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Santa Ana College Celebrates 26th International Festival on Nov. 4 ***Hallmark event sponsored by International Student Program***

(Santa Ana)—People flock from all corners of the globe to Southern California to visit Hollywood, spend the day at Disneyland, and enjoy our beaches. Yet many international visitors come with more serious pursuits in mind.

This year, more than 500 international students enrolled at Santa Ana College (SAC). They represent some 40 countries, including Australia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Egypt, France, India, Kenya, Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Portugal, Rwanda, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam. To celebrate their ethnic and cultural diversity, the International Student Program presents the 26th Annual International Festival, set to take place on Wednesday, November 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Santa Ana College, 1530 W. 17th St., Santa Ana.

“The festival provides a unique opportunity to enhance our students’ cultural awareness and understanding through food, cultural presentations, the arts, and entertainment,” said Dr. Sara Lundquist, SAC vice president of student affairs. “The entries are judged by faculty and staff. This is one of the ‘duties’ that we most look forward to every year.”

The event will feature international student organization booths with cuisine, cultural displays, national dress, music, and cultural entertainment, including the following performances: Egyptian dance, belly dance, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Japanese karate, and traditional Vietnamese dance. The performances will occur from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the campus amphitheater.

Included in this year’s festival is a booth hosted by a group of students from Denmark who will serve up Danish meatballs. These nine students are enrolled in the college for a four-week program through the English Language Academy. The students are from the Svendborg Business College and Technical School in the southeast of the island of Funen.

For more than a decade, the SAC English Language Academy has helped students improve their English proficiency quickly so they can participate more effectively in various academic, professional, and social environments. Academy students may also enroll in select

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pre-approved college classes. The college also offers an intensive English program designed for international students who plan to enter the college's credit program

The International Festival is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact the Santa Ana College International Student Program at (714) 564-6047.

About the Rancho Santiago Community College District

The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is to respond to the educational needs of an ever-changing community and to provide programs and services that reflect academic excellence. Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of RSCCD, which serve the residents of Anaheim Hills, East Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, customized training for business and industry, and programs to train nurses, firefighters and law enforcement personnel.

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