Message from the President

The past year was an exciting time in the life of Santiago Canyon College. With strong academic leadership and the hard work of the SCC family of faculty, staff and students, much was accomplished toward our goal of becoming a more comprehensive college to better serve the needs of our growing population.

Due to increased enrollment, we added two additional portable buildings, (including one classroom that seats 70 students). The purchase of 15 outdoor tables and bench seating added to the ambiance of the campus by providing much needed gathering places for both students and staff. The Hawk Bookstore doubled in size and extended its hours to accommodate students’ needs.

One of the year’s most significant achievements was the reorganization of Academic Affairs into four instructional divisions. This effort greatly supported increasing student enrollment while providing a framework for our expanding academic programs. Academic Affairs also spearheaded the college-wide completion of the campus’ first five-year Educational Master Plan, and much progress has been made in preparation for the site visit of the WASC accreditation team this fall.

Student Services rose to the challenge of accommodating the needs of SCC’s student population for counseling, tutoring, and other services throughout the day and evening hours. Increasing numbers of students utilized our programs and services, including the Pathways to Teaching program, Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS), and Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS). Many events drew the community to the campus, such as our September 11 memorial, attended by nearly 200 people.

Several vital technological advances were made within the past year. Installation of the new high-speed network infrastructure was completed, bringing the capability for streaming video and live videoconferences into every building and classroom. New Dell 4400 computers were provided for all full time faculty and support staff. Two new servers were installed to provide high-speed printing and network access to student in classrooms, labs, and the library.

Continuing Education had another year of robust growth, highlighted by the opening of the Anaheim Hills Center in February 2002. The Foundation also had a banner year, with fundraising now topping the $75,000 mark. The capital campaign for the art gallery kicked off as the lobby of the D building was refurbished to become the Gallery at SCC and provide a permanent home for the college’s collection of student art. We collaborated with the City of Orange to install lighting for the soccer fields, and celebrated this important partnership with a dedication ceremony in May.

These are just a few of the high points in another successful year at SCC. The entire college worked together to continue to provide educational excellence and make a difference in our students’ lives. I invite you to read on and celebrate these many accomplishments with us.

Sincerely,

Juan Vázquez
President
2001-2002 was a critical year for Academic Affairs in terms of significant change and positive progress in many areas. The most important change for instruction was the re-organization of Academic Affairs into four instructional divisions: 1) Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; 2) Business, Mathematics and Sciences; 3) Career Education; and 4) Continuing Education. Santiago Canyon College (SCC) enjoyed significant enrollment growth and the division structure was established to provide support to department chairs, ever-expanding programs and future planning.

In the fall of 2001, SCC completed an interim report to the Accreditation Commission. A site visit team arrived in November and the work in progress was evident. Charged with completing several major tasks by fall of 2002, Academic Affairs is most proud of the following:

- **Completion of the SCC Educational Master Plan**

  Every faculty member at SCC deserves credit for working diligently to complete their department, discipline or program assessments and planning documents. This work, combined with the efforts of all departments throughout the college, culminated in the college-wide completion of SCC’s first five-year Educational Master Plan.

- **Adoption of a Program Review Model**

  Faculty and department chairs evaluated several program review models, and developed a version for instructional programs at SCC. Four programs are piloting the model in the fall of 2002, with all programs completing review in the spring of 2003.

- **Completion of the SCC Midterm Report**

  SCC came together and developed teams of faculty, staff and administrators to prepare a thorough midterm report reflective of the significant progress made towards meeting the nine standards of accreditation. SCC is confident that quality progress has been made towards reaching these high standards, and the college
looks forward to the evaluation by the Accreditation Commission in the fall of 2002.

This academic year, credit and non-credit faculty heightened their efforts to provide a seamless transition for students who move from non-credit to credit classes. Reflective of this work is the establishment of two new centers, the Anaheim Hills Center and a Continuing Education Center on the SCC campus. In many cases, students are concurrently enrolled in credit and non-credit classes and research has documented great success. For the first time, credit and non-credit faculty have been responsible for curriculum development to include dual ticketing of courses to serve and provide a natural transition for students from non-credit to credit classes.

Academic Affairs enjoyed many “firsts” during the 2001-2002 academic year:

- SCC initiated the first Study Abroad Program where 20 students enjoyed five weeks in Spain enhancing their skills in Spanish and learning about another culture.
- The Languages Department hosted an international film festival for students and the community.
- The Tutoring Center hosted their first “Learning to Learn Day” for students.
- The Apprenticeship-Electrician Program was highlighted on KOCE television program “Real Orange”.
- The Child Development Center opened a new room for infants and a new classroom for four-year olds.

The accolades are many and the following list highlights a few:

- SCC’s Beta Eta Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society received commendation for their successful attainment of goals as presented in the Society’s Five-Star Chapter Development program.
- SCC’s Forensics team improved their standing in the Mariner Perpetual Sweepstakes from 80th to 47th! Every student on the team ranked high in one or more of the preliminary rounds of the 2002 National Championships.
- Betty Clary was honored by the Orange County Department of Education as a Teacher of the Year. We congratulate Betty, a part-time faculty member for film studies.

2001-2002 was a year reflective of change, hard work and significant progress. The energy and camaraderie to complete major projects, improve programs, and promote student success brought us together as a team. Academic Affairs is proud of these accomplishments and looks forward to building upon the foundations put in place this year. The faculty and staff of Academic Affairs remain eager to serve students and are excited about the future.
STUDENT SERVICES

Program Development

Santiago Canyon College continues to develop a comprehensive Student Services program to meet the needs of its growing student population. This year the counseling division hired a new full-time generalist counselor, an EOPS counselor, a dean of counseling and student support services, and an administrative secretary. A new Testing Center was constructed for matriculation services (placement testing, new student orientations, and career assessments). The new center allows the college to provide matriculation services throughout the day and evening to better serve students.

The Pathways to Teaching Program identified 600 student participants; developed and offered Introduction to Classroom Teaching and Practical Spanish for Classroom Teachers; hosted a future teachers conference; created the "Careers in Education" program at Canyon High School; and established the "Teachers for Tomorrow" club at SCC.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) increased the number of students participating in the program from 341 to 450; enrolled 47 EOPS eligible students in a five-week "Summer Success" program; developed and implemented a student satisfaction survey; and convened the EOPS/CARE Advisory Committee to discuss the effectiveness of the EOPS program.

EOPS additionally sponsored the first EOPS Scholars and Graduate Night, where 84 students were honored for their academic achievement. The EOPS program also hosted the fifth annual EOPS/CARE Holiday Celebration. The holiday party ensures that economically disadvantaged students and their children have gifts and resources to enjoy the holidays.

The SCC Transfer Center sponsored a Northern California trip for students interested in transferring to four-year colleges and universities. The 39 students spent four days visiting UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, CSU Hayward, UC Davis, and UC Berkeley.

Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) added a full-time media specialist position and two part-time instructional assistants. DSPS also installed a second assistive computer in the library as well as a scan and read system at the Orange Center. Work is
continuing on the video captioning project with the library. This project will ensure that all students have access to the college's video collection.

The college continues to see student success in Counselor Sharon Wright and Math Professor Kathy Moore's learning community (Counseling 111, Learning Skills and Math N49 Pre-Algebra). In fall 2001, 36 students were enrolled, and 33 completed the courses with grades of A, B or C.

The SCC Coordinated Crisis Intervention Team was well prepared when put into action in response to the September 11th disaster. Team members assisted the campus community in coping with a wide range of feelings and reactions to this national tragedy.

The SCC Intercollegiate Athletics program conducted a comprehensive Title IX/Gender Equity Self-Review in February 2002, in response to a request from the Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees. The SCC athletics program was found to be in full compliance with all aspects of the evaluation. SCC male and female athletes enjoy comparable and equitable participation opportunities, facilities, equipment and supplies.

Community Involvement

The Student Services staff continues to offer numerous programs and events for our local community. More than 500 high school seniors participated in SCC's first Senior Day. In April 2002, 800 local high school students participated in the college's early decision program. The counseling department hosted Parent Night and the annual High School Counselors Breakfast to promote SCC as a viable higher education option for graduating high school seniors. More than 450 kindergarten students attended the college's seventh annual KinderCaminata. The Transfer Day and Job Fair welcomed more than 60 local employers and university representatives to the college to provide students with information about university transfer options, career ladders, and local employment opportunities.

Institutional Climate

The Student Services program continues to promote a learning environment which welcomes, supports and fosters student success. The Admissions and Records Office was ranked first on this year's student satisfaction survey. Online registration was
implemented to improve access, and a new user-friendly phone tree was installed to better serve students.

The Cross-Cultural Resource Center held numerous events designed to promote awareness of our multi-cultural community. These events included the Korean Classical Music and Dance Company; speaker John Mallot, former ambassador to Malaysia; and a variety of dance, theatre, and musical performances to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, and African-American Heritage Month.

The college's Student Activities Office increased the number of student clubs to eleven and created the Inter Club Council. Carnival Americana, a three-day event, provided numerous activities designed to promote college life at SCC. The Re-entry Student/Women's Resource Center co-sponsored with Student Activities "Dare to Succeed: A Kaleidoscope of Women's Achievement". The college's Health Center sponsored the spring Health Fair designed to promote student health and wellness.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Facilities

To meet increasing student enrollment, two large portable buildings were added during the year. One building is a classroom that can seat 70 students. The other houses 15 faculty and staff. Two work areas were also rearranged to provide space for division deans and their staffs.

The geology lab was refurbished with all new student workstations and an enlarged storage area.

Administrative Services purchased 15 outdoor tables that have been placed in various locations throughout the campus and are heavily used by students and staff. Working with the City of Orange, lighting was installed on the soccer fields which allows for night use by the college and community youth soccer organizations.

The SCC Facility Committee developed no-smoking regulations restricting smoking to five specific areas on campus. Because of the involvement of students, faculty and classified staff, the regulations were approved by President’s Council and became effective with very little resistance.
Transportation and Warehousing

SCC acquired a new cargo van which is utilized by Maintenance and Operations as well as Bookstore personnel.

Five storage containers were purchased to meet the warehousing needs of storing athletic equipment, surplus furniture and equipment, printed material, and instructional supplies.

Publications

Due to the increasing demand for copy service, two copy machines were upgraded in the publications center and in five other major offices on campus. These upgraded machines allow staff to not only make copies, but use their fax and printer functions.

Events

In support of national unity following September 11th, U.S. flags were installed in all classrooms.

For the second year, SCC was the site for the annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk for the Cure held on April 13, 2002. The Walk had approximately 3,000 participants who had the option of choosing the 5K or 10K route.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Curriculum

The SCC Continuing Education Program continued to expand its horizons with the grand opening for the Anaheim Hills Center on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, and the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Mobile Technology Education Center, at the El Modena Branch Library. The year’s total for students participating in the Passport to the Future program increased by 31 in the fall semester, bringing the total to over 80 students. The Center also implemented a math lab (tutoring center), equipped with eight computers and Plato software.

Facilities
The exterior of the Orange Center received improvement this year with the renovation of the parking lot and installation of new Santiago Canyon College identification signs (including the logo) at the site.

Accolades

The SCC Continuing Education Transition Team was the recipient of the 2001 Creating the Future Award at the 2001 annual convention of CCLC, the Community College League of California.

FOUNDATION

College Support

The Foundation supported the Hawk Boosters, who are immensely popular as they continue to host hot dog bar-b-ques for men’s and women’s home kick-off soccer games. In its second year, record numbers were served. This year, Santiago, the Hawk mascot, made his premier appearance at a Booster tailgate event. SCC soccer fans consider these “spirit” events a highlight to the season.

One of the most rewarding programs sponsored by the SCC Foundation is the SCC Student Art Acquisition Program. Four SCC student art pieces were purchased, two of which were three-dimensional works. All the purchased pieces will be on permanent display in the new Santiago Canyon College Art Gallery.

The “friend-raising” newsletter, SCCConnections, was developed in spring 2002 and distributed to SCC friends, donors, alumni and selected district leaders. The focus is on college development, showcase features, program and services highlights, and student successes.

Fund Raising

In support of SCC Athletics, the Foundation hosted the second annual Hawks Golf Tournament on April 19, 2002, with a record number of participants and sponsors. The tournament has become a signature event for the SCC Foundation and the college’s Exercise Science division.
The Brick-by-Brick campaign increased by ten bricks during the last year, supported in large part by SCC and district staff. Two new members were recruited to the Founding Fifty donor group, expanding membership to 29, and bringing the total of funds raised to date to $75,000.

PARTNERSHIPS

SCC collaborated with the City of Orange for a Field Lighting Dedication ceremony on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, to celebrate the installation and completion of the stadium lights. The event was attended by community members, college staff and faculty, local soccer organizations and professional soccer player, Danny Califf.

The City of Orange and the Orange Junior Soccer Club (OJSC) have partnered with the college for use of the soccer fields in the evenings and on Saturdays. This has assisted OJSC with their challenge of locating fields with lights for evening team practice.

Continuing to support SCC’s outreach to the community, the Foundation hosted two meetings of the Business and Community Planning Advisory Council (BACPAC). These luncheons offered an opportunity for community and college leaders to meet and discuss issues of importance to the development of Santiago Canyon College.

SCC received the 2001 Educators of Distinction award by Saludos Hispanos/Saludos.com, the leading career and education site and magazine for bilingual Hispanics. The award is given to institutions that have demonstrated a commitment to higher education success for Hispanics.

RECOGNITION

FACULTY
Faculty Excellence Award

Elizabeth Elchlepp
English Professor, Honors Coordinator

Adjunct Faculty Awards

Michael Varisco (credit)
Florence Zysma (non-credit)

CLASSIFIED
Distinguished Classified

Ancie Dulalas
Admissions and Records Specialist III
RETIREMENT

After 27 years with the district, including eight years leading SCC, Dean Strenger retired in June 2002. Strenger said that the highlight of his career was commencement 2000, his first and last as SCC’s president.

Jean Williams, the first full-time classified employee at the SCC library, retired December 31, 2001. Williams joined the library staff in 1985 when the library was housed in the T-building.

THANK YOU

The college would like to recognize and thank Dr. Mark J. Zacovic for his support while serving as Interim President at Santiago Canyon College. As stated in the resolution honoring his service, “he will ever-after be an official Hawk.”