



Volume II, First Edition

President's Greeting

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Management,

Welcome to the fall semester! I am thrilled to be starting the new year with such a wonderful team of faculty, staff, and management, including our stellar new employees who have joined our Saddleback College family. It was a pleasure to welcome our new faculty and staff to last week's Faculty In-Service, which was filled with wonderful opportunities for our faculty to engage in professional development and governance activities. The Academic Senate's Faculty Development Committee and the Office of Instruction worked very hard to make In-Service such a success. I'd like to send a special thank you to Professor Jane Horlings, who as Flexible Calendar Program Coordinator did a fantastic job organizing the week's events. I'd also like to extend sincere thanks to Academic Senate Administrative Assistant Britnee Holmes, who also put a lot of time and effort into coordinating In-Service Week.

A full year has passed since I began my tenure as president of Saddleback College and the year was extremely positive. My enthusiasm and excitement for the future of our college not only continue, but have increased. Last year, when I accepted the chancellor's offer to be the next president, I did so based on my preliminary research and knowledge about the college and district. I learned that Saddleback College was a very good community college. But more important, I recognized that the college had the potential to not just be very good, but be a great community college. We are already on the path to



greatness and soon will be one of the premier community colleges in the state and nation.

To document our accomplishments over the past year and provide a brief look at next year, I wrote my first Annual State of the College report, entitled "Very Good to Great." In it, I outline our academic achievements, financial challenges, and initiatives in communication, college advancement, campus culture, and campus environment. If you have not yet read the report, you may [click here to view it](#).

As I mention in the report, the college's and district's finances are relatively sound due to responsible stewardship by our board of trustees, chancellor, and college administration. However, the state budget crisis is real and many of our programs and services have been significantly cut. We are taking steps to respond to further budget reductions while doing all we can to minimize the impact to student programs and support services, and meet the growing construction and scheduled maintenance needs of our campus. We are working collectively to develop proposed operating efficiencies to enable the college to increase services while more efficiently using our resources.

My first year as president of Saddleback College was filled with wonderful experiences, and I look forward to an even better second year. I am very optimistic about the coming academic year and I look forward to again working with the entire college community. Thanks to all students, faculty, staff, and management for being so welcoming to me during my first year of service and for being so open to the fresh ideas a new president brings. Above all, I am thankful to our board of trustees and chancellor for the wonderful opportunity they have given me to serve as president of Saddleback College.

Thank you to our Academic Senate President, Dr. Bob Cosgrove, Mary Williams, last year's Classified Senate President, and Kalin Kelly, last year's Associated Student Government President, for passing on their institutional knowledge, kinship, and advice throughout the year. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with them and look forward to working again with Bob Cosgrove this year, as well as Russell Hamilton and Delainey Taylor, our new Classified Senate President and Associated Student Government President.

Thank you to all of you for your commitment to the success of our students and dedication to ensuring that Saddleback College is the first choice for our community. Have a wonderful fall semester and let's go Gauchos!

Sincerely,



Tod A. Burnett, Ed.D.
President

Photos (Courtesy of Nina Welch): President Burnett thanks Dr. Cosgrove and Mary Williams for their work as Academic Senate President and Classified Senate President.

Saddleback College Welcomes New Faculty

Fifteen new full-time faculty have started at Saddleback College this semester. We are lucky to have such a stellar group of people join our Saddleback College family and inspire our students in their pursuit of educational success.

Welcome to our new faculty:

Christine Abel, Chemistry
Marina Aminy, English
April Cabbage-Vega, Sociology
Marvin Andy Ground,
Kinesiology/Men's Basketball
Coach
Michael Hoggatt, Learning
Disability Instructor
Bradley S. Hughes,
Astronomy/Physics
Chin Lam, English as a Second Language
Harold F. Meyer, Jr., Physics
Heidi Ochoa, Speech Instructor/Forensics Coach
Bradley L. Rettele, Anthropology
Abby Sirulnik, Biological Sciences
Basil Smith, Philosophy
Shadrach Smith, Emergency Medical Technician Instructor
Christina Wong-Smith, Child Development & Educational Studies
Ray Zimmerman, English



Photo (courtesy of Nina Welch): New faculty members gather for a group photo with President Burnett and Dr. Cosgrove at the president's welcome breakfast.

New Classified Staff Recognized at President's Luncheon

Saddleback College is very lucky to have a classified staff that is here throughout the year to support our academic programs and ensure that college services and operations run smoothly. We added new members to our team this year, including:

Marla McBride, Health Center
Nurse, Student Services
Debby Vail, Health Center Nurse,



Student Services

Elizabeth Elliott, Health Office Assistant, Student Services
Chelsea Gray, Program Assistant, Health Sciences & Human Services
Victoria Orlich, Program Assistant, Health Sciences & Human Services
Ann Hillius, Receptionist, Social & Behavioral Sciences
Jason Dawes, Photography Lab Technician, Fine Arts
Ellen Poling, Veterans Office Assistant, Fiscal Services
Scott Robertson, Ticket Office Operations Assistant, Fine Arts
Brad Hoiseth, Athletics Administrative Assistant, P.E./Kinesiology & Athletics
Craig Connor, System Specialist, Admissions & Records
Kevin Della Betta, Senior Accounting Specialist, Foundation Office
Brooke Lange, Curriculum Assistant, Office of Instruction
Marilyn Lantz, Office Assistant, Disabled Students & Special Programs
Tracy McConnell, Program Assistant, Outreach

Welcome to our new classified staff members! We're happy to have you on board!

Photo (courtesy of Nina Welch): New staff members join President Burnett at the luncheon for classified staff.

Management Team Welcomes New Additions



Saddleback College hired three new managers over the summer -- Dr. Donna Rane-Szostak, our new Dean of the Division of Health Sciences and Human Services, Gretchen Bender, Director of Planning, Research, and Grants, and Roberto Araujo, Night Custodial Supervisor.

Dr. Rane-Szostak comes to us from CSU San Bernardino, where she has administered a multitude of projects and grants as Coordinator of Nursing Programs since 2004 and a tenured Associate Professor since 2006 at the university's Palm Desert campus. As the Project Director of CSUSB's fully-funded RN-BSN and BSN programs, Dr. Rane-Szostak implemented and coordinated more than \$3 million in grants and funding for programs including a hybrid online RN-BSN program, four-year BSN program at the Palm Desert campus, RN-BSN Regional Access Program Grants, and California Endowment Grant. Dr. Rane-Szostak's professorial career is complemented

by an impressive and truly vast amount of published research, community relations, grant and fellowship allocations, professional presentations, consultation, and professional practice. As a research consultant to the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences, Dr. Rane-Szostak is working on a \$1.6 million project funded by the U.S. Department of Defense on bioterrorism education for healthcare providers, and she has been widely published in academic journals on assessment of educational outcomes and health care for older adults. Dr. Rane-Szostak earned a Doctor of Education in educational psychology from Northern Illinois University, Bachelor of Science in nursing and Master of Science in Nursing from Rush University, and Bachelor of Arts in Spanish at Mundelein College.



Gretchen Bender brings a wealth of experience and professional skills to her new role as Director of Planning, Research, and Grants. Previously, as an independent consultant, Ms. Bender provided strategic planning, succession planning, team building, executive coaching, and other services to companies and non-profit organizations



including CalSTRS, CalPERS, Grant Joint Union High School District, CaliforniaALL, and other community based organizations throughout the Sacramento region. Most recently, Ms. Bender worked at American River College in Sacramento as the Interim Director of Grant Special Projects, where she was responsible for the development and management of the Los Rios Local Tech Prep Project, Sacramento Transportation Regional Infrastructure Partnership in Education (STRIPE) community collaborative, and other grant funded programs. For the past two years she has served as president of the Sacramento County Board of Education, where she works with the County Superintendent of Schools to establish the direction and priorities for the county office through its budgetary responsibilities. She also previously worked at the County of Yolo as Director of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Bender has a Master of Public Administration at CSU Fresno, graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor

of Arts in sociology at UC Riverside, earned a multiple subject teaching credential at CSU San Bernardino, and has a Professional Certificate in Non-Profit Executive Leadership from UC Davis.

Roberto C. Araujo is our new Night Custodial Supervisor. Mr. Araujo is a current employee of Saddleback College, where he started in 2004 as a custodian and was promoted to lead custodian before serving most recently as the acting night custodial supervisor. As acting night custodial supervisor, Mr. Araujo has proven his ability to plan, organize, coordinate, implement, and oversee a comprehensive night custodial operation at a Saddleback College. In 2006, he was one of four recipients of the CSEA Chapter 586 Scholarship Award for Continuing Education. Mr. Araujo graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from UC Irvine with a Bachelor of Arts in social science.



Saddleback College's former President Dixie Bullock has come back to Saddleback College as the Acting Dean of Fine Arts. Before retiring as president in 2004, Ms. Bullock was employed with Saddleback College since 1979. Prior to serving six years as president, Ms. Bullock was the Dean of Mathematics, Science and Engineering from 1997 to 1998, and Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services from 1984 to 1995. She completed a Diploma Nursing program at Wichita General Hospital School of Nursing in Wichita Falls, Texas. After moving to California, she expanded her education with a BSN from California State University at Long Beach and an MN from UCLA in 1976. Her graduate work included a clinical specialty in Psychiatric/Community Mental Health Nursing and with subspecialties in both education and administration. Ms. Bullock's career included clinical nursing in both medical/surgical nursing and psychiatric nursing. She had her first teaching experience with psychiatric technician students at Metropolitan State Hospital and Cerritos College. In 1968 Dixie had her first experience with the exciting world of Associate Degree Nursing Education when she joined the faculty at Rio Hondo College during its second year expansion of the program.

Strategic Planning Process Underway

Professor Claire Cesario-Silva and Director of Planning, Research, and Grants Gretchen Bender kicked off the 2010-2013 strategic planning process with a presentation during in-service week that included preliminary discussions by the college's four new strategic planning groups. A collaborative process that helps the college to effectively achieve our mission and move toward our desired vision of the future, planning improves our efficiency and effectiveness and facilitates better-informed decisions about the allocation of college resources. A result of the strategic planning process is a Strategic Plan that provides

the direction of the college for the next three years.

Some changes in our planning process include renaming of committees as well as the creation of a few new ones. Formerly known as the Planning and Budget Committee (PBC), the Consultation Council serves as the college's main strategic planning and recommending body and is composed of representatives from all college constituent groups. The Planning and Budget Steering Committee will coordinate the strategic planning process and the college budget process, and will make recommendations to the Consultation Council. Four new strategic planning groups have been established: Educational Development, Student Affairs, Operational Support and Resources, and College Advancement, and will be charged with developing goals based on strategic directions set by the Consultation Council. Finally, the Educational Planning and Assessment Committee (formerly the Institutional Effectiveness Committee) will be responsible for ensuring that student learning outcomes and program reviews are completed.

All faculty, staff, and managers are invited to participate in the college's planning efforts. If you are interested in being a member of a planning group, please email scstratplan@saddleback.edu or contact Gretchen Bender directly at extension 4565 or gbender@saddleback.edu. More information on the strategic planning process can be found at the [strategic planning website](#).



Faculty Spotlight

Blake Stephens

Congratulations to Architecture Professor Blake Stephens, AIA, who recently passed the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Design) accredited professional test for new construction, enabling him to teach the latest knowledge and understanding of green building practices. The LEED Accredited Professional program ensures that LEED professionals have the latest knowledge and understanding of green building practices and that they are recognized for distinction. A LEED credential is the mark of the most qualified, educated, and influential green building professionals in the marketplace.

The movement towards careful use of resources in the building industry will be critical for students entering the architecture and design professions, and Mr. Stephens is integrating the concepts promoted by the Green Building Council into his classes to help his students learn about sustainable building design and construction. He also was instrumental in the new environmentally-friendly quad design and will be assisting the college in the construction process of a new fitness center on campus which will seek LEED certification.

Kris Leppien-Christensen

Psi Beta, the National Honor Society in Psychology for Community and Junior Colleges, recently named Dr. Kris Leppien-Christensen, psychology professor, as the Western Regional/Rocky Mt. Vice President for 2009-2011. As Psi Beta Vice President, Dr. Leppien-Christensen will mentor Psi Beta chapter advisors at other colleges, facilitate educationally enriching activities for Psi Beta students and advisors at the annual convention of the Western Psychological Association, make presentations at professional conferences, and be active



on the Psi Beta National Council.

"I am thrilled to take on this responsibility for Saddleback College and the entire western region of Psi Beta," said Dr. Leppien-Christensen. "This is a great opportunity to assist in the professional development of our psychology students."

Psi Beta is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science.

Egyptian Students Begin Studies at Saddleback College

Saddleback College is hosting 17 students from Egypt this year, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Foundation, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The program, entitled the Egypt Community College Initiative, provides students from Egypt with opportunities for vocational/technical study and professional development.



Our new students, who are already on campus and are very excited to be in California, are looking forward to furthering their education, improving their English language skills, and understanding the American culture. Already, the students have taken in some of our local culture, including a trip to the swap meet at the Orange County Fair Grounds -- a trip that proved to be very popular with the students.

Faculty, staff, and management are invited to serve as mentors to the students and donations are being accepted to create nice living spaces in the apartments that have been provided to them through the program. For more information, please contact Barbara Sendaba in the Office of the Vice President for Student Services at bsendaba@saddleback.edu or extension 4566.

Photo: Students and mentors pose for a group photo at a breakfast held to welcome our students in the Egypt Community College Initiative.

College Employees Encouraged to Adopt Social Networking as Communication Tool

As stated in his remarks at the faculty breakfast and classified luncheon during in-service week, President Burnett listed his top ten goals for the coming year, which included the use of social networking by all college employees. The use of social networking has grown enormously over the past year and is the preferred method of communication for Generations X and Y. Moreover, the fastest growing generation

currently on Facebook is the Baby Boom Generation.

In addition to allowing us to communicate in real time with our students, social networking helps us build our presence in the community. We all know we have a wonderful campus with terrific programs and student services, but we want to make sure that message is seen and heard in our community, too. If each of us has a profile page on Facebook, our presence in the community is that much stronger. By joining social network groups that share an interest in our programs, we can highlight our faculty and staff and our wonderful programs, and promote a message to the south Orange County community that encourages prospective students and employers to consider Saddleback College as their first choice.

If you're already on Facebook, consider becoming a fan of Saddleback College. A link to our fan page can be found at our college's website. We also want our students to become our Facebook fans, so please encourage your students to do so!

For help getting started on your Facebook page, feel free to call the Office of Public Information and Marketing at extension 4320 or email jmccue@saddleback.edu.

Transfer Center Collecting School Supplies for Local Charity

Donations of school supplies are currently being accepted in the Transfer Center to donate to local kids whose parents are struggling to make ends meet. Through August 31st, backpacks, three-ring binders, pencils, notebooks, erasers, paper, crayons, calculators, and other school supplies are being accepted. Help a child start the school year off right with proper school supplies!

For more information, please contact Sara Nieves-Lucas in the Transfer Center at extension 4328 or email snieveslucas@saddleback.edu.

Classified Staff Development Day Focuses on Emergency Preparedness

Barbara Sendaba, Executive to the Vice President for Student Services, reports that Police Chief Harry Parmer, Police Officer Beau Arbuthnot, Parking Coordinator Andrew Craven, and Student Health Services Director Brenda Frame facilitated a Classified Staff Development Day workshop on June 22nd that focused on the Incident Command System and Standard Emergency Management System.

Chief Parmer provided the group in attendance with a Meal Ready to Eat (MRE) for lunch but they also enjoyed a nice salad bar served on the quad lawn.

At the conclusion of the event each participant received an emergency kit, Compliments of President Burnett's office, which included a three-day supply of food, water and other emergency supplies.

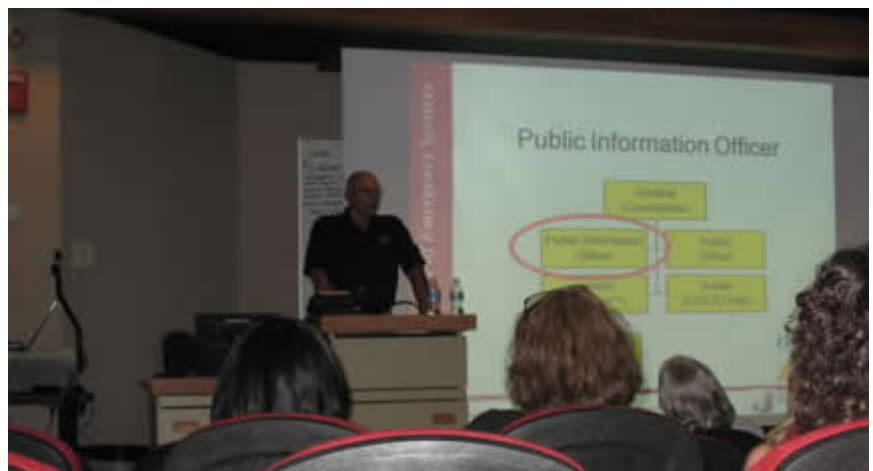


Photo (Courtesy of Barbara Sendaba): Police Chief Harry Parmer discusses the roles of college employees in an emergency response situation.

Upcoming Events

Welcome Week

August 24th through August 27th
Quad

Welcome Back Football Game vs. Golden West College

Saturday, September 5th
6:00 p.m.
Football Stadium

KSBR Schmooze Cruise

Sunday, September 6th
3:30 p.m.
Dana Point Harbor

Evening Transfer College Fair

Wednesday, September 9th
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Quad

September 11th Remembrance

Friday, September 11th
10:00 a.m.

Homecoming Football Game vs. Palomar College

Saturday, October 10th
6:00 p.m.
Football Stadium

Veterans Memorial Concert

Monday, October 12th
7:00 p.m.
Church of the Masters, Mission Viejo

Presidential Highlights

The following is a quick overview of Dr. Burnett's schedule during the summer: Attended the Foundation Board Retreat...toured the Advanced Technology and Education Park...attended the Strengths Quest Workshop for the management team...welcomed Facilities and Maintenance night staff to breakfast...attended Rachel's Challenge at the Norman P. Murray center...met with Peter Bastone, President and CEO of Mission Hospital...attended a Foundation Executive Committee meeting...held a welcome luncheon for Gretchen Bender and Dixie Bullock...held a welcome breakfast for Dean Rane-Szostak...held a luncheon for daytime Facilities and Maintenance staff...met with



Reverend Mark Whitlock and Professor of Philosophy and Religion Richard Rose...held a college-wide continental breakfast to kick off In-Service Week...attended the college-wide accreditation meeting...attended the chancellor's opening session...spoke at the president's in-service faculty breakfast...attended the strategic planning kick off...spoke at the president's luncheon for classified staff...attended the new faculty orientation...attended an overview of outcomes, assessments, and reviews...attended division meetings...attended the associate faculty orientation meeting...welcomed guests at the Emeritus Institute's in-service...met with Fulbright Foundation representatives and students in the Egypt Community College Initiative.

Photo (Provided by Jessica Cha): President Burnett welcomes the Facilities and Maintenance Night Staff at a breakfast in recognition of their service to Saddleback College.

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