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The Women’s Conference Prompts Campus Discussion on Being Architects of Change

Mission Viejo, CA – More than 150 students, faculty, staff, administrators, and members of the community gathered in the Saddleback College Student Lounge on Wednesday, October 22nd to see a live screening of The Women’s Conference hosted by California First Lady Maria Shriver and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Between conference presentations by luminaries including Warren Buffett, Condoleezza Rice, and Madeleine Albright, female Saddleback College professors of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences led panel discussions on topics including “finding your voice to inspire change” and “challenges of women in leadership.”

The Women’s Conference is the nation’s premier annual forum for thousands of diverse women to have a shared conversation and a common purpose – to empower, inspire, and educate women to be architects of change in their lives, in their communities, and around the world.

Saddleback College showed a live broadcast of the event at the request of the State Chancellor’s Office and the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger after The Women’s Conference in Long Beach was sold out in less than three hours with more than 14,000 guests attending.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “The Women’s Conference offered amazing presentations from leading experts on politics, business, human rights, and the economy. I am so impressed with the many students, faculty, and staff who attended the conference to learn how they can be architects of change to create a better world.”

Sociology Professor Allison Camelot stated, “With more and more women earning high positions in government and industry, The Women’s Conference provided an outstanding tool for our students to discuss feminism, politics, and other issues that affect us all. It was truly inspiring to see our students get so much out of the day’s presentations.”

Between presentations of the broadcast, Saddleback College Professors Allison Camelot (sociology), Carmenmara Hernandez-Bravo (Spanish), Anne Cox (women’s studies),
Renee Garcia (anthropology), and Nicole Loftus (sociology) discussed using one’s voice to change the world, and challenges women face in positions of leadership. The discussions involved both students and college staff alike.

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Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College is celebrating its 40th year of providing quality higher education to the south Orange County community. For more information on the college and its programs, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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