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Saddleback College to Offer College Prep Course at San Juan Hills High School
Through New Pilot Program

Mission Viejo, CA – This spring semester Saddleback College will begin offering a college
preparation course to students at San Juan Hills High School through a new pilot program that
was approved December 12th by the Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees. The
program is included in the college’s strategic plan and was designed to help high school students
prepare for college coursework and improve student success rates.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “This is where the future of education
is going in our state and in our nation. This project is just a beginning. Saddleback College is
committed to the success of our students and my vision is that all students take this course during
their high school careers.”

“We want to provide multiple pathways for our students’ lives after high school graduation,
including careers, colleges, universities, and trade schools,” Superintendent Joseph M. Farley,
Ed.D., said. “Our partnership with Saddleback College will continue developing innovative ways to
prepare our students to be successful after graduation.”

The class to be offered is Applied Psychology 140, Educational and Vocational Planning, and will
be held during normal school hours. The class is designed to prepare students who plan to attend
college or seek career training through the analysis of occupational areas and trends, self-analysis
through the use of tests and inventories, and the study of educational requirements and factors in
academic success and personal achievement.

As noted in Dr. Burnett’s State of the College report released in August 2011, college preparation
is a critical component in the pathway to student success, with the ultimate goal of completion
and attainment of educational and professional goals. In addition to establishing the pilot
program, Dr. Burnett has started campus conversations to identify ways to improve success rates
through working with our K-12 partners.

To view the president’s State of the College report, visit
www.saddleback.edu/http://www.saddleback.edu/President/documents/SCStateofCollegeF11.pdf
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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