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SAC Student Newspaper *el Don* Garners National Accolades

(Santa Ana)—Santa Ana College’s award-winning student newspaper *el Don* carted home numerous awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) Awards Ceremony, part of the 86th annual College Media Convention held recently in New York, NY. Seventeen Santa Ana College (SAC) journalism students won a total of 68 individual Columbia Graduate School of Journalism’s Gold Circle Awards for the 2009 academic year.

Gold Circle Awards recognize superior work by student journalists usually as individuals, but sometimes as an entire staff working with either print or online media. These media are published in colleges and universities throughout the United States and in overseas schools following an American plan of higher education. In recent years, more than 13,000 entries have been submitted for this annual competition, recognizing the highest academic merits of collegiate journalism.

This year, SAC journalism students won 23 first place individual and staff awards, 13 second place honors, 10 third place honors, and 22 certificate of merit awards.

“Santa Ana College journalism students are truly committed to academic excellence,” said journalism department chair and *el Don* advisor Charles “Bud” Little. “These honors are the most prestigious in the field of college journalism.”

About 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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