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Saddleback College Receives $570,000 National Science Foundation Grant to
Provide Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College’s innovative S-STEM Scholars Program has been awarded
$567,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support academically talented and
financially disadvantaged students who are pursuing degrees in a chosen STEM (Science,
Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) major. The program, which will begin in spring 2013,
will provide comprehensive support to 14-20 students each year, including scholarships totaling
approximately $9,200 per student for each academic year they are in the program.

“The S-STEM Scholars program provides an unparalleled financial and educational support system
that will help our students transfer to a four-year college or university and will eventually lead
them to lucrative career opportunities,” stated Dr. Tod Burnett, president of Saddleback College.
“This National Science Foundation grant will make college a reality for many who never thought
higher education was possible.”

“At Saddleback College we take pride in our ability to develop innovative ideas to tackle the
problems associated with attracting, recruiting, and supporting students in STEM fields,” stated
Dr. Chris McDonald, dean of mathematics, science, and engineering. “The S-STEM Scholars
Program presents a wonderful opportunity for us to provide financial support to deserving,
capable, and highly motivated Saddleback students.”

"I am very excited about the difference this NSF grant will make in the lives of our students who
will be awarded these scholarships,” stated Dr. Jim V. Zoval, assistant professor of chemistry. “I
am also glad that we can offer students an opportunity to participate in the undergraduate
research that will be funded by this grant."

The Saddleback College Division of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering offers nine associate
degree programs that qualify for the S-STEM Scholars Program – astronomy, biology, chemistry,
mathematics, physics, geology, computer science, engineering, and marine science. Current or
future students who would like to apply for the two-year program and scholarship must meet a
minimum GPA requirement and show a financial need. To find out more about the program,
including how and when applications will be accepted, contact Frank Gonzalez at
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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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