With commendations in several areas, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, has reaffirmed the 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. That visit to Allan Hancock College took place in March 2010. The team provides a report to the commission, which in turn takes action on the college’s accreditation status. The commission meeting to determine the status of Allan Hancock College’s accreditation was held June 9-11, 2010.

In a June 30 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.”

Ortiz said that accreditation is an important, ongoing process that allows colleges to look inward at every aspect of themselves, using high standards of institutional effectiveness; student learning programs and services; institutional resources; and governance. “Given that in recent years the accreditation process has become even more stringent, we are especially pleased with this very positive result,” he added. “The commission delved deeply into Allan Hancock College and found what we all know to be true: We are an exceptional college doing exceptional work on behalf of our students. I commend every faculty, administrator and staff member, every student and every member of this community. Together, we make Allan Hancock College great.”

As per the process, all colleges are required to submit a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. The commission has asked for Allan Hancock College’s report by March 15, 2013. At that time, a team of commission representatives will visit the college in conjunction with the four recommendations noted in the commission’s letter to the college.

“Allen Hancock College has a history of positive accreditation evaluations that recognize it as a quality institution of higher education, which has been confirmed by our peers and an independent accrediting body,” said Ortiz. “To continue our success, we are already moving forward with several of the recommendations. Our all-staff convocation this fall will focus on celebrating our achievement as well as presenting next steps to address all of the recommendations,” he added.

More information about Allan Hancock College accreditation is located at www.hancockcollege.edu; click “News & Information” in the left-column menu, then “Accreditation” in the right-column menu.
Noted achievements:

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She is the second Hancock instructor in as many years to receive the prestigious award, a first, according to the association. In 2009, welding instructor Rayvell Snowden received the Excellence in Teaching award in recognition of his efforts in the industrial technology department.

Rental Textbooks: A great new option!

The Allan Hancock College Bookstore has found a way to save students up to $250,000 dollars during the 2010-11 school year by offering textbook rentals, which could be up to 40 percent of the cost of a new book.

“It’s way better than buying my books, and so much cheaper,” said Andrea Ceron, an Allan Hancock College student studying sociology.

Ceron said she heard about the book rental program from a friend and immediately rented a book for a nutrition class for $50 that would have cost her $120 to buy. Ceron said she’s going to try to rent all of her books in the future.

The textbook rental program began in 2008 with 10 books. That number quickly went up to 19 different titles and 375 books by the end of the spring 2010 semester; there are plans to increase the number of books for rent to 40 titles and approximately 1,500 books for the fall 2010 semester. Book rentals will also now be available at the Lompoc Valley Center Bookstore.

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Hockensmith has spent more than a decade researching ways to help students save money on their books, and he’s convinced that a strong book rental program is the best option.

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Spring sports wrap

Baseball
In an exciting finish to the spring 2010 season, the Allan Hancock College baseball team finished in second place in the Western State Conference and then went on to the second round of the state playoffs before falling to El Camino College. Hancock finished the season 25-17 overall and ranked eighth in Southern California in the final California Community Coaches Baseball Association poll.

All four of the team’s starting infielders were named Western State Conference Gold Glove winners for the 2010 season. First baseman Skyler Ellis, second baseman Chris Mallory, shortstop Dalton Rouleau and third baseman Peter Straka received the honor. In total, 12 players were honored by the Western State Conference. Straka and Mallory were named to the WSC first team along with outfielder J.P. Maestas and pitcher Jacob Valenzuela. Four Hancock players were named to the WSC second team: Ellis, Chris Rivera, Chuck Buchanan and Cody Berryman. Dylan Young, Austin Nyman and Brandon Creath received Honorable Mention.

Softball
The Hancock softball team had two players named WSC selections. Sadie Teniente-Cuello, chair of counseling at the college, “We pack a lot of information into these sessions. Our research tells us that those who participate in an orientation like this have much higher retention rates—meaning they stay the course and achieve their goals.”

For more information and to register for an orientation, call 922-6966 ext. 3293 or email counseling@hancocckcollege.edu.

Orientation required for new fall students

All students attending Allan Hancock College for the first time this fall are required to attend an orientation. One-hour events are scheduled throughout August, with longer “Mega” orientations scheduled for the Santa Maria campus Aug. 10, and the Lompoc Valley Center Aug. 11.

All orientations will provide necessary information about valuable college services, including counseling, financial aid, health services, job opportunities and more.

The Mega Orientations will provide added benefits, including an opportunity to meet key faculty and staff, tour the campus and receive a free academic planner and prizes.

“Our goal is to ensure that all students begin college with the information they need to succeed,” said Yvonne DeQuattro, also a Hancock volleyball player, was named first team All-Conference. Returning player Alyssa Ray was named second team All-Conference.

Track & Field

The track and field team sent seven athletes to the Southern California Regional meet and one to the State Meet this season. Douglas Webb, Shane Soder, Jay-Ar Agapay, Keenan Smith, Reggie Williams and Larry Greene competed on the men’s side. Freshman Britanise Smith was the sole woman to compete for Hancock at the regionals, and she moved on to compete in the triple jump at the State Meet where she placed sixth overall.

Enroll in medical assisting

A new curriculum and exciting job opportunities await those who enroll in the medical assisting program this fall. This two-semester program prepares individuals for a rewarding profession, with projections for occupational need and job growth in the top 5 percent of careers, according to labor market data. The curriculum covers both front office and back office skills.

Completion of the program leads to a certificate in Medical Assisting and/or Medical Billing and Coding. Salaries range from $15,516 per hour.

Registration authorization packets for the medical assisting program are available online at www.hancockcollege.edu; click the “Academic Depts.” tab on the homepage; then “Health Sciences”; or call 922-6966 ext. 3384 for more information.

Seven degrees offered at Lompoc Valley Center

Students can earn an associate degree in administration of justice, applied design/media, business administration, liberal arts, psychology, social science and speech communication. The Lompoc Valley Center also now offers certificates in computer business office software and as a certified nursing assistant.

All of the necessary classes are offered at night, an added benefit for working students; degrees can be earned in two years, certificates in as few as six weeks.

For more information about the degree programs offered at the Lompoc Valley Center, call the counseling office at 735-3366 ext. 5200.

The Allan Hancock College Lompoc Valley Center is a full-service college learning center that offers degrees and certificates, general education courses and a full array of student support services including a library, counseling, health services and more.

Hard work leads to athletic scholarship

When Lompoc Native Chris Mallory didn’t receive a baseball scholarship straight out of high school, he decided he was going to become the best community college baseball player that he could be. That wasn’t enough, though. Mallory also wanted to succeed in the classroom; he was determined to earn a perfect GPA.

With hard work and determination, he achieved both of his goals. Mallory earned a scholarship to play baseball at Fresno State University and is leaving Hancock with a 4.0 GPA.

“It was a good decision for me to come here to Allan Hancock College,” Mallory said. “I’ve learned a lot of life skills, and I know that I’m prepared to move on in the classroom and on the field.”

“Chris is a very self-motivated individual, which makes him easy to coach,” said head baseball coach Chris Stevens. “More importantly, he is a great person with a lot of integrity and a lot of respect for the game.”

At second base, Mallory was a second team All-Conference player his freshman year and a Gold Glove award winner, recognized as the best defensive player at second base in the entire conference.

He followed that up in 2010 by being selected first team All-Conference and winning his second Gold Glove award. He and his teammates also advanced to the second round of the state playoffs.

Without the time management and life skills he learned on the field, Mallory said he never would have succeeded as well as he has in the classroom. Because of everything he’s learned at Hancock, Mallory said he’s not worried at all about moving on to Fresno State University where he will major in kinesiology with a concentration in general fitness.

“I think I’ll get pushed, but I’m ready,” Mallory said. “I’ve learned a lot from my instructors and from Coach Stevens, and I’m ready to move on.”

To date, six baseball players have accepted scholarship offers to play at four-year universities. Brandon Creath will play for Embry-Riddle University in Florida; both Peter Straka and Jacob Valenzuela have signed with Cal State University, Los Angeles; Chuck Buchanan will play at California State University, Bakersfield; and Conor Clark is headed to Pacific University in Oregon.
The earth is moving, or better said, being moved, in anticipation of the new Student Services Center on the Santa Maria campus.

College officials put their ceremonial shovels in the ground May 18, and then the real work began in early June.

The end result will be the new “gateway” to the Santa Maria campus. In just under two years, students will have a “one-stop shop” to take care of their college business—from counseling, to testing, to paying fees—the new center will house all of those offices and more in one location.

The 64,894 square-foot project has been approved to receive $16.5 million in state construction dollars to complete the project. The remaining $22 million estimated cost will be funded by Measure I, the general obligation bond passed by voters in 2006. The project is LEED certified, meaning it meets stringent standards for environmental sustainability.

The original student services building was completed in the 1960s as part of the nucleus of a campus built for up to 2,000 students.

“With our enrollments well past 11,500 every semester, serving students in incredibly cramped quarters has been a continuing challenge,” said José M. Ortiz, Ed.D., college superintendent/president. One of the most explicit examples of this lack of appropriate space is the current facility for the Learning Assistance Program (disabled programs and services). The program serves a large number of physically disabled students, yet the facility in which it is housed does not completely meet today’s accessibility codes. The consolidation of this program and others will create an improved efficiency whereby resources and staff can be shared across programs, saving time and money.

Some of the operations planned to reside in the center include Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Cashiering, Learning Assistance Program, Counseling, Testing and Assessment, University Transfer Center, EOPS/CARE, CalWORKS and the Career
New Student Services Center: We DIG IT!

We DIG IT! The Student Services Center & Technical Education Center, among others. In addition, a new wing to house administrative functions will be built adjacent to the Student Services building, including a boardroom that will accommodate up to 80 people.

Because it is partially state funded, the state also requires that the college remove the buildings the center is replacing. That means, at the conclusion of the project, buildings A, B, I, T, U, V, X and N-Annex will be demolished.

“The excitement of the Student Services Center spans from its prominence—it is an impressive two-story structure that will surely “announce” its function as the college’s “front door”—to its LEED certification,” Ortiz added.

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability. For example, the building’s energy use has been designed to be 14 percent below the requirement and it has reduced water usage expectations through various plumbing technologies. Ortiz said an exterior water feature is the beginning of the college’s plan to install public art in and around the building to establish its role as a welcome center for students and the community.

Other Measure I projects in the works in 2010-11

Addition to the Children’s Center Lab
18,600 sq. feet
Break ground: Spring 2011

Public Safety Training Center
51,197 sq. feet
Break ground: Summer 2011

Technology upgrade/new mainframe system
Ongoing

Measure I projects under way:

- Student Services Center
- Children’s Center addition
- New technology

Student Services Center Groundbreaking, May 18, 2010
The Allan Hancock College Foundation recently awarded $238,825 in scholarships to 201 students at its 41st annual awards banquet. A crowd of about 750 students, relatives, friends, donors and community members attended the event.

A total of 233 community donors awarded scholarships in amounts up to $7,500 to past year, these contributions helped to purchase textbooks that were placed in the library for use by any student. The fund also provided undersubscribing to PCPA to create a student recruitment video. In addition, the fund purchased five classrooms and other equipment.

To each and every contributor, we wish to give our heartfelt thanks. Your generosity is truly making a difference in our community.

Marie A. Juarez
President, Board of Directors
Allan Hancock College Foundation

Thanks to our Contributors

We wish to recognize and give special thanks to our generous donors. Over this past year, your contributions large and small totaled more than one million dollars. With these contributions, the foundation has been able to allow students and community members to attend the college.

Also noted in this section is a special group of individuals and businesses listed as members of the President’s Circle Honor Roll. All have made an unrestricted contribution of $1,000 or more during the year. As unrestricted gifts, the foundation is able to use these dollars to support the areas of greatest need across the college.

President’s Circle Honor Roll

Superintendent/President José Ortiz, Ed.D., is working to build a vision of a college that serves the needs of all students and the community in which we live. Many of these needs require a financial commitment that is beyond the college’s state-assisted operating budget. And thus, the formation of a unique donor program known as the President’s Circle creates an additional source of funding, identified by the president, that will increase overall support but have no new funding source.

We hope that this list will be a testament to the commitment and generosity of our donors.

The Allan Hancock College Scholarship was awarded to Humberto Malonado-Guzman.

Maldonado-Guzman plans to transfer to Cal Poly to earn a degree in mechanical engineering.

This year, the prestigious Marian Hancock Scholarship was awarded to Humberto Malonado-Guzman.

The key speaker was James A. Dian, an Allan Hancock College alumnus, who has a long history of professional and community involvement.

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For information about how you can contribute, please contact the Allan Hancock College Foundation at (805) 250-8770 or via email at foundation@allanhs.edu.

The Allan Hancock College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, EIN: 95-0654211.
Jeff Cotter, a Santa Ynez Valley resident and veteran fundraiser, has joined the Allan Hancock College Foundation as its executive director. He succeeds Tim Fleming, who retired in June.

Cotter will be responsible for fundraising, community and donor relations, campaign development, alumni relations and more. He will be in frequent contact with business and community groups, the general public and other public/private entities on behalf of the college and its foundation.

“It’s an exciting time to be part of Allan Hancock College. I am honored to have been selected for this position,” Cotter said. “I have followed Allan Hancock College with great interest for many years and look forward to working on behalf of its students.”

In his 20+ year career, Cotter has helped to raise millions for nonprofit agencies locally and nationally. Cotter holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy/pre-law from UCLA and a master of divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena.

He can be reached at jcotter@hancockcollege.edu or 925-204.

Our Fiscal Strength

AHC Foundation Financial Obligations as of June 30, 2010

All Other Funds (Restricted & Unrestricted) $1,017,286

Foundation operations $807,445

Foundation endowments $3,309,720

Program area scholarships

Continuing & transfer scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

Three scholarship endowments totaling $3,309,720 were established during the fiscal year.

Non-Scholarship Endowments

$807,445

Program funding

Foundation operations

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Mark your calendars!

9th Annual Joe White Memorial Dinner & Auction

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Santa Maria Fairplex

For tickets and information, call (805) 345-5858

New Executive Director on Board

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Register now for fall 2010 classes

All students now register online at www.hancockcollege.edu via myHancock. This new system allows 24/7 access to the services and information you need: search for classes, apply, register, add and drop classes. No more standing in line—all registration transactions are now processed online!

Registration Dates
- **Open Online Registration** Continues through August 28
- **College Now! Online Registration** August 9-28
- **Classes begin August 23, 2010**

For a complete look at classes offered this fall, including course descriptions, prerequisites and other class details, go to www.hancockcollege.edu and click “Fall 2010 Class Search.” A printed Schedule at a Glance, a quick look at classes offered this fall, was mailed to district residents in June. Copies are available at all college locations and select community locations, while supplies last, and online by clicking the blue Class Schedule icon on the college’s website homepage.

Fees
All California residents pay $26 per unit, plus other minimal costs such as parking. Financial aid is available. Call 922-6966 ext. 3216.

New Student Orientation
See page 3 for details

Need help with registration?
Get hands-on assistance applying and/or registering online for fall 2010 classes. Free registration assistance is available at the Santa Maria campus in building K, room 10, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m., through August 26. No reservation is required. Contact the Admissions & Records office for details at (805) 922-6966 ext. 3248.

For registration assistance at the Lompoc Valley, Vandenberg AFB and Solvang centers, please call the center of your choice for hours of availability:
- Lompoc Valley Center: (805) 735-3366
- Vandenberg AFB Center: (805) 605-5915
- Solvang Center: (805) 693-1543

Need access to a computer?
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New online registration
Allan Hancock College is updating its technology across all college operations, including student records and a new online class registration process.

All registration transactions, along with many other functions, for both credit and Community Education (noncredit) students now take place online via the myHancock portal at www.hancockcollege.edu.

The new system also replaces the traditional college schedule of classes with an online, searchable database called “class search.” A printed fall “Schedule at a Glance” is available for quick reference.

The new student system has been in development for nearly two years. Its implementation was made possible by funding from Measure L, the bond passed by the electorate in 2006 to support facilities and technology upgrades at Allan Hancock College.

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Tues: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
*Fri: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Academic Counseling ext. 3293
District Cashier ext. 3626
Financial Aid ext. 3216
START Testing ext. 3090

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Lompoc, CA 93436
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(805) 735-3366
From Santa Maria: (805) 922-6966 ext. 5200

Vandenberg AFB Center
144 Wyoming Ave., Bldg. 14003
Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437-6312
Mon-Thurs: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
*Fri: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
(805) 734-3500, (805) 605-5915
From Santa Maria: (805) 922-6966 ext. 3250

Solvang Center
320 Alisal Road, Suite 306
Solvang, CA 93436
Tues: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2-3:30 p.m.
Wed & Thurs: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-4:30 p.m.
(805) 693-1543
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