illustration Lab
- GRPH 115 – Graphics Art Preparation
- GRPH 118 – Intro to Web Graphics
- GRPH 120 – Desktop/Commercial Repro