LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER RENOVATION & EXPANSION

A major renovation and expansion of the college’s Santa Maria campus Learning Resources Center will begin this spring. The project, funded by Prop 47 dollars, will provide modern facilities for the college’s 11,000-plus student body. The main portion of the current facility was built 39 years ago, and an addition was completed in 1977. The new facility will replace the oldest portion of the existing building. The new facility will provide a centralized, 94-station, student computer lab for instruction and research; space for integrated computer-assisted instruction and tutorial services; a distance learning classroom featuring state-of-the-art technology; a technology training facility for faculty and staff; more space for library print and nonprint collections; expanded space for audio/visual equipment services; an English as a second language center; faculty offices; and an expanded telecommunication hub.

AHC OFFERS UNIVERSITY TRANSFER GUARANTEES

As California community college students, ALL Allan Hancock College transfer students have the highest priority for transfer admissions to CSU and UC campuses. In addition, Allan Hancock College students are GUARANTEED admission to the following universities as long as they successfully complete the prescribed program of study at Allan Hancock College before transfer.

Guaranteed admission

- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Riverside
- UC Davis
- UC Santa Cruz
- CSU Northridge
- CSU Monterey Bay
- CSU Channel Islands
- CSU Fullerton
- San Jose State University

Univerisities that give priority admission consideration to Allan Hancock College students

- Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo
- Cal Poly State University, Pomona
- CSU Fresno
- CSU Bakersfield
- Westmont College
- Chapman University College (Central Coast Centers)
- University of La Verne (Central Coast Centers)
- UC Irvine (guarantee for Honors Program students)
- San Diego State University (guarantee for Honors Program students)

A note about Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo: Although Cal Poly does not provide transfer guarantees to any community college, the average acceptance rate for Allan Hancock College students to Cal Poly has been 60 percent greater than the total rate for all transfer applicants in the past five years.

Call the University Transfer Center at 922-6966 ext. 3363.

NEW SCIENCE/SPACE CURRICULUM AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Three national science and space grants totaling nearly $900,000 will launch Allan Hancock College as a leader in electronics and space education training on the Central Coast. The recent awards from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) will support program/curriculum development and science scholarships.

With $250,000 in NSF scholarship funding, local high school graduating seniors pursuing degrees in computer science, engineering or mathematics will be eligible to receive two-year scholarships to study at Allan Hancock College.

Also, during the next three years, in addition to a new degree in mechatronics (mechanical engineering and electronics), the college will offer a two-year degree in space engineering and become a testing center for aerospace job skills certification.

For more information about the scholarship opportunities, call Irene Wong at 922-6966 ext. 3363.

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

With all the talk about college fees rising, the Allan Hancock College financial aid office is stepping up its efforts to let students know that college is possible! Last year alone, Allan Hancock College students received more than $4 million in grants, loans, and scholarships to help them complete their college education. In fact, nationwide, seven out of ten full-time college students receive financial aid.

At Allan Hancock College, California residents pay $18 a unit, the lowest community college tuition in the nation. Nevertheless, there are many who need financial assistance to attend college. Those planning to attend Allan Hancock College, or any institution of higher education, should fill out the free financial aid application (FAFSA). Those who complete the form could receive up to $8,000 annually to attend Allan Hancock College. Those who don’t complete the form will never know what they missed.

For more information about the financial aid process, call the Allan Hancock College financial aid office at 805 922-6966 ext. 3216.

AHC TOPS FOR HISPANIC STUDENTS

For the fourth year in a row, Allan Hancock College has been chosen by Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education magazine as one of 570 colleges and universities across the country that offers outstanding opportunities for Hispanic students. The Publisher’s Picks List is a select group of colleges and universities that do “a fine job of recruiting, enabling and graduating Hispanic students,” said

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“Many institutions on the list are located in states with sizable populations of Hispanics. Some attract a great many Hispanic students. But sheer numbers never tell the whole story. A warm welcome and solid follow-through count for a lot, especially for students who might be blazing a new family path to higher education,” said Lopez-Isla.

Allan Hancock College is one of 106 California colleges and universities chosen, and the only community college from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties on the list.

Allan Hancock College heads the list of California colleges and universities that also includes Stanford University, Loyola Marymount University, and a host of University of California and California State University campuses, including UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly Pomona, and Los Angeles.

WOMEN’S GOLF BEGINS FALL 2004

- Allan Hancock College will launch a women’s intercollegiate golf program in fall 2004. The team will compete in the Western State Conference and practice/play at the Santa Maria Country Club. The format for women’s intercollegiate golf competition calls for five players per team, counting the top four for team scoring.

- The women’s golf team will compete against other WSC member institutions, including College of the Canyons (Santa Clarita), Santa Barbara City College, Bakersfield College, Moorpark College, Citrus College (Azusa) and Antelope Valley College (Lancaster).

- Mike Denne, who has served as the men’s coach at Allan Hancock College for the past 12 years, will also direct the women’s team. The program will be allowed a maximum of 19 contests in the fall season under the current guidelines of the California Commission on Athletics (CCA).

- The introduction of women’s golf will bring the Allan Hancock College intercollegiate athletic offerings to a total of 16, including baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, football, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s soccer, softball, men’s and women’s tennis, men’s and women’s track and field and women’s volleyball.

Multimedia Program FACULTY PROFILE

- Name: JEANINE MORET
- Position: Fine arts faculty member, multimedia

- Education: B.A. in Visual Arts, UC San Diego; M.F.A. in Film and TV Production, UCLA

- Previous teaching experience: San Bernardino Valley College, Chapman University, Santa Barbara City College

Industry experience: Worked 12 years internationally producing, shooting and editing ethnographic documentaries, specializing in indigenous cultures of the Americas. Clients included PBS, Cannon Films, and the UCLA Latin American Center.

What is the multimedia program? Multimedia combines digital media such as video, audio, photographs, and computer graphics to create interactive presentations for the Web, CD-ROM, and DVD. Our multimedia program offers an A.S. degree in applied design with a choice of four multimedia concentrations: video, digital imagery, electronic music, or animation. We have just added a Web design certificate. Multimedia courses teach hands-on computer skills that lead to careers in motion graphics, Web design, DVD design, and more. Or, just take individual courses to bring new skills to your workplace.

NEW GYM DEDICATED

- The Allan Hancock College gym is new again! The 40-year-old facility underwent a total facelift last spring including a state-of-the-art flooring system, new fiberglass bleachers, a new lighting system, new drinking fountains and fresh paint. The gym was rededicated the Joe White Gymnasium in honor of the man credited with pioneering the Allan Hancock College intercollegiate athletics program. White served as the Allan Hancock College director of athletics from 1957 through 1982 and was also a biology instructor at the college.