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Dear Supporters and Friends,

This year’s Foundation annual report celebrates another successful year of providing unprecedented philanthropic support to students and programs on campus. Throughout the report are messages of gratitude from students whose lives you helped to change with your generous giving. These stories reminded me of the impact that Saddleback College had on my own experience at Saddleback as a student. Like many freshmen, I took a variety of classes to find out what field of study was right for me, and I was fortunate to have some incredible professors who invested in me.

Once I discovered computer science, I knew I had found the perfect fit. After Saddleback, I went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in computer science from Cal State Fullerton and co-founded Neudesic, LLC in 2003, a leading software company. For the past 4 years, I’ve enjoyed paying it forward by offering summer internships to Saddleback College computer science students.

As I became more involved at Saddleback, I became aware of the many needs of our diverse student body and the humbling and shocking reality that many were lacking even the most basic resources like food and shelter. I was stunned to find out that 4% of our students were homeless—couch surfing or living out of their cars. Yet despite their enormous challenges, they were doing all they could to succeed in getting an education. I wanted to help and be part of changing students’ lives.

I am honored to now be serving on the Foundation Board of Governors as President. The board includes an outstanding group of current and retired business and civic leaders in our community, college faculty and alums who not only volunteer their time and professional expertise, but make a financial investment in the Foundation to benefit students. Saddleback College Foundation exists to fulfill its mission of “Changing Lives” through philanthropy, and I invite you to join me in making a difference in the lives of hundreds of students each year through your generosity. I believe that there is no greater investment and no greater feeling of satisfaction than hearing a student say how much your donation has impacted them and their future. Throughout this annual report you will read about lives changed thanks to your generosity. Your gift is often the critical difference between a student being able to succeed in school or having to withdraw. Thank you for all you do to support the needs of our students. You are a very valuable member of the Saddleback family, and I hope you enjoy reading this year’s annual report.

With Gratitude,

Anthony Ferry
President, Board of Governors
Saddleback College Foundation
A ll of us at the Foundation wish Dr. Tod A. Burnett the very best upon his retirement from Saddleback College. In 2008, Dr. Burnett came to Saddleback College with the goal of creating a model community college that excelled in all areas, beginning with student success. Today, Saddleback is indisputably one of our state and nation’s preeminent community colleges. Early in his Presidency, he commissioned a marketing study which asked, “When you hear the word ‘college’ which college comes to your mind first?” The results showed that Saddleback was mentioned by 25 percent of respondents. Just five years later, 75 percent of respondents mentioned Saddleback as “top of mind,” representing astounding growth.

Over the course of his Presidency, Dr. Burnett has been the Foundation’s leading fundraising partner by championing a culture of philanthropy on campus and cultivating community support. As a result, the Foundation’s results have increased dramatically. A few important examples include: endowments have increased tenfold from $668,853 in 2008 to over $7 million today, and scholarship giving has increased from 180 students awarded in 2008 to 633 students this year. During his nine-year tenure, the Foundation raised nearly $5 million for 3,548 scholarships, compared to just under $2 million raised for 2,160 scholarships over the previous 20 years.

And the future looks even brighter. Saddleback College is in the process of launching a College Promise Program with the goal of eliminating non-academic barriers to student success. The Foundation is an important partner in this exciting initiative that will require the leadership and support of both the college and the community. “The work of the Saddleback College Foundation is critical to our college mission. The number one reason that many students do not succeed in college is due to personal financial hardships,” said Dr. Burnett. “Approximately 40% of all our credit students need financial aid to attend college. However, almost half of these students cannot get full financial aid, and they are each left with an average unmet need of over $11,000 per year.”

This promise program is essentially a commitment to fund an education for every eligible student who starts at a community college and advances on a path to earn a degree, a certificate, and/or credits that transfer to a four-year college or university. It is a promise to prepare students for the workforce without the burden of unmanageable college debt.

In partnership with the President, the Foundation began adding staff in 2012. The result has been that the foundation has raised 90% as much in total revenue in the last six years as in all the previous 23 years.
On May 26, Saddleback College’s class of ‘17 filed into the packed gymnasium proudly wearing their cardinal graduation regalia. They were greeted by their professors and college staff who welcomed them with cheers, high fives and even some hugs. For many of these students, earning a certificate or diploma was only possible because your gifts ensured they had opportunities to achieve their dreams. By donating to the Foundation, your generosity removed financial barriers to degree completion and motivated these students to persist.

The Foundation is a critical partner in supporting student success by raising funds for scholarships and other programs that directly benefit students. Guided by a group of dedicated community leaders who advocate for the college, the Foundation strives to make higher education attainable for all in south Orange County. And your donations make it all possible.

Thanks to the generosity of our family of donors in the past fiscal year, the Foundation received 3,940 individual gifts, awarded 789 scholarships to hard working students, increased net assets by almost 10 percent and raised 81 percent more in revenues at the Gala.

This year the Foundation re-established the President’s Circle and added a new giving circle, the Emeritus Institute Circle, both with members contributing at least $1,000 annually. The Angels for the Arts also added a giving circle level of $1,000 and up. Other Foundation supported fundraising activities included a Veteran’s 5K, Athletics Golf Tournament, KSBR Birthday Bash, and a Fine Arts Luncheon.

Next year marks two important milestones in Saddleback College’s history. The first is the groundbreaking of the new Athletic Complex which will include a brand new stadium and practice fields. The Foundation is launching a special capital campaign in support of the new stadium and will be reaching out to our family of donors and local community to share how everyone can help in this exciting new addition to the campus as well as our community. The second major milestone is a year-long celebration of Saddleback College’s 50th Anniversary.

As we look back on a successful 2016/2017 fiscal year, the Foundation would like to express our sincere gratitude to you for changing lives by selflessly investing in students’ education and ultimately their futures. The class of ’17 will be forever grateful!
IN GRATITUDE:

Each year, our donors receive hundreds of thank you letters written by our scholarship recipients that capture the life-changing impact of a scholarship. Their words eloquently express their gratitude and humble appreciation. If you would like to change a life through funding a scholarship or setting up an endowment that will provide funds in perpetuity, please visit [www.saddleback.edu/foundation/scholarship-program](http://www.saddleback.edu/foundation/scholarship-program) or call 949-582-4479.

“It has been really hard working two jobs and trying to go to school fulltime. This scholarship has enabled me to reduce my working hours to focus more on school. The Gross Scholars program helped me get better grades and pick up more classes.”

–Sue and Bill Gross Technical Education Scholars Program recipient

“Your gift is so special. It speaks volumes in human kindness. I am very dedicated to achieving my academic goals and becoming a registered dietician. This scholarship means a lot to me. I am truly grateful. I look forward to the days ahead when I will provide nutrition education to our community. Thank you for believing in me.”

–Laguna Niguel Rotary Club recipient

“Please accept my sincere gratitude for making the Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am truly appreciative of your support! I am a healthcare administration major student. By awarding me the scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day to be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.”

–Saddleback Kiwanis Foundation of Laguna Hills recipient

*2017 Amount represents unaudited numbers and are based on the standards set by CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education). Years 2010 – 2016 represent audited numbers.

**$864,043 represents $144,413 in interest/investment income, $669,274 unrealized and $50,356 realized gain.
Dr. Morgan Barrows and Anthony Pichardo have given generously for nearly ten years to grow their shared endowment—the MorganTree Environmental Education Endowed Scholarship. Even though they both graduated from the same great university, they have chosen to give to Saddleback students because they believe this is where their gifts will have the greatest impact on the lives of students. They give to support students in a field they both care deeply about, Environmental Studies, where Morgan is the department chair at Saddleback. Since they both came from middle class families and did not qualify for many college scholarships, their endowment has no financial limitation. Their goal is to "Make it a little easier, at least in a financial sense, for students to focus on their education. Morgan and Anthony have also included their Saddleback endowment in their estate plan.
The 41st Annual Scholarship Ceremony at Saddleback College celebrated the awarding of scholarships to 633 students. Each year, this event is a wonderful way to recognize the hundreds of donors who invest in the success of our students. The total investment in scholarships and scholarship endowments this year was over $817,000.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, Saddleback College President thanked all the scholarship donors who were in attendance. “All of you have not only given directly to help our students, but your gifts enrich our college as a whole and the community that we serve,” he said. “Your giving is a testament to what Saddleback means to our community, and the vital role we play in educating and training the workforce of today and tomorrow, as well as providing valuable social and cultural programs and services.” Dr. Burnett went on to share that while total philanthropic giving to higher education institutions in the United States is about $477 billion each year, only around 1% of this amount is raised for community colleges. Despite this dire statistic, our community colleges educate and train the majority of students in our nation. In California alone, our community colleges transfer over 50% of Cal State’s students and 30% of UC’s students. One of the ways Dr. Burnett said that our college could alleviate a shortfall in funding and to ensure that community college is attainable and affordable for all is to implement a “Promise Program—which would make the first two years of community college—at a minimum—as universal, free, and accessible as public high school has been. “Ladies and gentlemen, this is our calling. It is a promise to prepare students for the 21st Century workforce and help them pursue the American Dream without the burden of unmanageable college debt,” he said. “Saddleback, in partnership with our local K-12 school districts, cities, four-year colleges and universities, county, non-profit organizations, and business and industry must develop a program that achieves the goals of the College Promise. Over the past several months, Saddleback has begun working on such a promise program for students in South County. We have initiated discussions with several of our local partners, and we are in the midst of developing a pilot program with one of our local universities which we hope will serve as a model for other colleges across the nation.”

During the ceremony, three outstanding students and scholarship recipients shared their stories of how they came to Saddleback and what it meant to receive help from donors as well as professors and the Saddleback Foundation.
Cole grew up in a small town in Minnesota, and enlisted in the Marine Corps when he was 17. While in the Marine Corps, he was deployed 3 times, twice to Japan (once was during Fukushima) and once to Afghanistan. He worked on weapons and optics including night vision and missile launchers for the entire battalion. When his time to re-enlist came up, he decided to leave and pursue college so that he could go back in as an officer. He enrolled at Saddleback College to study computer science. Cole applied for and was awarded two important internships: one at Neudesic LLC and another at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab.

“Once I arrived at JPL all the nerves hit me and I started thinking, ‘WOW, am I out of my league!’ I was standing there next to people that were graduates from MIT or CalTech and here I am still in community college,” said Cole. “After a few days of walking around and getting asked where I was attending school, the general reaction was ‘WHAT?? You have an internship here and you are still in community college? You are pretty far ahead of your peers!’ This gave me a lot more confidence and made me realize I do belong here. The project I was brought in to work on is responsible for bringing the sample tubes of the Mars 2020 mission back to Earth. I never would have dreamt that when I got out of the Marine Corps, I would be doing work at NASA. All of the hard work we put in has a driving force behind it, the determination to be the best you can be.

The most important things needed to succeed are support, hard work, and determination. We all have a goal we want to reach, whether it’s being able to provide for our families, becoming a scholar, being the head of some huge corporation, or simply passing your next class. Hard work and determination are all up to the student, the support comes from all the donors here and staff at Saddleback. The support system we have here at Saddleback is truly one of a kind. The support of the donors is the reason we are all here, some of us would not be able to pursue higher education if it were not for the generosity of the tremendous people in this room. The donors that were gracious enough to believe in me and allow me to extend my GI Bill were: S-STEM, Kiwanis Foundation, and the Neudesic Osher Endowment. I will never forget your generosity.”
When Ashley was growing up in a small town in Illinois, she never thought that an education was something she could aspire to. She felt that college was for people who had money or athletic talent and she didn’t have either one. Just before her 21st birthday, Ashlee found out she was going to have a baby and decided to start a new life, one that would be promising for her and her child. The fall after her daughter’s birth was the beginning of her journey at Saddleback. Today, she has successfully completed her second semester in the nursing program.

“I chose Saddleback to begin my journey, but what really ended up happening was that Saddleback chose me,” said Ashlee. “My professors and key staff members chose me with every question they asked, every response they gave, every comment or smiley face they left me on the tops of my tests, every encouragement and critique written in the margins of my papers, every time they gave of their time and insight. Thank you for always believing in me, advocating for my success and through tutoring, allowing me to share with other students what you have taught me.

To the Saddleback College Foundation and its donors, specifically: AAUW Laguna Beach, Rancho Mission Viejo, Dr. Julius Ibanez, the Soroptomists of Capistrano Bay, the Assistance League of Capistrano Valley, Dr. Richard McCullough and Barbara Jay. Without your support, I would have had to drop out and go back to working full time and surviving paycheck to paycheck. But because of you, I am able to work part-time as a Mental Health Worker at Mission Hospital Laguna Beach, still volunteer at the Friendship Shelter and still keep up with my responsibilities as a full time nursing student and mother. Thank you for investing in my future and the future I will be able to provide for my daughter. I strive to emulate you and continue to serve my community to give back what was so generously given to me. I plan to dedicate my career and life’s work to advocating for mental health and wellness in south Orange County. My goal is upon completion of my undergraduate nursing requirements, to then pursue my Masters in Nursing as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with a focus on adolescent care and substance abuse. My desire is to use my past experiences and knowledge combined with my education to create solutions and provide care to combat the rise in teen and young adult suicides, homelessness and substance abuse. When I first began to pursue my education, my friend sent me a quote that read, “You were given this mountain to show that it can be moved. Because of the staff, donors and leadership of Saddleback College, that mountain is moving. Thank you.”
Tony Bautista’s parents believed that hard work was more important than an education and was the foundation for family. Tony started working when he was six years old with his father’s landscaping business. Unfortunately, Tony dropped out of high school which caused a huge strain on his relationship with his father, and he ended up running away from home to join the military.

“I went to Seal training at the amphibious base in Coronado California and spent my last years with the Naval Special Warfare Center and finished up at Explosive Ordinance Disposal unit seven in California,” said Tony. “After detaching from the military, I eventually got a job working in the finance industry for fourteen years. Sometimes I worked 14-16 hours a day, six days a week and 6 hours on Sundays. Eventually, both my son and daughter tested below average, and my education was limited so I couldn’t properly help them either. It was at this point that my wife and I decided that my kids needed me around, so I quit my job in the finance industry and decided to try college.

We sold both of our homes and our cars and rented an apartment. I found the Veterans Student Center at Saddleback and was introduced to some of the most amazing human beings I have ever known. They and the Foundation have helped my family and me with emergency funds, grants, book vouchers, gift cards, and scholarships to continue with my studies here at Saddleback College.

Without all of this help, I wouldn’t be here today. Since enrolling at Saddleback College, I have helped my children with their education to the point where my daughter has managed a 4.0 GPA for the last two years in junior high, and my son has maintained a 4.25 weighted GPA in high school. My son is looking at MIT, Caltech, USC and Princeton with the plans of double majoring in Aerospace Engineering and Environmental Engineering. My daughter has dreams of being an Aerospace Engineer. My goals are to transfer to either USC, UCI or LMU and earn a degree in Computer Science and with the hopes of going to law school.

Saddleback College hasn’t just helped me, they have helped my family. They have impacted my legacy in ways that I’ll never be able to comprehend fully. I cannot thank you enough for all the guidance, the tough love, the encouragement and above all else, BELIEVING in me when I had doubts about my academic career. We all have a road to follow, some harder than others. Don’t give up and surround yourself with great people like the ones here at Saddleback College for they will help push you to heights you never knew were possible.”
STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2010-2017

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP GIVING 2010-2017

NOEMI BUENO ROJO
Major: Journalism

I was born with a disability called Cerebral Palsy that has left my ability to walk and learn somewhat challenging. Now I am attending Saddleback College and am currently receiving help from every one of the services offered to help ensure my path to higher education is met.

This scholarship will tremendously help me in paying for the costs of my materials that are required for my classes needed to graduate. Being an independent student with a disability means some extra expenses need to be met in order for me to continue attending school. This scholarship takes the worry off that I need to stop college because of cost. I have always had a fear that I was not good enough to finish college but now that I have attended for almost two years I know I can. I want to finish college because it is something I have truly grown to love and am no longer afraid of.”
"C"hanging Lives" was the theme for the 17th Annual Saddleback College Foundation Gala and the event raised record-breaking proceeds of $300,000—an 81 percent increase than the previous year. Thanks to increased sponsorship and participation in the silent and live auctions and the "Raise the Paddle" scholarship auction, more students than ever before will benefit from the Gala. The sold-out event of 450 guests was held on April 1st at the Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel and featured a moving speech by alum Sergeant Juan Valdez, a speech by Valedictorian Sponsor Dan Predoehl, Assistant Division Dean and Director of the Emeritus Institute, the presentation of the alumna of the year award and concluded with a tribute to retiring president Dr. Tod A. Burnett.

At the start of the evening, Foundation Board of Governors President Anthony Ferry greeted the guests and drew everyone's attention to the printed student stories at each place setting. “These students represent many others who have overcome great odds to not only remain in school, but to thrive thanks to receiving assistance through the Foundation’s emergency grants and scholarships,” he said. “These life-changing funds are made possible through the generosity of our community and your participation tonight is vital to the success of our deserving and hard-working students.”

One of the highlights of the program was guest speaker and retired Marine Corp. Sergeant Juan Valdez who served honorably in the Global War on Terrorism. After four deployments to the Middle East, where he was involved in more than 200 operations, sergeant Valdez was wounded in action by gunshot wounds to the arm and chest. He received the Purple Heart for being wounded in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom, a Navy and Marine Corps achievement medal, with "V" for valor, for actions during combat, as well as a combat action ribbon with gold star. Sergeant Valdez received a standing ovation as he took the stage with his service dog Tank by his side. He spoke about the impact that Saddleback, and in particular the Veterans program, had on him throughout his studies at the college. He credited the faculty's support and feeling of camaraderie with his fellow veteran students with helping him to succeed. He finished his speech by thanking all those who selflessly invested in students like himself, and received another standing ovation when he shared that he is attending UCSD and is working towards a BA in Political Science and a law degree to advocate for multifaceted issues facing veterans.
Following Sergeant Valdez’ moving speech, emcee and Auction Benefit Specialist Zack Krone led the live auction and scholarship fundraising portion of the evening. “Although here we are in the heart of wealthy Orange County, some of Saddleback’s students have been dealt a challenging hand. In fact, nearly 5 percent of Saddleback College students are homeless,” he said. “Imagine trying to stay focused on your studies when you’re hungry and don’t know where you’re going to sleep each night. Wouldn’t you like to change a life right here in our own backyard? There is tremendous need, and you get to be part of the solution. This is your opportunity to invest in their futures.” The response from the guests was unprecedented with $43,900 donated to invest in student needs ranging from tuition and books to fees to help with urgent needs like transportation costs.

The evening concluded with a special tribute to retiring president Dr. Tod A. Burnett and he was presented with the inaugural Foundation Board of Governors Summit Award for his outstanding leadership in philanthropy and community advocacy by Foundation Board of Governors president Anthony Ferry. During his closing remarks Dr. Burnett stated, “The work of the Saddleback College Foundation is critical to our college mission. The number one reason that many students do not succeed in college is due to personal financial hardships. I hope that next year’s gala surpasses our results tonight, and that over the coming years the Saddleback College Foundation continues to prosper and raises greater dollars than each year before.”
Saddleback College Foundation
18th Annual Gala
Saturday, May 12, 2017
Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel
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### MEDIA SPONSOR
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Construction on Saddleback College’s Athletic Stadium is expected to begin in early 2018. The long-anticipated project includes a new 8,000 seat stadium, a nine lane track, two new football practice fields, a new soccer field and a new thrower’s park. The new stadium will offer our local high schools with a state-of-the-art facility that is large enough to host CIF and CCCAA playoff and championship events. It is the home stadium for JSerra and Santa Margarita High Schools’ football games, which often draw more than 5,000 fans and will also be available for the community to host major athletic, cultural and social events.

A signature feature of the stadium will be an elevated pressbox on the home side of the field. The facility will also provide amenities such as a new concession stand, team rooms, coaches rooms, trainer’s room and storage. The facility will be energy efficient utilizing all new LED lighting and all athletic fields will be synthetic turf. Construction duration is estimated to be 14 months with target completion of Spring 2019.
For information on sponsorship and naming opportunities and how you can help contribute to this exciting new addition to Saddleback College and our community, please call the Foundation at 582-4479.
ENDOWMENTS

At Saddleback College, 92 endowed scholarships provide ongoing funds to support our students. When a donor establishes an endowed scholarship fund of $12,500 or more, the original gift amount is retained in perpetuity and the revenue from the fund provides awards to students each year. The following donors generously created endowments in Fiscal Year 2017 to support Saddleback students:

**Dorrian Wyatt Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Dorrian Wyatt was very excited about starting her college education at Saddleback College as a first year student. She was a very creative individual who loved art, enjoyed photography, and also had an interest in studying psychology. Dorrian was a free spirit with a big, bubbly personality who would light up any room. She was a beautiful person full of positive energy and life with a huge heart for helping people. This endowed scholarship is a reflection of Dorrian's personality to give back. In honor of Dorrian, her family wishes to pass on the opportunity of a college education through the Dorrian Wyatt Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

**Dr. Tod A. Burnett Scholarship Endowment**

Dr. Tod Burnett established this fund to support the College Promise Program at Saddleback College. “A College Promise is a commitment to fund a college education for every eligible student, advancing on the path to earn a degree, a certificate, and/or credits that transfer to a four-year university. It’s a promise to prepare students for the 21st Century workforce and the pursuit of the American Dream without the burden of unmanageable college debt. It’s a promise to make the first two years of community college—at a minimum—as universal, free, and accessible as public high school has been in the 20th Century.”

**Jerilyn Chuman Endowed Scholarship**

The Jerilyn Chuman Endowed Scholarship was created by colleagues and friends upon her retirement in 2015. This scholarship recognizes her 35 years of service to Saddleback College, initially as a Counselor, followed by 25 years as Dean of Counseling Services. The scholarship will be granted annually to a single parent whose career goal is in the field of counseling or counseling psychology—a perpetual tribute to Jerilyn's own dedicated career of helping others amid one’s own life challenges.

**McCullough Human Physiology Endowed Scholarship**

Dr. McCullough worked at Saddleback for 34 years in a variety of capacities. Over his Saddleback career, Dr. McCullough was served as President, Professor of Biology; Dean of the Division of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering; and Vice President for Instruction. He played an instrumental role in building Saddleback College’s solar observatory and designed the electron microscopy laboratory. This scholarship was established to honor Dr. McCullough’s commitment to the growth and success of Saddleback College.

**Richie White Ceramics Endowed Scholarship**

This scholarship is being established to honor the memory of long time, beloved ceramics professor Richard White. During his 26 years at Saddleback, Richie imparted a love for the arts to thousands of students. His creation of the Veteran’s Memorial will stand as a constant reminder of his creativity and determination to bring art to the college. Another of his memorable accomplishments was the establishment of Happening/Unhappening—an annual performance art event that converged art, music, dance and poetry.

**Dustin Romer**

Major: Communication Studies

“My first year at Saddleback College, I was staying in an emergency shelter. You have to be there at four o’clock just to put your name in to get a mat. If it is over populated, they drew numbers for the mat and it happened almost every time. It was difficult for me to pass all of my classes because I had to sign up for shower time, laundry time and computer time or homework. When I didn't get in I slept outside next to the shelter so I wouldn't get a camping ticket. I had to wake up early to get my name on the list for a bus pass and lunch bag so I could attend school. By using all the tools—financial aid, tutoring and therapy offered to me at Saddleback, I overcame the impossible. Now I can say I am a part of the Saddleback College community. My aspiration is to get my undergraduate communication degree to become involved in some aspect of public relations for a marketing team, perhaps in the non-profit field. Receiving a scholarship will help me obtain a laptop and other items needed for my studies.”
Linda Richardson Rice grew up in East Los Angeles and attended Garfield High School. She was involved in student body activities and was a proud flag bearer with their marching band. Upon graduation, she continued her education at East Los Angeles Community College. She then joined Sigma tau, a service club, and received a small scholarship. This scholarship and Linda’s many jobs enabled her to transfer to UCLA where she decided to major in business.

After teaching in the field of business with the Los Angeles Unified School District, she took time off and traveled to Italy. There she taught in the American school in Rome. Upon her return to California she again taught business, this time with the Long Beach School District. It was at this point in time that she learned of a new community college that was hiring its first faculty and she applied to teach business at Saddleback Community College. She was hired as part of the exciting new staff when the college opened. Computers were on the horizon and Linda researched everything she could and was one of the first computer teachers at Saddleback. At the same time she met and married Al Rice.

Linda was a person who taught herself how to do things by reading the directions. She taught herself to drive and to swim by reading directions. She was an amazing seamstress and made beautiful and creative clothing with a sewing machine. She learned how to make that machine do incredibly beautiful items with all the fanciest of stitches. Her sense of design was also seen in the lovely quilts she made and generously gave to friends.

After her husband Al passed away, Linda found that she enjoyed traveling by cruise ship. She seemed more interested in the cruise than in the destination. Upon retirement she began teaching Computer Information Management in 1995 through the Emeritus Institute program at Saddleback. The majority of her students were retired and Linda looked forward to introducing these students to her world of computers.

Linda was always the best teacher she could be. This is the reason it states in her endowment that the students selected to receive the scholarship will be going into the field of education, to follow in her footsteps. Her alma mater, UCLA also received a generous endowment with the same stipulation.
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“Life experience has played an important part in my education. My aspiration of becoming an RN was put on hold while I had my three children, and I am grateful to have been a stay at home mother while they were young. Going back to school remained out of reach while I took care of my youngest son who was born with congenital heart defects. He has had 6 heart surgeries and nursing him back to health was my main job. Once my youngest son’s health became stable, I was able to go back to school. Becoming a registered nurse is how I want to give back to others. My children are extremely proud of my studies, and I hope that I can be a good example and show them that education is important. Becoming a registered nurse has been an aspiration of mine for years. These past years studying at Saddleback have helped me to grow stronger in my education, broadened my abilities and built confidence I didn’t know I had. I will take all of this knowledge and use it to better other’s lives. I will also pursue my Bachelor of Science in nursing, and continue my educational goals. Thanks to receiving a scholarship, my educational goals of completing the nursing program are possible. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from amazing professors who have shaped me into the dedicated person that I am.”
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President’s Circle
The President’s Circle is a giving circle comprised of members who donate $1,000 or more each year to support the Annual Fund. In December, the Foundation re-launched the President’s Circle resulting in more than $60,000 in memberships. These vital funds will ensure maximum flexibility to support our most urgent needs on campus including scholarship support. Members make a powerful and lasting statement about the value of a Saddleback education, inspiring others to follow their lead and give more generously of themselves. For more information about joining the President’s Circle, please contact Erin McHenry, Director of Annual Giving and Development Services at 949-582-4481.

Angels for the Arts
The Angels for the Arts is a fundraising and support organization for the Performing and Visual Arts at Saddleback College. The Angels’ efforts raised $43,673 to support scholarships for students in Visual & Performing Arts, MainStage Kids productions, master classes with professional artists, and more. Over 93 percent of all funds raised by the Angels for the Arts in 2016-2017 went to support student scholarships, faculty grants, and FAMT Division activities and programs. In June, the Angels held a major fundraiser, The President’s First Act, raising over $23,000. To become an Angels for the Arts member or arts donor at Saddleback, please contact David Anderson at 949-582-4913.

VETS 5K & Kids Ruck
The Saddleback College VETS Program, in partnership with the Society of American Military Engineers, held an inaugural VETS 5K & Kids Ruck Run on June 18, 2017. Thanks to the sponsors and over 400 runners, more than $15,000 in net profits will fund student Veterans emergency grants. The proceeds also support student Veterans who are accepted into the Warrior Scholar Project, an academic boot camp hosted at top tier universities such as Princeton, Yale, and USC. The VETS Program is grateful to the David and Teresa Schmidt family and Pat and Paula Donahue Family who were the event’s top sponsors, and the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines who volunteered to give the young participants an amazing US Marine Corps experience in the “Kids Ruck.”

KSBR Celebrates 29th Birthday Bash
The 29th annual KSBR Birthday Bash was held on Memorial day at the City National Grove of Anaheim, raising over $80,000 to assist with expenses such as engineering and music royalties. The all-star jazz jam featured over thirty of the finest names in music and was hosted by Bash Music Director Tony Guerrero, assisted by “The Office” actress Kate Flannery. The Bash is a one-of-a-kind event and each of the musicians donate their time to support KSBR. The Bash began as an impromptu celebration to end KSBR’s annual on-air fund drive and has grown to its largest fundraiser of the year held each Memorial day.

Emeritus Institute Circle
With more than 200,000 in south Orange County over the age of 65, the Emeritus Institute is committed to providing tuition-free lifelong learning opportunities that will strengthen and empower our community. In order to expand programming to meet the growing needs of our older adults, the Emeritus Institute created the Emeritus Institute Circle with members giving an annual gift of $1000 or more. This level of annual partnership empowers the Emeritus Institute to expand its reach, purchase classroom instructional items and to build partnerships with local facilities. For more information, please contact the Foundation at 582-4479.
OCRE Veterans Initiative Grant Program – Orange County Community Foundation $35,000
The Saddleback College VETS Program was chosen by the OCCF as one of the select few Veteran serving organizations or programs in the entire county to be funded by the OC Real Estate Veterans Initiative. These funds support emergency grants for veteran students in need, intake and case management, and programming for veteran outreach and networking events. With over 40 of our student Veterans receiving direct aid ranging from transportation support to assistance with housing to food vouchers, the students within the program had a 100% retention rate.

STEM Grant – Southern California Edison $25,000
Grant funds support historically underserved student populations enrolled in the College’s STEM focused programs. These include S-STEM Scholars, Rapid Digital Technology and Bridge to Engineering. Support is also provided to other students enrolled in classes through the Division of Mathematics, Science and Engineering. Funds pay for books, class fees, lab costs, materials, and tutor hours to support students with meeting academic standards for success in the areas of math, chemistry, engineering, and biology.

Civic Impact Project – Foundation for California Community Colleges $10,000
Saddleback College Associated Student Government was among 25 campuses in California selected to receive this grant from the California Community Colleges Civic Impact Project to increase civic participation among community college students. The grant allowed ASG to deploy their campus action plan to inform and engage students on campus in the democratic process and increase student participation in the recent November election.

Student Veteran Support Initiative – Bank of America $5,000
The grant will help enhance Saddleback’s current VETS Center through the purchase of computers and other educational equipment/materials that can be loaned, given, and used by our student Veterans. This will aid our student Veterans in accessing technology and other basic needs to successfully transition into college and civilian life.
Welcome New Board Members

Chris Harrington
Chris Harrington teaches business and environmental studies at Saddleback College and at Cal State University Fullerton (Business School). In 2014, Chris retired from Toshiba, where he was an officer of the company as Vice President, Strategy and Business Development, Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer and Environmental Office.

Chris is currently co-chairing the Manufacturing Initiative for the California Economic Summit, and on the board of directors of Sustain OC, and an advisor to a start-up energy company in New York. Chris has also served on the Advisory Board, UCI Law School; board of directors of a recycling company (MRM) jointly owned by Panasonic, Sharp and Toshiba; and served for ten years on the board of directors and executive committee of the Orange County Business Council, where he alternately chaired the Economic Development Committee and Workforce Development Committee. He holds graduate degrees in mathematics (City University of New York) and physics (New York University), an equivalent master’s degree in computer science (Bell Labs / NYU), and has completed programs in International Business (INSEAD, France) and Government (Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.).

Christina Hinkle
Christina Hinkle currently serves as Interim Dean of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division at Saddleback College. Prior to this position she served as Director of Learning Assistance, a position she has held at Saddleback since 2014. In her positions, she collaboratively works across campus to develop effective student support programs. She also has been an associate faculty member in history and political science at Saddleback since 2011, having served as the political science department co-chair from 2013 to 2014 and a faculty tutorial specialist from 2012 to 2014. Prior to joining Saddleback College, she was associate faculty at Santiago Canyon College where she also taught history. She also had a stint as a teacher for Students for International Change in Tanzania. Christina earned two Associate in Arts degrees—in history and in political science—at Saddleback, two Bachelor of Arts degrees—in history and in political science—at UCLA, and a Master of Arts in political science at Northeastern University. Ms. Hinkle is passionate in supporting the foundation and their efforts.

Kevin McClelland
Kevin McClelland currently serves as the Vice President of Human Resources and Talent Acquisition for Neudesic, LLC. As Neudesic’s Human Resources leader, Kevin has been instrumental in helping to accelerate Neudesic’s growth as a global software technology leader through attracting and developing exceptional talent and building a culture of innovation and engagement. In his fifteen years with Neudesic, Kevin has had extensive experience leading organizational transformations—and has been principally responsible for all aspects of Neudesic’s employee programs and processes, including recruiting, benefits, human resources information systems, compensation, performance management and career development. Prior to joining Neudesic, Kevin served as Vice President and co-founder of Global Resource Corporation, a regional software services company, as well as various leadership roles in community-based recreational services and commercial banking. A Mission Viejo resident of eighteen years and former Division I student athlete – Kevin holds a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Real Estate Finance from San Diego State University.
2017–2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017
Homecoming Game
Gaucho Stadium • 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018
Foundation Annual Gala
Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel • 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018
Scholarship Ceremony & Reception
Gymnasium • 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018
Saddleback College Graduation • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018
30th KSBR Birthday Bash

Mary Miller
Major: Landscape Design

“While in high school, I was in a car accident which resulted in a closed head injury that left me in a coma for several weeks. Prior to the crash, my life was mapped out as I was accepted into an engineering program. However, I quickly discovered that my brain function had significantly changed. What had once been easy learning was now exceedingly difficult to master.

After relocating to Southern California, I became actively involved in habitat restoration within the local parks. Several people I volunteered with commented about how wonderful the Saddleback College horticultural and landscaping design programs are, so I decided to try out a few classes last semester. Finally, I feel like I’ve found something that I can be passionate about!

Receiving a scholarship from Saddleback College allows me to pay for and attend more landscape design/horticulture classes, which would speed up my re-entry into the local workforce where I am sure a wonderful position will be awaiting me.”

50th Anniversary of Saddleback College
coming 2018!
DENISE WHITTAKER SERVES AS THE ACTING PRESIDENT AT SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

Denise Whittaker has been appointed to serve as the Acting President at Saddleback College beginning July 1, 2017, following the retirement of Dr. Tod Burnett. A nationwide search is currently underway for the permanent position.

Ms. Whittaker has extensive higher education experience having served as college president, vice president, dean, faculty, and counselor at colleges across the state and country. She has held leadership roles at Palo Verde, Southwestern, Orange Coast, San Bernardino Valley, El Camino, Oxnard and Citrus Colleges.

Denise Whittaker brings expertise in accreditation, fiscal management, student support services, instruction, enrollment management, research, strategic planning, and workforce development. Interim Chancellor Debra Fitzsimons remarked, “Saddleback College has evolved under Dr. Burnett’s visionary leadership and is in good shape.

I know the college will benefit greatly from Ms. Whittaker’s extensive experience and collaborative spirit.”

"I am honored and humbled to serve as Acting President and look forward to working with Interim Chancellor Fitzsimons, district and college leadership, faculty, and staff in providing a smooth transition for the incoming, permanent President,” Ms. Whittaker said.

Ms. Whittaker has completed coursework for a Doctoral Program in Education and Work at UCLA and holds a Master's degree in Counseling from California State University, Los Angeles; a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Southern Illinois University; and an Associate of Science degree in Liberal Studies from Belleville Junior College.