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San Antonio Poetry Archive at Palo Alto College hosts 16 local poets for National Poetry Month event

Alamo Colleges District–Palo Alto College will host “Pen to Paper”, an evening of poetry with 16 local poets celebrating San Antonio’s literary community, on Wednesday, April 12, from 6 – 9 p.m. at the San Antonio Poetry Archive at Palo Alto College. Special guests will include Palo Alto College president Dr. Mike Flores, San Antonio Poet Laureate Jenny Browne, and Texas Poet Laureate Laurie Ann Guerrero.

To celebrate National Poetry Month, local poets will hold special 15-minute readings across three stage areas in the Ozuna Library at Palo Alto College. Featured poets include Sheila Black, Roberto Bonazzi, Glover Davis, James Dennis, Fernando Esteban Flores, Michelle Hartman, Jim LaVilla-Havelin, Bryce Milligan, Naomi Shihab Nye, Sharon Olinka, Octavio Quintanilla, Andrea Sanderson, Shaggy, and Alexandra van de Kamp. This event is free and open to the public.

Opened in 2016, the San Antonio Poetry Archive at Palo Alto College began as a project by Laurie Ann Guerrero, current Poet Laureate of Texas, to capture and preserve San Antonio’s literary voice. The Ozuna Library at Palo Alto College serves as the repository for these special collections materials and is committed to preserving the records of local poets and poetry organizations in their original formats, including books, manuscripts, archives, and other media.

Palo Alto College, one of the Alamo Colleges, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence. With nearly 9,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees, short-term certificates and non-credit continuing education classes. The campus is located on the Southside of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.

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