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Santiago Canyon College Holds 8th Annual Commencement

May 15—Santiago Canyon College (SCC) holds its eighth annual commencement exercises on Thursday, May 31, 4:30 p.m. on campus at Strenger Plaza. With 785 students eligible to graduate, 2007 is the largest class in SCC's history.

This year's valedictorian is **Lauryn Hegarty of Tustin**. The 20-year-old graduates with a 3.95 grade point average. She is a President's Scholar, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and also received Departmental Honors. Lauryn has been accepted to U.C. Berkeley for the fall semester, where she plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in political science.

She was an active member of the Amnesty International student club and the Model United Nations (MUN) team. During the past school year, she traveled to MUN competitions in New York City, Pennsylvania and San Francisco.

This year's commencement speaker (determined by student vote) is **Dr. Bernie Schwartz of Laguna Beach**. Dr. Schwartz is a licensed clinical psychologist, the coordinator of SCC's psychology services, and a faculty member in the human development department. Dr. Schwartz has been with Rancho Santiago Community College District since 1974 and at SCC since 1985. The author of several books and journal articles, Dr. Schwartz specializes in sports psychology and child-custody evaluations.

"I congratulate the graduating class of 2007, the largest in the college's history," said Santiago Canyon College President Juan Vázquez. "On behalf of college faculty, staff and administrators, I wish each and every graduate much success in the future!"

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Over 1,200 people (graduates, families and friends) are expected to attend the commencement ceremony on May 31. A reception and photo opportunities for graduates will follow the 4:30 p.m. ceremony in the college's A/B Quad.

Santiago Canyon College is located at 8045 E. Chapman Avenue in Orange. For a map or directions, please visit the web site at www.sccollege.edu. For more information about commencement, please call (714) 628-4932.

Santiago Canyon College is a public community college of Rancho Santiago Community College District, serving the residents of Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Orange, Tustin and Villa Park. The college provides education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, and customized training for business and industry.

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