Saddleback College Holds Criminal Justice/Substance Abuse Career Fair

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College held its 18th annual Red Ribbon Celebration and Career Fair on Wednesday, October 29th in the campus quad. Fifty agencies representing law enforcement, corrections, substance abuse help and family services provided information and resources as well as career opportunities for students. The event was co-sponsored by the Saddleback College Human Services Department and the Associated Student Government.

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.

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 Services Department and Associated Student Government for hosting such a wonderful event for our students.”

Tamera Rice, Dean of the Division of Health Sciences and Human Services, stated, “The Red Ribbon Celebration is a wonderful way for our students in the Human Services Department to get first-hand information from those in the field. This is the department’s mission: to educate our students while giving them access to career opportunities.”

Rich Goodman, Chair of the Saddleback College Human Services Department, stated, “The annual Red Ribbon Celebration is a wonderful reminder of the importance of drug prevention and the services available in our community to help those in need. Thank you to all of the agencies available today to provide important information and career opportunities for our students.”

The agencies in attendance included:
AAA Travel
Contiki Travel
Able to Change
ADAS Prevention Team
ADEPT
Al-Anon
Birth Choice Health Clinic
Brookside Institute
California Highway Patrol
Casa de las Amigas
Casa Pacific Sober Living
CSP Sexual Assault Victim Services
Drug Enforcement Administration
Embrace Recovery
EOPS
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Girls, Inc.
Her Place
Heritage House North
Heritage House South
Hope by the Sea
Human Services Programs
Insight Counseling
Intervention Authority
Irvine Police Department
Kathy’s House
La Familia
Laura’s House
Los Angeles County Sheriff Department
Mainstream
Mariposa Women and Family Center
Morningside Recovery
NCADD-OC/Community Alliance Network
Newport Beach Police Department
Newport Beach Psychotherapy
Ocean Hills Recovery
Orange County Probation
Orange County Sheriff’s Department
Phoenix Houses of Orange County
Positive Achievement Center
REACH OCHCA
Sober Living by the Sea
Teen Challenge
U.S. Department of Defense
United States Army
United States Marine Corps
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, Family Services, Victim Services and Mentor & Prevention.

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.

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