Saddleback College Online Math Aide Named One of Nation’s Most Effective Online Tools

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College’s online instructional tool, Algebra2go™, was named an effective practice winner by the Sloan Consortium (Sloan-C), an organization dedicated to integrating online education with traditional teaching methods. Algebra2go™ was the only community college program recognized at the organization’s annual awards ceremony.

“Saddleback College is dedicated to reaching students in the most effective ways possible,” said Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President. “Algebra2go™ is a great example of how our professors are using student feedback to structure classes in a way that will be successful.”

Algebra2go™ offers free resources for pre-algebra and beginning algebra students who need help outside of the classroom. The tutoring aides include video lectures and worksheets, homework, study guides and hand-written class notes. Many of the resources are available in both English and Spanish. The materials were developed after Saddleback College Mathematics Professor Larry Perez collected feedback from his current and former students to determine exactly what they needed to improve their understanding of the subject.

“The goal of Algebra2go™ is to make math less threatening to students. We know it can be a scary subject, so we try to make topics as natural and as least threatening as possible,” said Perez. “Ultimately we plan for the Algebra2go™ materials to span the curriculum from arithmetic to college algebra.”

Sloan-C recognized the Algebra2go™ team of Perez; Patrick Quigley, mathematics instructor; and Candice Harrington a math teacher at local Capistrano Valley High School, for the innovation, replicability and student satisfaction of the program. Bruce Chaloux, President of Sloan-C, and John Bourne, Executive Director of Sloan-C, presented the awards on July 21 in San Jose.

Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College provides quality higher education and training to the greater south Orange County community. Having served more than 500,000 students since 1968, Saddleback College offers over 300 degree and certificate programs to help students reach their personal, career, and educational goals. For more information, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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