Saddleback College Delivers a “Taste of Home” to Camp Pendleton Marines

Mission Viejo, CA – To deliver a “taste of home” to marines at Camp Pendleton during the holiday season, on Wednesday, December 16th, members of Saddleback College’s Classified Senate delivered more than 200 plates of home-made cookies to marines at the Military Police station, the First Marine Regiment, and the School of Infantry at the Oceanside base.

The effort was a collaboration of many campus groups, including students, faculty, and staff, who contributed to the cookie-baking effort. Students in the college’s culinary arts program baked more than 60 plates of cookies, and kids in the campus Child Development Center decorated the paper plates that the cookies were delivered on.

In addition to the cookies, gift baskets filled with gift cards, DVDs, CDs, and other goodies donated by students, faculty, and staff at Saddleback College were left on the bed racks of 50 marines who are returning from Iraq on January 2nd.

“Thank you to the Classified Senate who inspired so many on campus to donate their time or money to this brilliant cause,” said Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College. “Their selfless efforts to give our marines a ‘taste of home’ are what the holiday season is all about.”

The Saddleback College Classified Senate started its annual “taste of home” tradition when veterans on campus told the group that home-made cookies are appreciated by service men and women who can’t be with their families during the holidays.

“It is wonderful to bring some holiday cheer to our local marines, who sacrifice so much for our country,” stated Kathy Constance, a coordinator of the “taste of home” cookie drive and an Applications Specialist II at Saddleback College. “Thank you to everyone who donated their time and money to this important effort.”

Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College is celebrating its 40th year of providing quality higher education to the south Orange County community. For more information on the college and its programs, please visit www.saddleback.edu.