

SAC Faculty Fellow Newsletter

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Meet Wiggy, a pup like no other! I have been his guardian for nearly ten years.

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Greetings & Announcements!

Hello Again!

Welcome to the Convocation Issue of the SAC Faculty Fellow Newsletter! If you haven't already discovered, District Convocation is virtual this semester.

I know that this may appear as a backslide, but I encourage you to think of it this way: *we know what we're doing now*. This pivot will not be as disruptive as it was this time last year, and we know what to do.

I encourage you to keep your self-care routines in place. They may feel a little silly or frivolous at times, but they pay off in the long run.

SAC Faculty Fridays at the Teaching & Learning Center

Faculty Fridays at SAC took a break over the summer. Sessions will begin again soon!

How to Self Register in AlamoTALENT

1. Log on to [ACES](#)
2. Click on the Employee Tab (left side of screen)
3. Click on AlamoTALENT (right side of screen)
4. Select My Learning at the top of the screen
5. Select Events Calendar in the drop down menu
6. Select the course(s) you want and register!

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.

As a result of the pandemic, more students across the nation are choosing to take online courses. In order to build capacity and serve the needs of all our students, San Antonio College wants to be prepared to offer courses in all modalities, face-to-face, online, and remote.

Please register in Alamo Talent.

Next Sessions:

- September 20 through October 10
- November 1 through November 21



Convocation Week District Offerings

Rev Up Your Semester!

Please register in AlamoTALENT

Info Session: Enhance Your Course with Global Learning Outcomes

Mon., Aug. 16, 2021 3 - 4PM

Learn about the process to earn the Global Learning Designation Course and the benefits for Faculty and Students. Every course can be infused with global learning elements! Join us so we can help get you started on your global journey.

Groups: Active Learning in Action

Tue., Aug. 17, 2021, 1 - 3pm

- Creating groups
- Transforming individual activities & assessments into group work
- Infusing Active Learning
- Applying Community of Inquiry

Developing Your Social Presence in the Online Environment

Tue., Aug. 17, 2021, 10am - 12pm

In this Professional Development session, you will learn about how to increase your social presence in your online classroom to build stronger connections with your students, particularly your online students, and create a more inviting and engaged classroom.

Fostering Student Engagement in the Hybrid Environment

Wed., Aug. 18, 2021, 10am - 12pm

Do you want to learn about ways to engage your students virtually and create opportunities for active learning? Then you don't want to miss this session! In this active and engaging professional development session you will review components of hybrid learning and techniques for using technology to foster student engagement.

Guide to the First Day

Wed., Aug. 18, 2021, 1- 3pm

Come in to learn how to develop curiosity for your course and build community in your classroom. Find ways to communicate expectations and launch your learning experience for students!

Personalize Your Concourse Syllabus

Thurs., Aug. 19, 2021, 11am - 12pm

Learn how to personalize your syllabus for your course(s). Remember the course syllabus not only sets the tone for your course, but is the contract between you and your learners. Noting the expectations you have for your learners and what they can expect from you. It is another way of building the relationship between you and your learners.



Convocation Offerings Continued

Bloom's Taxonomy

Thurs., Aug. 19, 2021, 2:30 - 3:20pm

Bloom's Taxonomy is a tool for faculty to encourage higher-order thinking in students. In this session, you will learn about Bloom's different domains and levels and how to apply them to your learning objective, activities, assignments, and assessments. Again, the taxonomy is a valuable tool that you can immediately use in your teaching.

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.

Introduction to Canvas

Starts August 17th, 2021 (self paced, online course)

Learn the basics of using Canvas from navigation, to adding content, creating assignments, and organizing your course.



Canva in Your Canvas

Thurs., Aug. 19, 2021, 4 -5pm

Want to bring your online classroom to a new level of polish? Add Canva to your Canvas class and do just that! In this quick session you will set up a free account, learn the basics, and create a personalized Zoom background.

Games and Simulations

Thurs., Aug. 19, 2021, 6 - 7pm

Want to bring your online classroom to a new level of polish? Add Canva to your Canvas class and do just that! In this quick session you will set up a free account, learn the basics, and create a personalized Zoom background.

Additional Offerings and Information

Master Teacher Certification

Fri., August 20, 2021 9 - 10am

[Click here to register](#)

The Master Teacher Certification Program, established in 1998, is designed to provide quality learning experiences for new and experienced faculty members to actively engage in reflective and creative exercises and dialogues to enhance teacher effectiveness and student success. This collaborative program provides enriching learning opportunities through face-to-face discussions across disciplines, online content and discussions, and exploration of educational technology.



Convocation Offerings Continued

Virtual Faculty Support

Through Aug. 20 | 9 - 11:30am & 1 - 3pm

Need help getting ready for Fall 2021 courses? Looking for more personalized assistance with Canvas or Zoom? Do you have another question for District Faculty Development or just want to connect?

[Sign up for a 30 minute time slot](#)

Once you've signed up for a time slot, simply join your support session via zoom using the details from the confirmation email you received.

Save the Date for EduTECH 2021!

Fri., Nov. 12, 2021 8:30am - 3:30pm

EduTECH is a free one-day conference focused on all things educational technology. Mark your calendars so you are sure not to miss it!



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

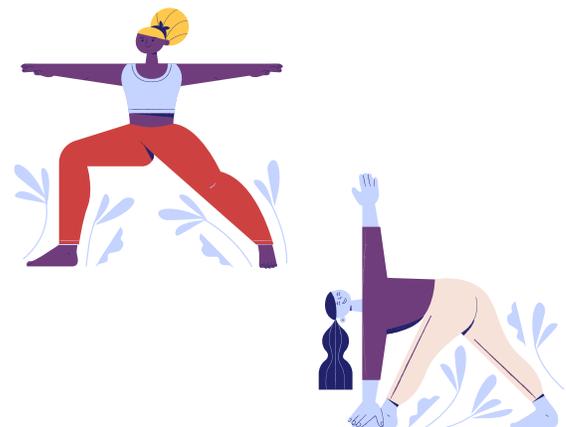
Wherever you might be in this journey, you'll find connection, shared values, and growth. Find ways to promote equity and inclusion through the courses and workshops listed here. Registration for all training is available in AlamoTALENT! All workshops are held online.

Keep an eye out for future offerings!

Connect and Breathe Faculty Wellness

Need to get back to center and just find a little space? Pull up the comfy chair and sit with us for a moment to learn how a little self-care goes a long way. This event is online. Register for these sessions in AlamoTALENT.

Check in AlamoTALENT for upcoming Wellbeing Wednesdays



Meet Your Faculty Fellow



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Or if you prefer to listen to these updates, you can subscribe and listen to my SAC Faculty Fellowcast. Use the link below to access, plus there's a handy QR code to take you there directly.

[SAC Faculty Fellowcast](#)



My role at SAC is to provide professional development workshops, classes, and other learning and growth opportunities. Additionally, I will work to update this newsletter bi-monthly, and I plan and lead the SAC Professional Development book club. 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.

