Saddleback College Holds Criminal Justice/Substance Abuse Career Fair

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College will hold its 19th Annual Red Ribbon Criminal Justice/Substance Abuse Career Fair on Wednesday, October 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the campus quad. Approximately 50 agencies representing law enforcement, corrections, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and mental health will provide information and resources as well as career opportunities for students. The event is 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 Camarenno 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 this outstanding event for our students.”

Donna Rane-Szostak, Ed.D., RN, CNE, Dean of the Division of Health Sciences and Human Services, stated, “The Red Ribbon Celebration is a great way for our students in the Human Services Department to get first-hand information from those who work in the field. This is all about our 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 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 who have made themselves available to provide important information and career opportunities for our students.”
The agencies in attendance included:

Academy of Defensive Driving
Al-Anon
Birth Choice Health Clinic
Brookside Institute
California Highway Patrol
Colette’s Children’s Home
Coastal Mountain Youth Academy
Crime Survivors
CSP Sexual Assault Prevention
CSP Victim Assistance
CSUF Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention Student Association
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
F.A.C.E.S. Family Assessment Counseling and Education Services
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Foster and Kinship Care Education
Girls Incorporated of Orange County
Her Place
Heritage House North
Heritage House South
Hope by the Sea
La Familia
Laura’s House
Mariposa Women’s Center
Morningside Recovery
NCADD-OC/Community Alliance Network
New Directions for Women
Newport Beach Army Recruiting
Ocean Hills Recovery
Orange County Probation Department
Orange County Healthcare Agency – Behavioral Healthcare
Pacific Clinics
Phoenix House Orange County
Saddleback College Campus Police Command Station
Saddleback College Center for Career and Life Development
Saddleback College Human Services Programs
Saddleback College Human Services Club
Saddleback College Veterans Center
Safe Harbor Treatment Center for Women
Sober Living by the Sea
Sober Zone
South Coast Recovery
Teen Challenge
Telecare Corporation
The Villa
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, and Mental Health.

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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