ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS WIN BIG IN 2013 STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION
Saddleback architecture students won 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place in the 2013 Student Design Competition sponsored by Orange County American Institute of Architects (AIA). Dylan Bachar, Jayson Champlain, and Anne Rosen received the honors at AIA’s Awards Dinner for sustainable designs proposed for the vacated Newport City Hall site. Also, Saddleback students, Seyed Nazari and Christopher Graham, received Honorable Mention awards.

2015 SOLAR DECATHLON - TEAM ORANGE
UCI, Chapman University and Saddleback College are collaborating on an entry application for the 2015 Solar Decathlon. This is a US Department of Energy Home Design and Building Competition. It had been held on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. until the past year when the 2013 Solar Decathlon was held at the Great Park in Irvine. It drew crowds of thousands to see the latest in sustainable solar residential design and construction techniques.

Dan Riley, Adjunct Professor in Rapid Digital Manufacturing, and Blake Stephens AIA, Professor of Architecture are on the team and working on the Competition Entry Documents.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

FALL CALIFORNIA AUTOMOTIVE TEACHERS CONFERENCE
Professors Cliff Meyer, Vincent Pollizzi, Casey Moir, and Raj Dhillon participated in the biannual California Automotive Teachers Conference at Santa Barbara City College on Saturday, October 19. They attended meetings with such diverse topics as “45 Tips to Enhance Your Program,” “Common Core State Standards for CTE,” “NATEF Light Repair and Hybrid Accreditation,” “CDX and NATEF Tracking,” “Women in the Classroom,” “Smartphone Apps in the Classroom,” and “Integrating Online Learning Techniques.” Everyone had a wonderful time and made some great connections to support the program into the future.

FALL ANTIQUE ENGINE AND TRACTOR SHOW
Saturday, October 26, Saddleback Automotive Technology program students attended the Fall Antique Engine and Tractor Show showcasing Fairbanks Morse Engines at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista. Students met at the Laguna Niguel/ Mission Viejo train station where they were accompanied by Professor Vincent Pollizzi and Associate Faculty Raj Dhillon. The group rode the Metrolink train to the Oceanside Transit Center where the group transferred to the Sprinter light rail line run by the North County Transit District. Upon arrival, students transferred to a transit bus for the short ride to the museum. When the group arrived at the museum, they split into small groups and explored
the exhibits and demonstrations. In addition to the permanent displays in the Blacksmith Shop, Farmhouse, Gas Engine Row, Short Track Railroad, Steam Engine Row, Steam Traction Engines, Tractors, and Weaving Barn, personal project tractors and equipment were brought in from across the state and some equipment traveled from as far away as Canada. After several hours of exploring the museum exhibits and watching the Antique Equipment Parade, one student said, “This was way cooler than I expected! I was ready for old tractors in a muddy field, and found all this stuff. I could live here!”

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE MANAGEMENT STUDENTS MEET WITH AUDI MISSION VIEJO
On Thursday, October 31, the Auto 227 – Automotive Service Management students met with Cedric Volk, Operations Manager, and Dan Ranciglio, Certified Service Consultant, from Audi Mission Viejo. The students were given an opportunity to see how the vehicle service industry functions at a retail automotive facility.

The students were accompanied by their instructor, associate faculty, Raj Dhillon and assistant professor, Vincent Pollizzi. Mr. Volk and Ranciglio hosted a very informative and entertaining discussion on what it takes to meet the needs of customers in Orange County and offered some insight into what it takes to break into the rewarding and challenging career field of being a service writer with a major automobile manufacturer.

UPDATE ON THE DONATED 2012 KIA OPTIMA HYBRID
The Automotive Technology program is pleased to announce that its 2012 Kia Optima Hybrid has just returned from Starfish Graphics in San Clemente where it was wrapped in our school colors and department logo.

This vehicle will be used as a training aid for our current students and as a promotions and marketing tool when going to recruiting events and conferences by the Saddleback Automotive Technology Program professors.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
The Automotive Technology Department held its biannual Program Advisory Committee Meeting on Friday, November 8. The gathering was considered a huge success by all those in attendance. Representatives from the local business community and the Saddleback College community included: Biodiesel Cooperative of Los Angeles, California Fuel Cell Partnership, Capistrano VW, Courtesy Automotive Services, CP-Carrillo, Dewey Pest Control, Matco Tools, Mercedes Benz - Laguna Niguel, Rover Doctor, San Juan Shell, South Coast ROP, VIA Motors, Viking Auto Care, Dr. Kathy Werle - Vice
President for Instruction, Larry Ward (Fine Arts), Larry Perez (Mathematics), Katlin Choi (Student Support), and Jack Frost and Harvey Moore (automotive technology volunteers).

Of the thirty individuals in attendance, many have been long time supporters of the program; several new members were introduced. The automotive technology program faculty and staff look forward to expanding its industry partnerships in the years to come.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES – ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION – MARINE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY**

**BOLSA CHICA WETLANDS**
Environmental Studies 18 – Introduction to Ecology students went on a field trip to the Bolsa Chica wetlands to view a salt water marsh and to learn about ecosystem productivity, plant and animal adaptations, and species diversity.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CLUB ACTIVITIES**
Fifteen students from the Environmental Awareness Club attended the LA Green Festival on October 19 and spent the morning learning how to separate recycled materials from domestic trash. In the afternoon, they attended the festival learning about sustainable activities related to clothing, food, and buildings. Students and members of the Environmental Awareness Club are volunteering in the native garden.

**VISIT TO SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT**
Environmental Studies department chair, Dr. Morgan Barrows, and laboratory technician, John Richards, visited the Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) to learn about their future plans and to discuss developing a long-term partnership with the Environmental Studies Department and SMWD.

**RESTORATION EFFORTS**

Environmental Science 24 – Natural History of California students have participated in various restoration efforts for the endangered Light-footed Clapper Rail and its habitat making it possible to release the 401st captive-bred endangered Light-footed Clapper Rail into Mission Bay Tuesday, November 19. Dick Zembal, an associate faculty member, instituted a captive breeding program with Sea World and the Safari Park in 1998. These secretive marsh birds have been hard hit by historic losses in excess of 90% of southern California’s coastal wetlands. Check out the video of the release at [http://www.cbs8.com/story/24016495/clapper-rails-released-into-wild-in-mission-bay](http://www.cbs8.com/story/24016495/clapper-rails-released-into-wild-in-mission-bay).

Environmental Science 24 students will now have the opportunity to join in winter high tide counts of these rare marsh denizens paddling along in a kayak thanks to a grant submitted by San Diego Audubon and partially authored by professor Dick Zembal for winter monitoring of Clapper Rails in Mission Bay (grant was funded by Wells Fargo).

Natural History of California students went hiking in the southern desert and besides learning many desert plants and photographing the few reptiles that were out (including a Chuckwalla), painting their faces with the sweet, citrusy smelling buds of Dye Weed, they tasted native palm fruits, saw a bighorn
ram, and handled a desert rat (believe it or not this was the high point of the field trip for them; see the video clip). The Merriam’s Kangaroo Rat is one of 5 species of small mammal trapped for their enjoyment and edification by former students out camping and trapping them the night before; all animals were released onsite unharmed.

**FASHION DESIGN**

**STUDENT INTERNSHIPS**


**INSTRUCTORS’ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**

Fashion design instructors Diane McGroarty and Kyla Benson attended the Surf Industry Manufactures Association (SIMA) Boot Camp “Unconscious Branding” presented by Douglas Van Praet held at the Hurley Headquarters. During the SIMA Boot Camp, Mr. Van Praet explained his unique approach to branding that focuses on understanding the unconscious motivations that cause people to act and buy.

**FIRST YEAR FASHION DESIGN STUDENT SHOWS GREAT PROMISE**

First year fashion student, Shea Roberts, has a passion for painting shoes. So when she got VIP passes to a recent Blink-182 pop-punk concert Shea decided to create a one-of-a-kind pair of shoes for lead vocalist Mark Hoppus. Shea found his shoe size online and gifted him with her amazing hand painted shoes backstage. Mark was duly impressed with the phenomenal artwork. The next day Mark Hoppus posted an image of the shoes on Instagram and the shoes received over 29,000 likes. Then the shoes were posted on the official Blink-182 twitter page and over 1,200 people re-tweeted the shoe image. Next the shoes were posted on the Blink-182 Instagram and received over 14,000 likes.

Shea and her amazing custom shoes are now known all over the world. She has been flooded with inquiring emails for orders from everywhere, including: Australia, Italy, Spain and Saudi Arabia. Shea is working on her website and currently taking orders at shoesbyshea@gmail.com

**FOODS – NUTRITION – CULINARY ARTS**

**NEW TEXTBOOK AND LEARNING MATERIALS TO BENEFIT STUDENTS**

Foods and Nutrition 50 – Fundamentals of Nutrition instructors have adopted and implemented a new textbook, as well as all new supporting materials, into their classrooms both in-person and virtual. Not
only does this transition result in significant (about 50%) savings to the students in purchasing the textbook/CD-ROM, it also enhances and updates the resources supporting each topic, allows for more interactive learning experiences for the students, and is Blackboard-based so it improves the accessibility from anywhere. While the adoption of these new materials has represented a huge undertaking, the instructors have embraced the challenge in their quest to continually improve upon the learning environment for our wonderful students here at Saddleback!

INSTRUCTOR EARN ADDITIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

Janet Shannon, Foods and Nutrition, FN 161 instructor, received her Certification in Oncology Nutrition from the Commission on Dietetic Registration/Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (CDR/AND). This Board certification is granted in recognition of her documented practice experience and successful completion of an examination in the specialty area. Kudos to Janet!

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION COLLABORATION

Several experts from the University of California cooperative extension master’s food preserver program collaborated with Chef Joanne DeMarchi and the students in Foods and Nutrition FN 110 – Food Preparation Essentials to learn several techniques in food preservation. This class provided a hands-on learning experience that taught our students the basics of food dehydration, canning, fermenting and freezing food safely. Food preservation is a healthy and economical way to provide foods year-round to individuals and their families. For more information about food preservation go to the UC website: http://ucanr.edu/sites/MFPOC/ Food_Preservation/

ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT LUNCHEON

Each year, the Saddleback Culinary Department partners with the Horticulture Department for the Native Plant Symposium. The luncheon with over 100 people, offers our students a wonderful opportunity to obtain hands on catering experience.

2013 FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night is a huge high school outreach event hosted by Saddleback. With more than 400 community members in attendance, the culinary department prepares and serves numerous tasty appetizers throughout the night! The department also has a table for prospective students to speak with current students and to obtain culinary arts information.

DSPS TOUR

The Culinary Department staff hosted four tours for the DSPS program. Anywhere from 5 to 25 students came through our lab and spoke with Chef Lisa Inlow about the Culinary Arts program. Homemade treats prepared by our students, were served as an example of some of the things students will learn.
VITAL LINK PIZZA WORKSHOP
Vital link arranges for 20 high school students who are interested in the culinary arts to attend a special day of cooking here at Saddleback. This year we really tested out their skills, helping them to prepare pizzas, including sauce from scratch; fudgy brownies, including a chocolate ganache; Caesar salad using delicious “from scratch” croutons; and dressing recipes, as well as a unique and refreshing fruit salsa with wonton chips! Everything turned out really well and everyone had a great time.

TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHT
Representatives from the Culinary Department staff attended the Tustin Unified School District College and Career Night outreach program at Foothill High School. Culinary students prepared an appetizer for everyone to enjoy while they received some information about the Saddleback program. Chef Lisa Inlow and her students demonstrated some basic food preparation at the booth as well!

FIELD TRIPS
Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel Resort – FN 273 (Catering and Banquet) students were extremely luckily to attend a unique field trip to one of the all-time luxury resorts, the Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel. Students were taken on a complete tour of the resort, which included a walk through the back of the Kitchen and a presentation from the Chef!

Tula Market – FN 226 (Mexican Cuisine) class had a walking tour and talk with the owner of Tula Market with 2 locations, Mission Viejo and Lake Forest. Tula Market is a Mexican Market, Carcineria, (butcher) Deli, and Hot Table of prepared foods with their specialty of making fresh corn tortillas from scratch. Tim, the owner, also shared his insights into the economics and entrepreneurship of running a Mexican market and the opportunities, trials and tribulations it comes with. After the tour and the talk everyone enjoyed some very delicious food. All agreed it was a very informative and interesting experience.

FOOD DAY
Food Day is the offspring of Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution. The Culinary Department Staff prepared three delectable bites using local organic ingredients donated by a local farm! The food was a hit and helped support a great cause!

GRAPHIC DESIGN

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY
A recent graduate of the Saddleback College Graphic Design program, Fernando Padillo, is enjoying career success as a graphic designer for the famous brand Meguiar’s, which produces car care products that are sold around the world. Fernando says, “My key role is to keep pushing the brand's identity to new limits by breaking brand guidelines when possible, by keeping up with
design trends and implementing such new styles. I’m in charge of giving the brand a striking visual presence on store shelves, on TV, in the web, in social media, and at events. Part of the job is also “brand policing” of international partners for brand consistency, and to assist with design component requests across the globe.

“The best part of my job is to keep our environment fun and design friendly. For example, I reign as company DJ and keep blasting energetic music for my colleagues. To surf the web seeking new trends in design, to experiment with different media or new software that will help spark creativity.” Fernando is just one example of the many graduates of the Saddleback College Graphic Design program who are living their dream careers in graphic design!

INSTRUCTORS ATTEND CTNX ANIMATION EXPOSITION
Instructors Avery Caldwell, Rudy Gardea, and Christopher Claflin recently attended the Creative Talent Network Exposition in Burbank to gain first-hand information on emerging trend in the animation industry. With funding provided by a Perkins grant earmarked for expanding our current animation program, the three instructors spent the day talking to professional animators, software manufacturers, and representatives from other colleges currently offering robust animation programs. Rudy Gardea commented, “This was incredibly helpful to get an understanding of where the industry is going.” The trip to the expo provided an added bonus for the instructors as they became reacquainted with past students who are now working as professional animators on such films as the Academy Award winning film Life of Pi!

GRAPHIC DESIGN DEPARTMENT PRODUCE PLANT SALE POSTER FOR HORTICULTURE’S FALL EVENT
As has been tradition for many years, the Graphic Design department again produced a stunning poster to advertise the Fall Plant Sale for the Horticulture department. As always, we are proud to contribute to our colleague’s successful event!

HORTICULTURE
FALL PLANTS SALE
The annual Fall Plants Sale was held on November 21 and 22. Even though it was rainy (good for the plants for sure), there were many regular customers and some new ones showed up and bought wonderful plants of their selections. The entire process went very smoothly, thanks to hard work of lab technician Yvonne Alliman, Greenhouse Assistant Tina Maldini and especially to all student volunteers. They were fantastic by greeting all customers with beautiful smiles and offering their help. It was another very successful event that generated a good sum of funds for the student scholarship. To recognize
everyone’s hard work, the reporters from the Lariat were there, interviewing organizers, volunteers and customers.

**GUEST LECTURE SERIES**

**Valley Crest Design Group – November 1.** Four very talented landscape designers from Valley Crest Design Group conducted a workshop on rendering techniques and creating the best possible portfolio as a part of Developing a Winning Portfolio class. It was a hands-on demonstration, practice, and constructive critiques, of which all students were very much appreciative. It was a true learning experience for all students of “real-world” presentation techniques. At the end of the class, Valley Crest Design Group donated all drafting materials they brought for the workshop, including markers, color pencils, valued about $1,500. These donated materials will be used by our students who take the design studio classes. Thank you, Valley Crest Design Group for your generous donation of time, expertise, and supplies.

**Theresa Clark – November 6.** Teresa Clark, a well-known, high-end residential landscape designer gave a wonderful lecture to HoLA students as a part of the guest lecture series for the Introduction to Planting Design class. It was a full house with students listening to her dynamic presentation on landscape design with the emphasis on horticulture – especially with native plants.

**Mike Evans – November 7.** Mike Evans, owner of Tree of Life Nursery and an expert on California native plants, presented his lecture for the Landscape Management and Maintenance with Sustainability class. It was a back-to-back dynamic guest lecture after Theresa Clark’s covering the issues on the sustainable plant care, not just the regular maintenance.

**Autumn Rau and Nicole Hill – November 21.** Autumn Rau and Nicole Hill of Valley Crest Maintenance Group presented their lecture on landscape maintenance and sustainable care as a part of Landscape Management and Maintenance class. Again, with many students being interested in professional landscape maintenance care process, it was a first rate, “real world” presentation. After the lecture, the speakers conducted a recruitment interview for full-time, part-time, and internship positions, in which several students participated. The follow up interview will be held in early December.

**FINE ARTS MINI-QUAD DESIGN CHARRETTE**

Instructors Robert Farnsworth and Ken Lee, Fine Arts and Media Technology Dean, Bart McHenry, and two faculty members, Erin Shea and Veronica Obermeyer, participated in a brainstorming session for a design for the Fine Arts Mini-Quad. It was very exciting to explore new design ideas to make a frequently used space more inviting and relaxing. The Horticulture and Landscape Design department will be working closely to provide its support on design and implementation.
TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHT
Department Chair, Robert Farnsworth and Tina Maldini participated in Tustin Unified School District Event on November 4, promoting the Horticulture and Landscape Design program to high school students and their parents. One of our department’s goals is to increase recruiting efforts for high school students. We firmly believe that participation in activities such as this is an excellent way to get our name out to the school district.

FUTURE ORCHID DONATION
David Abernathy and Naomi Ballard, local supporters of the Horticulture and Landscape Design program, have offered the college a future donation of their beloved collection of hundreds of beautiful orchids. This donation will provide our future students with wonderful opportunities to learn more about specialty business in horticulture, which, in return, will provide valuable knowledge on starting their own businesses in orchid sales. Department chair, Robert Farnsworth, and instructor Ken Lee had a chance to visit Mr. Abernathy’s and Ms. Ballafrd’s orchid garden and greenhouse and were impressed by their passion and knowledge of orchids. The Horticulture and Landscape Design department deeply appreciates their most generous future donation and support of our program and students.

LAGUNA NIGUEL NATIVE PRESERVE TOUR
The department’s alumni and student group, Landscape Designers Alumni Association (LDAA), toured the Laguna Niguel Native Preserve with the preserve’s director, Peter Evans. It was wonderful to see a garden which is close to the Saddleback campus that consists of California native plants. There will be an internship opportunity to take care of the garden in spring 2014 semester.

SOUTH COAST PLAZA GARDEN COMPETITION
LDAA has decided to participate in this year’s South Coast Plaza Garden Competition, and held a design charrette on November 7 and 22. Many current students and alumni participated in this design charrette, which included a brainstorming session that resulted in the landscape design concept theme, “Celebrating Southern California.”

RUN TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR SADDLEBACK COLLEGE TRAIL PROJECT
Professor Ken Lee (pictured) ran a full marathon (26.2) miles in Long Beach to raise the awareness of the Saddleback College Trail Project, also as a fund-raising event. According to Professor Lee, “It was a worthy effort, as I receive donations from the college community as well as local communities.”

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (UCANR) MASTER GARDENER’S EVENT
LDAA members participated in the UCANR demonstrating California Native Garden as well as sustainable gardens. It was informative how a residential garden can be designed for less water consumption and less maintenance.
On October 21, the well-attended Interior Design Club / ASID (American Society of Interior Designers) Student Chapter meeting hosted David Wagner, CID from the California Counsel for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC), who presented “The Benefits and Pathways to Interior Design Certification.”

The second Interior Design workshop, Design Entrepreneurship, held on November 7, was provided free to our design students and led by Rebecca Knapp, a full-time business professor at Saddleback. Rebecca talked about having an “entrepreneurial spirit”, the basic elements to building your business plan and the tools and resources needed for launching your ideas to jump start your design business. Once again, those who attended were very glad that they did! This event was made possible from a grant that part-time faculty member, Farida Glabdrakhmanova, secured for the Interior Design Department. Other informative workshops are being planned for the future. Please check out our Interior Design website: www.facebook.com/SaddlebackInteriorDesign/events.

Also in November, interior design students took advantage of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) event at the Irvine architectural firm, LPA, for a sample swap, tour of the facilities, and panel discussion of prominent design professionals.

COMING EVENT

National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) Holiday Party. Our student members of NKBA are planning to attend this festive networking event at the Queen Mary on December 7.