

# SAC Faculty Fellow Newsletter

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Halloween is just around the corner! Will you dress up this year?

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# Greetings & Announcements!

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## Hello Again!

It's almost time to wait in the pumpkin patch for the Great Pumpkin! I do love Halloween night - I think it's my favorite holiday of the year for sure.

Don't forget about Employee Development Day on Friday, October 29. This will be a whole day of sessions on wellness and well-being. I hope to see you in a session or two!

Click the link below if you're interested in getting together to share insights or just meet other faculty.

[Click to RSVP](#)

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## EduTech | Technology in the Classroom

Fri, Nov 12, 2021, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

*Please note that this year EduTech will be virtual*

[Click here to learn more about EduTech 2021](#)

Save the date for this year's EduTECH! Open to all Alamo Colleges District Faculty and Instructional Staff, EduTECH is a great way to exchange ideas, learn new technology, build successful partnerships and determine the future direction of teaching with technology.

[Click here to reserve your ticket](#)

## Important Dates

**Employee Development Day -  
College Closed**

Oct 29, 2021

**Last Day to Withdraw**

Nov 12, 2021

**Thanksgiving Weekend -  
College Closed**

November 25-November 28

**Final Examinations**

December 6-11

**Winter Break - College Closed**

December 20-31



## SAC Faculty Fridays at the Teaching & Learning Center

Drop in and learn something new with at SAC TLC Faculty Fridays! The schedule will be available for you on the calendar at the [SAC TLC website](#). All sessions are on Zoom, see the SAC TLC Calendar for the link. Below is a sneak peak at what's in store for October 2021:

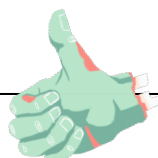
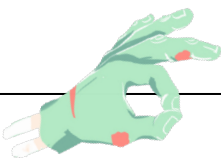
**I'm ready to Adopt OER: How do I start?**

Fri, Nov 5, 2021, 11:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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Fri, Nov 5, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

*\*No Faculty Friday on October 29th due to ACD Employee Development Day*





# Professional Development

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## Employee Development Day

Fri, Oct 29, 2021, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

*Register in AlamoTALENT for Welcome & Keynote, and all other sessions*

Alamo Colleges stands by our well-being philosophy of fostering an environment where employees can personally and professionally thrive. This Employee Development Day, we'll be offering diverse and holistic well-being opportunities for all employees to enjoy!

We are offering a variety of presentations regarding the broad topic of health and well-being covering one of the dimensions below.

- Physical wellness: Taking care of your body by adopting healthy habits in the areas of exercise, nutrition, sleep to help manage the physical demands of daily living.
- Mental/Emotional wellness: Ability to cope and manage the normal stresses of life, can work productively and build satisfying relationships.
- Social wellness: Sense of connection, belonging with a well-developed support system.
- Financial wellness: Feeling stable and confident to manage your finances today while preparing for the future and anything unexpected.
- Spiritual wellness: Discovering your life's meaning and purpose by anchoring to your beliefs, principles, and values to guide your actions.

## Rev Up Your Classroom with Professional Development

Every two weeks I will provide you with the latest professional development workshops. Come join us and learn something new to rev up your classroom! Registration for all training is available in AlamoTALENT—your one-stop shop for faculty development. All professional development workshops and classes are held online.

### Online Teaching Certification (Hybrid)

The Teaching and Learning Center offers Online Teaching Certification to all faculty (full-time and adjunct) at San Antonio College. The goal is to certify all faculty to teach online so that we can offer additional online sections.

Please register in Alamo Talent.

Next Session(s):

- November 1 - 11, Synchronous
- November 1 - 21, Hybrid

### Canvas Analytics 2021 Workshops

Thu, Oct 28, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Ever wish you had a bird's-eye view of how students are doing in your online course? Come learn how to use the New Analytics tool to better track student participation and performance.



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# Professional Development Cont.

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## Rev Up Your Classroom Continued

### Beyond Dyslexia

Fri, Nov 5, 2021, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

For this presentation Laura Woelfel, a professional counselor and Irlen Diagnostician, will be discussing learning disorders beyond dyslexia - primarily Irlen Syndrome, which can have a major impact on a student's learning and retention. Come join us for this informative session and learn about this syndrome that can affect so many people.

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## The Screen and Keys Tech for Teaching & Learning

Here are offerings based in using technology to your advantage. If you want to become more proficient in using tech then keeping reading. Registration for all training is available in AlamoTALENT! All workshops are held online.

### Zoom Training via Zoom

Tue, Oct 26, 2021, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tue, Nov 2, 2021, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn how to create a meeting for video and audio conferencing; start a meeting; and record a meeting. Stay for an overview or ask a question as your schedule allows.

## Tech Tuesdays

### Converting Canvas Quizzes

Tue, Oct 26, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

### Accessible Course Design 2021 Workshops

Thu, Nov 4, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

What makes a course accessible? This workshop will introduce you to the basics of online course accessibility and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles.

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## We're Glad You're Here Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Wherever you might be in this journey, you'll find connection, shared values, and growth. Find ways to promote equity and inclusion through the courses and workshops listed here! All workshops are held online.

### Sharing What Works: Using Pronouns

Mon, Oct 26, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

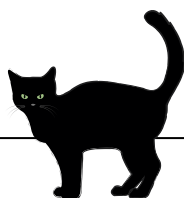
This is a follow-up to participants of "Validating and Affirming Using Pronouns" to share promising practices on the use of pronouns.

[Click to register](#)

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## Connect and Breathe Faculty Wellness

Stay connected for more information on upcoming sessions.



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# Meet Your Faculty Fellow

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[SAC Faculty Fellowcast](#)



My role is to provide professional development support for all faculty at SAC. Additionally, I will work to update this newsletter bi-monthly, and keep you informed of important dates and upcoming events. It is my intention to serve SAC faculty and meet your professional development needs to the best of my ability. Please know that my heart, mind, and door is open and do not hesitate to reach out as you are willing and able. I can be reached via email at: arocha17@alamo.edu or—by golly—just put yourself on my calendar using my online scheduler. The link is provided below:

[Schedule a Chat with Me!](#)

If you don't already know me, I am a teaching artist! My primary discipline is music, and my instrument is the cello. I've worked in faculty development since 2016 teaching prekindergarten educators how to incorporate performing arts techniques into the classroom. I am trained through the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, and I have participated in the Artists as Educators Seminar, Mapping the Journey: Planning Effective Residencies for Students developed by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

I am also adjunct faculty at San Antonio College and teach cello, viola, and had the distinct pleasure of working with the SAC Chamber Ensemble before COVID required us to work online. I started my career with Alamo Colleges at St. Philip's assisting with INRW in the English department, and I have taught cello and music theory at Northwest Vista College.

So enough about me, I want to learn about you! Please stay in touch.

