ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT Palo Alto College

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Palo Alto College hosts fourth annual agriculture leadership conference for high school students

Alamo Colleges District–Palo Alto College will host more than 35 schools from central and south Texas high school FFA Chapters in the fourth annual Palo Alto College FFA Leadership Conference on Friday, Nov. 2, in the College's Performing Arts Center. More than 400 high school students will compete in nine different leadership events promoting leadership, agriculture innovation, and teamwork.

Throughout the day-long event, students from Texas high school FFA chapters will compete in agriculture events including Greenhand chapter conducting; Greenhand quiz; senior chapter conducting; senior quiz; ag advocacy; public relations; radio; and creed.

Palo Alto College's annual conference is the largest competition of its kind held in the region for FFA members. San Antonio is home to four of the largest FFA chapters in Texas and two of the top 10 largest in the nation.

The National FFA (Future Farmers of America) Organization is committed to providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education to the 669,989 FFA members, ages 12–21, in 8,630 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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, a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and a top 10 finalist for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College 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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