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An Interview with New SCC President Dr. John Hernandez



In July of this year, Dr. John Hernandez began his tenure as the fifth president of [Santiago Canyon College](#). Dr. Hernandez is a thirty-two veteran in the field of higher education, having served in high-level administrative positions as SCC, Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona and Santa Ana College. With so many changes to the college since it became accredited in 2000, the editor sat down with Dr. Hernandez to ask him to reflect on his presidential appointment, and share his insights on where the college is now and where he thinks it's going in the future. Click [here](#) to go to the SCC Foundation blog to read the interview. You can also find out more about Dr. Hernandez's background by reading the press release, which you'll find [here](#).

Hawks Nest Food Pantry Dedicated



September 14, 2017 was the grand opening of the Hawk's Nest Food Pantry (HNFP). Along with a ribbon cutting ceremony, the Community Foundation of Orange presented a check for \$2,600 to the HNFP. Faculty, staff, community members, as well as representatives from the SCC Foundation, Community Foundation of Orange, and the Orange County Foodbank were on hand for the celebration and tour of the facilities. The pantry is scheduled to be open every other Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm during the semester, and is available to any

registered credit or noncredit SCC student. If you would like to volunteer to help with this effort, please contact Jovannys Mejia, Hawk's Nest Coordinator at Mejia_Jovannys@sccollege.edu. You can also contact Jovannys for donations of food and other in-kind gifts. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Hawks Nest Food pantry, you can do so through the SCC Foundation by clicking [here](#).

Alumni Focus: SCC Sweethearts Miguel and Christine Silvestre

Miguel and Christine Silvestre met in August 2003 in Professor Morrie Barembaum's astronomy class. Over the semester, their friendship developed as they eagerly learned and studied together, and even engaged in a friendly competition to earn the highest grade! By the end of the semester, they were officially dating. Fast forward

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Other SCC Fall Events

The annual [SCC Art Sale](#) takes place on Wednesday, November 28 and Thursday November 29 in the Art Gallery (D-125). The sale features works in a variety of media by SCC students and faculty. For more information, contact art department chair [Robbie Miller](#).

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to today and they are happily married. If it were not for that class, they might never have met, nor be celebrating their first wedding anniversary this month! Christine expressed it best: "Thank you Santiago Canyon College for an amazing college experience that left a lasting impression on our hearts!"

Did you meet your spouse or life partner while a student at SCC? If so, let us know at foundation@scccollege.edu. Maybe there's potential for an SCC Sweethearts reunion someday!

SCC Officially Graduates Its 25,000th Student



On June 9, 2017, Santiago Canyon College achieved a new milestone when it graduated its 25,000th student. Kimberly Orellana. She graduated with an Associate of Arts Transfer (AA-T) degree in studio arts. Since fall 2014, Orellana has juggled attending college full-time while working full-time at a local auto dealer in the parts department. "It has been tough going to school full-time and working full-time so I am glad that I got to this point and was really happy to hear that I would be SCC's 25,000th graduate," said Orellana. "I love SCC and picked

it because the campus was not overcrowded," she said. "It's a college community where the professors take the time to spend more one-on-one time with students." Click [here](#) to read the full press release.

Art Gallery Hosts Show by SCC Alumnus Leo Ulfelder



The Gallery at SCC is hosting a exhibition of works by SCC alumnus Leo Ulfelder. The exhibition, entitled "Since You've Been Gone," includes works in charcoal, pastel and oil displaying dark and erotic subject matter (parental discretion advised). For more information on the artist, go to his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/leoulfelderart/>. The exhibition runs until October 19.

The Gallery at SCC is open Monday to Thursday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, and is located in Building D-125-2 (entrance on Strenger Plaza). For more information about the gallery and future exhibitions, click [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: A Holiday Celebration of Diversity



Start the holidays off right and come to the gym at SCC on **Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm** for a celebration of the holiday season from different cultural perspectives. Once again Dr. Binh Vu, chair of the performing arts department, will showcase SCC and other local community talent. Tickets go on sale soon at the SCC Hawks Bookstore (A Building) or Cashier's Office (E Building). General admission is \$15; seniors, children under 12, staff and faculty are \$12.

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At SCC, every contribution makes a difference. Scholarship or program support from community members like you helps our students discover their passion, retrain for a new career or get a second chance after a bad start. Think you can't have an impact? Think again! Even small gifts go a long way, so make yours today!



SAVE THE DATE: 18th Annual Hawks Golf Tournament, April 20, 2018 at Tustin Ranch Golf Course



If you want to combine an interest in golf with support for a very good cause (or you know someone who does), then you should know about the 18th Annual Hawks Golf Tournament on Friday, April 20, 2017 at the Tustin Ranch Golf Course. We are in the very early stages of planning for the event, and are in search of volunteers to serve on the steering committee. If you are interested in volunteering on this committee, please contact Karen Bustamante at bustamante_karen@sccollege.edu. For

general information on the tournament or to register, go to www.sccollege.edu/golftournament.

Men's Basketball Come to SCC!



Exciting news, basketball fans! Santiago Canyon College is launching a men's basketball team. The season kicks off on Wednesday, November 1 with a tournament between the Santiago Canyon College Hawks and the Santa Ana College Dons. For more information about the new team and the schedule of games, click [here](#). The team is currently conducting a crowd-funding campaign for equipment and supplies. If you'd like to donate to that effort, please go to <http://sccmensbasketball.everydayhero.do/>.

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