Automotive Technology Kenneth Welch reports:

- The California Automotive Teachers - Spring conference this weekend was outstanding and included several surprises. Our conference was held at Universal Technical Institute in Sacramento. I missed the Saddleback College articulation meeting, but attended the conference with Darrell Deeter and Bob Demmon (the Saddleback College instructors that my high school and CROP courses have articulation agreements with). We also had time to discuss and refine the articulation of our courses.

**Surprise #1:**
- Darrell and I were presented outstanding instructor awards during the Saturday luncheon. Darrell was recognized as the CAT Association Outstanding College Instructor for 2009 and I received the CAT Outstanding High School Instructor for 2009 (photo attached). This was especially rewarding because Darrell was my student when I taught at CSU Long Beach about 1974.

**Surprise #2:**
- The CAT conferences also include an instructional material raffle at the end of the day....I was the lucky winner of a $1000.00 equipment certificate from ATech Training Incorporated (attached). ATech Training equipment and materials are state of the art. [http://atechtraining.com/](http://atechtraining.com/)
- The ATech gift for my classroom will be very helpful and a welcome "budget increase" to improve the curriculum for next school year.
Communication Arts reports:

Charlie Myers reports:

- Saddleback College was again well represented at the Newport Beach Film Festival with a large crowd and some very good pictures. Five films were screened at the festival and all were recipients of $400 scholarship awards.
- Faculty and Staff visited with San Clemente, Tesoro, Trabuco, and San Juan Hills high schools to present HD technology and RED Digital Cinema to the students and teachers.
- Three advanced productions are nearing the completion of production. They are Lunchtime Confidential, Big Guy (shot on RED), and Riley (shot on Panasonic HD and greenscreen).

Hiro Konishi reports:

- Two projects by Comm. Arts students fared well at two film festivals in April:
  - Peter Shafron’s “Growing Up Mischling” won the Best Short Documentary Award at the Lake Arrowhead Film Festival.
  - “Center Street Rising” a documentary by Ashkan Golara, Dot Leach, Kathy Krumplisch and Tracy Sabeti won the Audience Award for the Best Short Documentary at the Newport Beach Film Festival.

Mark Kruhman Reports:

- Comm. Arts has been included in the CTE Grant with other areas of the college. We are going to hold a “boot camp” for area high school instructors that teach media, TV, Film and related subject matter. The goal is to help high school students matriculate with the Saddleback College program and to give the high school students a better idea of what going to be happening in their future. Following the bootcamp we will be providing the high schools a High Definition video camera. This is a very exciting program and the high schools are very enthusiastic. Saddleback will sponsor a film/video festival for the high schools in December.
- Charlie Myers and Mark Kruhman have been on the road with RED. Charlie and Mark have been visiting area high schools and showing them our RED One Digital Cinema camera and talking about the future of filmmaking and television production. Saddleback’s program is also discussed and what we have to offer them. The student’s have been very receptive and really seem to appreciate that we have taken the time to come to their classrooms and talk with them.
- Mark Kruhmin has been asked to help with an interview with Steven Spielberg at DreamWorks. McGillivray/ Freeman Films of Laguna Beach is producing a documentary on many of the people involved with the uber famous surf film Big Wednesday.
- Another high school event took place with the Aliso Viejo Madrigals choral group performing in the TV Studio as part of a continuing series called Spotlight on Young Voices. The crew was supplied from Hiro Konishi’s TV Production class. The students are also shooting and editing the upcoming fashion show being held in the McKinney Theatre in conjunction with Diane McGroarty Fashion Merchandising classes. Both of these programs will be aired on Ch. 39.

Electronic Technology, Computer Maintenance Technology No report:
Environmental Studies and Ecological Restoration Morgan Barrows reports:

- The department participated in various Earth Day festivities here at Saddleback College, including a workshop on Water given by the department chair.
- The department also participated in Mission Viejo’s Earth Day festivities by setting up a booth and talking with about 500 residents about the Environmental Studies department and the programs offered here at Saddleback College.
- The Alternative Energy Technologies students toured the National Fusion Laboratory in San Diego where they had the opportunity to see first hand the largest nuclear fusion reactor in the US.
- The Ecology students toured the Bolsa Chica Wetlands where they were able to see first hand how a biome functions, including food webs, trophic structures, predator-prey relationships, and symbiosis.
- The department chair had the opportunity to tour Ohlone College’s Newark Center a LEED platinum building.

Fashion, Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising Lindsay Fox reports:

- Internships:
  - Marcela Meiado scored a design internship with Quiksilver in the Swimwear Division.
  - Also, Alex Banwell is currently doing her internship with Place Showroom and Trina Turk. She filled out the questionnaire below:
    - Fashion Student Name: Alexandra Banwell
      - Internship: Place Showroom and Trina Turk
      - Describe your personal style: Fashion Schizophrenic
      - Describe some of your hobbies: Film, painting, traveling, and my new ducks Fred and Ginger.
      - Favorite experience at Saddleback College: Meeting amazing people
      - Something really cool you have learned on your internship: To not be afraid.
      - What advice would you have for a new student at Saddleback: Try everything. You never know what will stick.

Events:

- April 16th 4:00pm BGS 144 Adam Reiter- Guest Speaker
- Adam Reiter wrote a five step formula for identifying and landing your dream job in fashion entitled “You Can Get a Job in Fashion.” Adam Reiter spoke to fashion students about landing a great job in fashion, advancing yourself in the fashion field, and what students can be learning now that is valuable in the workplace.
April 28th 1:00pm  SSC 212  Jaime Klein- Guest Speaker
Jaime Klein has over 30 years experience in the sales and marketing real estate profession with a focus on Lead Management and Shared Ownership. Jamie has published a book that summarizes his thirty years of Sales and Marketing successes called “Lead Domination.” Jaime is a great guest speaker who is extremely intelligent and funny. Though he specializes in Real Estate, his expertise in sales and marketing would help any fashion merchandising major.

April 28th 4:00pm in BGS 104 Saddleback College Fashion Department hosted "Portfolio Day", a day where students could have their portfolios reviewed by people in the industry and get feedback to make themselves more marketable in the apparel industry.

Some of the guests we had were Jen Barrios - Sr. Merchandiser of Quiksilver Women's, Zuly Ventura - Roxy Quiksilver Swimwear Patternmaker, April Brenn - Roxy Quiksilver Accessories Designer, Tony Fella - Oakley R&D Textile Specialist, Tara Ritacco - Disney Character Costumes and Development Fabric and Resource
Manager, and Laura Bonsall - Costume Designer and Instructor at Saddleback College and FIDM.

Amanda Hunn and Sarah Gilmore won the prizes for Best Fashion Portfolio. Congrats to both of them!

Thank you to students, faculty, and industry partners who participated!

- April 30th 4:00pm  BGS 104  Jennie McCue- Guest Speaker
  Jennie McCue is Saddleback College’s Marketing Director. She has a Masters degree in political management from George Washington University. She gave a lecture on how to write a press release to all fashion students.

**Other News:**
• Students from FASH 289: Special Topics Eco-friendly Fashion Tour class went to American Apparel in Los Angeles on April 24th. American Apparel is a completely vertically integrated apparel company. They knit the fabric, cut and sew all in the United States.

• FASH 143 Buying and Merchandising students took a field trip to Oakley on April 21st. Students met Adrienne Ernst - Apparel Merchandise Manager and Kristen Mann - Buyer and were able to pick their brains about their roles at Oakley. Students also had the opportunity to see the designs for Fall 2010 merchandised together on Oakley’s giant design wall, see inside the textile lab, and view the mock store - a store that Oakley Visual Merchandisers set up to layout the merchandise that every Oakley store will imitate.

• Saddleback fashion student Tiana Bryant recently had her wedding ceremony and made her wedding dress from hemp silk and her flower girl's dresses (also dyed them too!). She used techniques she learned in dye processes, custom dress-form class, draping, as well as sewing classes. Check out some of the pictures!
As always, check out the Fashion blog for the latest student and department news: www.saddlebackcollegefashion.blogspot.com

Foods and Nutrition Suzanne Denton reports:

- The FN 120, Meal Management class under the direction of dept. chairperson, Suzanne Denton, held a Cinco de Mayo luncheon for guests and academic leaders on May 5th in the Village Quad. The special event was planned and executed by the students.
Taylor Elam represented Saddleback College in the 2009 California Dreamin’ cuisine competition of culinary programs from Southern and Northern California culinary programs. Lisa Inlow and Haley Nguyen spent hours in preparation mentoring Taylor. Students from the Catering and Banquets and Baking classes participated in the continuing professional activities at the competition which was held in Downey. They showed a strong presence in the culinary competition.

Graphic Design and Graphic Communications No report:

Horticulture reports:

Our Planting Design class (Hort 109) with instructor Annie Hall entered the Display Garden Competition at the South Coast Garden Show held at South Coast Plaza. It's an enormous task that requires students and instructor to work closely together in order to bring all of the planning and materials together to form the final display on time. The first time we displayed was 2007 and we won a second place trophy. The display was set up for four days. We won First Place this time! This was also a great time for us to market our program and distribute our literature. Congratulations to all of the students and help for the successful event.

KSBR No report:

Interior Design and Travel and Tourism No report:

Marine Science Technology No report: