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Santa Ana College Ranked Seventh in Nation in Awarding Associate Degrees to Hispanic Students

(Santa Ana)— According to *Community College Week*, a national publication for two-year college professionals, Santa Ana College ranks 7th among the top 100 associate degree producers for Hispanic students in the nation. The 94-year-old college is one of five California community colleges in the top ten nationwide in this category and the only Orange County community college among the top-ranking performers.

In addition, Santa Ana College ranks 24th among the top 100 associate degree producers for Asian American students in the nation. In fall 2008, the college's enrollment demographics included one percent American Indian, two percent African-American, 12 percent Asian, 47 percent Latino, 29 percent Caucasian, two percent Filipino, three percent other, and five percent declined to state.

The publication's June 15 issue ranked two-year colleges based on degrees conferred during the 2007-2008 academic year. The report is based on data compiled by the National Center for Education Statistics Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Set completions survey.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Santa Ana College conferred a total of 1,377 associate degrees. In addition, 528 SAC students earned vocational certificates in the same year and 1,677 Santa Ana College students transferred to baccalaureate-granting institutions. This past year, 30 Middle College High School seniors graduated with both a high school diploma and an associate degree from Santa Ana College.

"It is an honor to be recognized for the work we do for our students," said Erlinda J. Martinez, Ed.D., president, Santa Ana College.

In fall 2008, the college's total enrollment, including credit and non-credit programs, was 40,576.

About the Rancho Santiago Community College District

The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is to respond to the educational needs of an ever-changing community and to provide programs and services that reflect academic excellence. Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of RSCCD, which serve the residents of Anaheim Hills, East Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, customized training for business and industry, and programs to train nurses, firefighters and law enforcement personnel.

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