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Saddleback College Recognizes Professors of the Year

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College named Rich Goodman, a professor of Human Services, and Louise Jacobs, an Emeritus vocal instructor, as the 2010 Professors of the Year. Professors Goodman and Jacobs will be nominated for the countywide Teacher of the Year award, selected by the Orange County Department of Education.

“Saddleback College has so many exceptional professors that it is always difficult to narrow it down to two winners. The student feedback spoke volumes for Professors Goodman and Jacobs” said Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College. “Students sang their praises and it’s clear that they have affected many lives during their time at Saddleback College.”

Rich Goodman, a Mission Viejo resident, has been a professor in Human Services at Saddleback College for 33 years, the last 19 being full-time. He teaches the primary courses in Corrections and additional classes in Alcohol and Drug Studies. Before coming to Saddleback College Goodman was the Los Angeles County Probation Department Narcotics Trainer for five years. He also ran a mandated drug education program for minors sentenced to Juvenile Camp.

“Professor Goodman’s dedication to the students of Saddleback College makes being in the classroom enjoyable and educational,” said Dr. Donna Rane-Szostak, Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services. “Oftentimes, professors struggle to engage their classroom, but Professor Goodman’s students look forward to his lectures.”

“I can honestly say that this man has changed my life. He is not only an outstanding professor, but an amazing mentor as well,” said the student who nominated Goodman.

Louise Jacobs, who lives in Tustin, joined the Saddleback College Emeritus Institute Faculty in 1999, teaching voice and music fundamentals to older adult students. Jacobs was featured as a Registered Music Therapists on a segment about music therapy on ”The Today Show,” has led the singing for San Pedro's Tuba Christmas for four years and is an active volunteer for Pacific Symphony.
“Professor Jacobs’ students really benefit from her extensive music and voice knowledge,” said Sandy Marzilli, Director of the Emeritus Instructional Program. “Her patience and positive outlook provides her students with a rewarding and spirited learning experience.”

“Her class is interesting and fun and makes us all feel alive!” said the student who nominated Jacobs.

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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