Saddleback College Student Club to Host Spanish-Speaking Discussion On DREAM Act

Mission Viejo, CA – On Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. in room 145 of the Health Sciences Building, Saddleback College’s student ACLAMO (Ayudando Chicano/Latinos a Mover Obstaculos or Helping Chicano/Latino students Move Obstacles or Barriers) Club will host a discussion concerning two bills that are part of the California DREAM Act. The session will be held in Spanish and speakers will consist of Saddleback College students, the Orange County Dream Team (www.istillhaveadream.org), and Lucero Chavez, a lawyer from the American Civil Liberties Union.

Topics will include A.B. 130, the bill that constitutes one-half of the California Dream Act and A.B. 131, which is expected to receive another hearing by the State Assembly Committee on Appropriations by the end of May. Students will share their personal stories and participants will be explaining immigrants’ rights concerning their education.

The college’s student ACLAMO Club is hosting the event, which is open to the public. Free parking is available in Lot 5.

**AB 130** - This bill would provide that, on and after January 1, 2012, a student attending the California State University, the California Community Colleges, or the University of California who is exempt from paying nonresident tuition would be eligible to receive a scholarship derived from non-state funds received, for the purpose of scholarships, by the segment at which he or she is a student.

**AB 131** - This bill would amend the Donahoe Higher Education Act, as of July 1, 2012, to require the trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and to request the regents, to establish procedures and forms that enable students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition or who meet equivalent requirements adopted by the regents, to apply for, and participate in, all student-aid programs administered by these segments to the full extent permitted by federal law, except as provided. This provision would apply to the University of California only if the regents, by appropriate resolution, act to make it applicable.

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 more than 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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