Second Annual Science Lecture Series Underway at Saddleback College

Mission Viejo, CA – The Biology and Chemistry Departments of Saddleback College present the 2011 Science Lecture Series, featuring speakers through March 28, 2011. The Science Lecture Series is a weekly forum designed to give students and the Saddleback College community the chance to meet renowned scientists and learn about their area of expertise. Lectures are free and take place on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Science and Mathematics Building (SM) room 313.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “I am so proud of the Biology and Chemistry Departments for bringing together such an impressive group of speakers to benefit our students. Events such as this one inspire our students to aim high in their educational and professional goals.”

Dr. Jim Wright, Dean Mathematics, Science, and Engineering, stated, “I want to thank everyone in the departments who worked so hard to put on this high-quality speakers series, especially Senior Lab Technician Sara Sheybani, who really took the lead in starting and coordinating the Science Lecture Series, and the committee members: Dr. Tony Huntley, Biology Department Co-Chair; Professor Steve Teh, Biology Department Co-Chair and Dr. Jim Zoval, Chemistry Faculty.”

Speakers and topics include:

- February 11 - Dr. Richard Kuhn, Purdue University, "Dengue Virus: An Emerging Source of the 21st Century"
- February 25 - Susan Marie Frontczak, “Manya: A Living History of Marie Curie”
- March 4 - Dr. Leslie Thompson, University of California in Irvine, Director Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program
- March 25 - Dr. Farhad Imam, Harvard University, "Model Organisms and Human Disease"
- April 1 - Dr. Donald Puppione, University of California Los Angeles
- April 8 - Dr. Douglas Gaffin, University of Oklahoma, Professor of Zoology
- April 15 - Dr. Donald Prothero, Occidental College, “Evolution: What the Fossils Say and Why It Matters"

For speaker bios and updated information, please visit http://www.saddleback.edu/mse/lectures2011.html.

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.