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## **Santiago Canyon College Holds Twelfth Annual Commencement**

**Orange**—Santiago Canyon College (SCC) holds its twelfth annual commencement exercises on Thursday, May 19, at 4:30 p.m. on campus at Strenger Plaza. This year, 820 students are eligible to graduate. The graduates range from 17-63 years of age.

The Class of 2011 valedictorian is Adam Peithman, a 19-year-old resident of Orange. He graduates with an associate degree in liberal arts with an emphasis in arts, humanities and communication and a 4.0 grade point average. He is a President's Scholar and is a member of the Santiago Canyon College Honors Program. Adam is planning to continue his studies in philosophy at the University of California Berkeley.

"This year's graduating class represents the best of SCC," said Santiago Canyon College President Juan Vázquez. "The students in the class of 2011 have made the most of their time on our campus. On behalf of college faculty, staff and administrators, I wish each and every graduate much success in the future."

This year's commencement speaker (determined by student vote) is Will Lennertz, professor of English. He has taught at SCC for 20 years, and he is a co-chair of the English Department.

More than 1,200 people are expected to attend the commencement ceremony on May 19, including graduates, friends and families. A photo area for graduates will be available in the A/B Quad following the ceremony.

Santiago Canyon College is a public community college of Rancho Santiago Community College District, serving the residents of Anaheim Hills, Orange, Tustin and Villa Park. The college provides education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, and customized training for business and industry.

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