



NEWS RELEASE

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MEDIA ALERT

Santa Ana College Hosts Student Budget Forum and Resource Fair on March 24

WHAT

Santa Ana College (SAC) administrators from the college's budget committee and financial aid office are joining forces with leaders from the Associated Student Government (ASG) to grow students' financial knowledge. Students will hear about the changing condition of California's economy and its impact on the college budget and subsequently on their access to higher education.

The focus will also turn to personal finance with representatives of Comunidad Latina Federal Credit Union. In collaboration with SAC, the credit union is piloting an on-campus program called, "Bank on Santa Ana." The program offers students services such as free check cashing and microloans to help meet college costs, as well as financial literacy education through one-on-one tutorials. Workshops are planned for the near future. The on-campus office is located in the Admissions Building with hours of operation from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Information booths will provide students with up-to-date information on financial aid, scholarships, counseling services, the U.S. Census, and voter registration.

WHERE

Santa Ana College, The Spot (U-121-S)
1530 W. 17th St., Santa Ana, CA 92706

WHEN

Wednesday, March 24
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Program: 1:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHO

Speakers will include:

- Dr. Sara Lundquist, SAC vice president of student affairs
- Terry Agius, vice president, Comunidad Latina Federal Credit Union
- Alex Flores, SAC ASG president

WHY

As budget cuts threaten community college programs, SAC's ASG has advocated on behalf of their continued access to higher education through their Summer Session Rescue Fund, writing letters to legislators, and trips to Sacramento to visit legislative offices. "Although we don't know much about community college budgets for 2010-2011 yet, we are enthusiastic to share what we do know," said Lundquist. "It's all about providing students access to education through financial aid, scholarships, and community resources like Comunidad Latina."

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For more information, contact (714) 564-6242.
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