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## Palo Alto College ranks highest in region for all Junior and Community Colleges by RateMyProfessors.com

Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College is the only college in the region to earn a national ranking this year from RateMyProfessors.com, the largest online destination for professor ratings for colleges and universities. On the recently published 2016-2017 Highest Rated Junior and Community Colleges list, Palo Alto College ranks first in the region among all junior and community colleges, top three in Texas, and top 15 on the national list.

"Being named a top school in the nation by RateMyProfessors.com is a testament to the faculty and quality instruction we offer Palo Alto College," said Dr. Mike Flores, president of Palo Alto College. "Our first-rate faculty play a vital role in educating and positively influencing the lives of our students, and the impact they're making each day is reflected in this designation."

School rankings are based on overall Professor Average rating, as well as its Overall School Rating, which includes reputation, career opportunities, safety, campus grounds and facilities, clubs and events, social activities, whether or not a student is happy with their decision, and more. The feedback collected is unsolicited and both professor ratings and campus ratings are weighted equally, which implies that a top school scores high both in terms of academics as well as campus life. Other highest rated Texas junior and community colleges in the top 25 include:

McLennan Community College, Waco, TX
Collin College, McKinney, TX
**14. Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX** Lone Star College, Houston, TX
Richland College, Dallas, TX

To view a complete list of the Highest Rated Junior and Community Colleges in the nation, visit <u>www.ratemyprofessors.com</u>.

RateMyProfessors.com is the largest online destination for professor ratings. Users have added more than 19 million ratings, 1.7 million professors and over 7,500 schools to RateMyProfessors.com. User-generated content makes RateMyProfessors.com the highest trafficked site for quickly researching and rating professors, colleges and universities across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence and a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The campus is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at <u>alamo.edu/pac</u>.

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