Saddleback College Holds Criminal Justice/Substance Abuse Career Fair

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College will hold its 21st Annual Red Ribbon Criminal Justice/Substance Abuse Career Fair on Wednesday, October 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the campus quad. Approximately 50 agencies representing law enforcement, corrections, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and mental health will provide information and resources as well as career opportunities for students. The event is co-sponsored by the Saddleback College Health Sciences and Human Services Department and the Associated Student Government.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “The Red Ribbon Celebration demonstrates Saddleback College’s commitment to drug prevention on our campus and in the south Orange County community. Thank you to our health sciences and human services department and Associated Student Government for hosting this outstanding event for our students.”

Donna Rane-Szostak, Ed.D., RN, CNE, Dean of the Division of Health Sciences and Human Services, stated, “The Saddleback College human services department staff and the Associated Student Government work hard to ensure that the Red Ribbon event is beneficial to those students who are looking to the agencies for career advice as well as those students who will attend for substance abuse recovery resources. It is an important event and one that we are all very proud to organize.”

Department Chair of Human Services, Kim Branch-Stewart, stated, “This event helps students find resources and information about career opportunities in the field of human services. Additionally, it supports a drug-free environment and focuses on the expansion and support of drug and alcohol treatment interventions and other community-based supportive services.”

The first statewide red ribbon campaign began in 1968 when Drug Enforcement Agency Agent Enrique Camarena was killed by drug traffickers. A red ribbon became the symbol of the ongoing emphasis on drug prevention and the programs that embrace the idea.

The agencies in attendance will include:
2-1-1 Orange County
Action Consultants/Therapy
Alcohol and Drug Education and Prevention Team
Agape House
Al Anon Family Groups
Alcoholics Anonymous
Anaheim Regional Medical Center
Breakaway CAN
CARE Chapman House
Coastal Mountain
Colette's Children's Home
Conservation Corp
CSP - Project PATH
CSP Sexual Assault Prevention
FBI Girls Incorporated of OC
Her Place Human Services Programs
Laura's House Mothers Against Drunk Driving
Mariposa Narcotice Anonymous
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
New Directions for Women
OC Human Trafficking Task Force
OC Mental Health Services
OC Probation
Ocean Hills Recovery Inc
Phoenix Rebecca's House
Sober College
Sober Living by the Sea
Sovereign Health
The Bridge Teen Recovery
The Villa Center
US Army
Women Helping Women

The human services department at Saddleback College offers certificates and associate degrees in the following fields: Alcohol & Drug Studies, Corrections & Criminal Justice, Eating Disorders, Generalist Human Services, and Mental Health.

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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