Saddleback College Social Action Summit to Encourage Volunteerism

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College’s Associated Student Government is sponsoring the college’s first-ever Social Action Summit on Wednesday, January 26th and hopes to raise student awareness about volunteer opportunities and the positive impact volunteers have on social change. The free event will include a volunteer fair where students can learn more about opportunities, a spoken word poetry workshop, musical entertainment, and inspirational vignettes on the power of volunteering.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “Saddleback College believes it is important to encourage our students to volunteer for causes they are passionate about. I am proud of our Associated Student Government for working to make the Social Action Summit an annual tradition, ensuring that students stay actively engaged in their community.”

The first part of the event takes place in the Saddleback College Bowl (the grassy area next to the Health Sciences building) from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. During that time, students can talk to representatives from 25 organizations who are seeking volunteers. There will also be presentations by a local community organizer and a by a Saddleback College student club that has used volunteerism to impact the community. Attendees will also be treated to a performance by local reggae band Jah Mex (http://jahmex.com/fr_home.cfm).

The second part of the event starts at 4:30 p.m. in SSC 212 and includes sandwiches and refreshments. During this portion of the event, attendees will be treated to an ice-breaker led by Laughter Yoga Institute Director, Jeffrey Briar (http://lyinstitute.org/); a performance and creative expression workshop by New York-based spoken word poets Project V.O.I.C.E (http://www.project-voice.net/), and an inspirational vignette entitled Power of Words Campaign.

Anyone who would like to attend the second part of the workshop is encouraged to RSVP before the event at: http://survey.socccd.edu/Survey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n20M382. The Social Action Summit is being sponsored by the ASG Inter-Club Council, Diversity Student Council, and the Saddleback College Poetry Club.

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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