


TO: Mr. Jeffery Hall
President, Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees

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FROM: Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. 

DATE: May 21, 2021

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Report

2021 Commencement

Our 2021 drive-up commencement was a stunning success. More than 500 graduates from our centennial class participated in the ceremony on May 21. This year, Hancock is proud to report a total of 1,498 graduates who earned 2,742 degrees. More than 300 members of our 2021 graduating class were Hancock Promise students. I'd like to thank all the administrators, faculty, and staff who worked to make this special day happen for our students!



UTC Transfer Stars

On May 20, the University Transfer Center recognized more than 300 of our Transfer Star graduates during a drive-through ceremony outside the Marian Theatre. On the same day, we also recognized graduates from Hancock's for more than 100 graduates from Hancock's EOPS/CARE/NextUp & CalWORKs, College Achievement Now (CAN)-TRIO, Puente, and Men's Support Group programs with a similar drive-through ceremony.

Fire Academy & EMS Graduations

On May 20, we also celebrated the graduation of a new crop of public servants from the AHC Fire Academy and EMS programs at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. The fire academy graduated a group of 24 cadets, while the EMS program graduated a group of 32 cadets. Training new public safety personnel has never been more important, and we are excited to see these dedicated graduates go out to protect and serve their communities.





ASBG Recognition

There is no doubt that our ASBG leadership and student ambassadors went above and beyond this year while serving their fellow students and their community. On May 20, Student Activities hosted a recognition ceremony honoring the amazing work these students have done. A video of the recognitions is available to view on the college's [YouTube page](#).

ACCT Webinar

The Association of Community College Trustees is hosting a webinar titled "Parliamentary Procedures for All Trustees" on Thursday, June 3, from 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. The webinar is free but limited to 100 trustees. Please contact Carmen if you would like to register and attend.



Centennial Celebration

We will mark the end of our centennial year with the much-anticipated [virtual Centennial Celebration](#) on May 22. The link to view the event will be live at 5:45 p.m. with special pre-show messages from community leaders. The celebration will begin promptly at 6 p.m. We will host a watch party for any members of the trustees who like to join and celebrate this special event together.


Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat, May 22	5:45 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
*Thurs, June 3	11 a.m.	ACCT Webinar	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)
Thurs, Aug. 5	TBD	Hancock Hello	SM campus

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Spring Study-a-Thon

Our students are preparing for their spring finals, and our Student Activities Office helped them by hosting virtual and in-person Study-a-Thon events. Held May 10-12, these sessions allowed students to get help and tutoring face-to-face at our Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center, or via Zoom. The first 100 participants for each day also received an e-card for free food.

Spring Choir Recital

Our talented choir students participated in AHC's annual [spring recital](#) on May 13. The virtual recital included hymns, folk songs, and spirituals from a diverse group of composers. At the end of this concert, the students also performed AHC's Alma Mater. The Alma Mater was discovered, arranged, and recorded for our Centennial Celebration.



Retiree Recognition Ceremony

This week, we bid a fond farewell to 12 retiring faculty and staff members who contributed a combined 271 years of service to college during a virtual recognition ceremony on May 14. The full list of this year's retirees includes Debbie O'Campo, 39 years; Storm Hogan, 31 years; Robert Murtha, 28 years; Russ Ashman, 26 years; Kathy Headtke, 25 years; Krystyna Musev, 23 years; Jim Harvey, 22 years; Sharan Kelly, 20 years; Lizabeth Phillips, 16 years; Stan Williams, 15 years; Patty VanNest, 15 years; and Andy Densmore, fire academy coordinator, 11 years.

Dental Assisting Program Graduation

On May 14, we celebrated the graduation of 23 students from our dental assisting program. The graduates received their certificates during a short, socially distanced, in-person ceremony on our Santa Maria campus. We are proud to send these graduates out to pursue their careers.



Transfer Stars/EOPS, CARE NEXTUp Drive-Through Celebrations

Next week, we will celebrate several groups of Hancock's graduates with two special drive-through celebrations on Thursday, May 20. Our EOPS/CARE/NextUp & CalWORKs, College Achievement Now (CAN)-TRIO, PUENTE and the Men's Support Group students will have their drive-through celebration from 2-3:30 p.m. outside bldg. B, followed by another drive-through celebration for our Transfer Star graduates from 4-6 p.m. in front of the Marian Theater.

CCLC Trustee Townhall Series

You are invited to attend a CCLC Trustee Townhall on "DEI In Action" on Thursday, May 20 at 6 p.m. This townhall will cover building effective partnerships between CEOs and Boards to help advance DEI initiatives. You can register for this virtual event [here](#).

TRUSTEE TOWNHALL SERIES


DEI IN ACTION:
CEO AND BOARD PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE DEI

THURSDAY, MAY 20
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Whether you are well into the DEI journey or just starting, the next Trustee Townhall will focus on effective partnerships between CEOs and Boards for advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Both community college CEOs and trustees are invited to attend the townhall on [Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m.](#)

Join us for meaningful conversations about how to turn your district or college's commitment to DEI into action. Districts who have passed the DEI resolution will share their next steps and plans to advance DEI on their campus. Participants will leave the townhall with a clear roadmap as to how CEOs and trustees can effectively work together to create sustainable change that will have a real impact.

[REGISTER NOW](#)


 COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thurs, May 20	2-3:30 p.m.	EOPS/CARE/NextUp & CalWORKs, CAN-TRIO, PUENTE and the Men's Support Group Drive Through Celebration	SM campus
*Thurs, May 20	4-6 p.m.	Transfer Stars Drive-Through Celebration	SM campus
Thurs, May 20	6-7 p.m.	CCCL Trustee Townhall	Virtual
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)
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Virtual Career Exploration

Our Career Center is encouraging high school and college students to participate in a virtual Career Exploration Day with AHC. This year, participating students can explore potential career paths and programs by taking a virtual tour of our campus. The first 500 students to complete the virtual tour and fill out a Career Exploration survey will receive lunch and dessert courtesy of McDonald's and Chick-fil-A. You can learn more and take the interactive virtual tour at our [Career Exploration webpage](#).

ASBG Election Results

The results of the ASBG board election are in. Please join me in welcoming our new ASBG officers! They are Marcela Viveros, president; Jacqlyn Rayas, student trustee; Kristy Soriano, vice president; Sarai Gonzalez, vice president of external affairs; Edianna Ysip, executive director; and Mirian Solano, executive secretary.



Tractor Donation

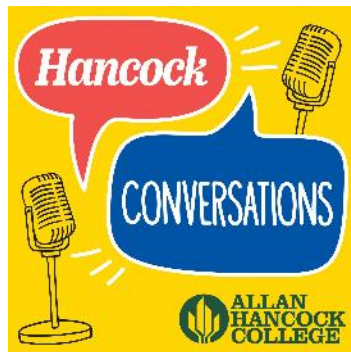
Our agriculture program received a new tractor this week. The tractor was generously donated by Betteravia Farms, and will be used on our student farm and garden near the softball fields. Hancock would like to extend special thanks to Betteravia Farms Production Engineer Dylan Bognuda, who helped facilitate the donation and has been an energetic and active industry partner with the program.

Talent Show Winners

The week, Hancock Student Activities announced the winners of our first-ever virtual “Hancock’s Got Talent” talent show. This year’s winners included:

- Dancing - Danielle Denton
- Poetry / Creative Writing - Santerria Allen
- Graphic Design - Isis Dominguez
- Hidden Talent – Jobany Ruiz
- Singing/Musical Performance - Christine Fogh
- Drawing/Painting – Yoselin Ruiz
- Photography – David Bautista

You can view all of this year’s talent show entries at the [Hancock’s Got Talent webpage](#).



New Hancock Conversations Podcast

The latest Hancock Conversation podcast features an interview with Hancock 2020 graduate and former ASBG president Tyler Little. In this episode, I spoke with Tyler about the challenges and triumphs of the 2020 academic year, and the work he and our other student leaders did to help their peers navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. You can listen to the latest episode on our [AHC podcast webpage](#).

Vaccination Data

This week, we learned that our vaccination clinic is truly changing the odds for our community. According to data from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, the AHC clinic has administered a total of 32,771 vaccine doses, accounting for an estimated 32 percent of Santa Barbara County’s total vaccinations.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, May 11	5 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	SM campus
*May 10-12	2-6 p.m.	Study-A-Thon	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
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Black Student Success Week

This week, Hancock joined Community Colleges across the state to participate in [Black Student Success Week](#). Each day, we encouraged our students and community to participate in a series of insightful and educational webinars focused on sharing research, insights, and innovative approaches for improving student success among Black and African American students at California Community Colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa Academic Team

Two of our outstanding class of 2021 graduates, Rafael Valdovinos and Thomas Taylor, were named to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Coca-Cola 2021 All California Community College Academic Team. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic

Hancock conducted its second seven-day vaccine clinic in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department this week. The clinic ran from April 25- May 1, and served community members by appointment and as walk-ins.

Summer And Fall Registration Assistance Events

Open registration for summer and fall classes starts on May 1. To support our students, Hancock is hosting in-person and virtual [registration assistance workshops](#) on May 1 and on May 3. In-person workshops will be held in a safe and socially distanced manner at both our Santa Maria campus and the Lompoc Valley Center, while the virtual workshops will be held via Zoom.



CCPRO Awards


Hancock’s Public Affairs and Communications and Campus Graphics teams won several awards at the Community College Public Relations Organization’s (CCPRO) [annual awards ceremony](#) on April 30. Hancock won seven awards total, including four first-place awards for best local application of a statewide campaign, best college magazine, best logo design, and best promotional campaign. Several of the winning entries were related to our Centennial Celebration.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri April 30	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Online (virtual)
Sat, May 1	All Day	Summer and fall open registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
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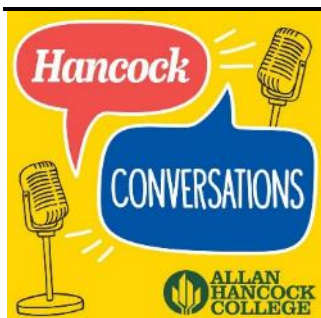
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New Hancock Conversations Podcast Episode

The latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features retired AHC vice president of student services Roger Welt. Roger shared stories of his time at Hancock and his military service during this very engaging and interesting interview. You can download the new episode on iTunes and Spotify, or listen on our [podcast webpage](#).

ASBG Elections

Voting for our Associated Student Body Government Board of Directors began this week. We are encouraging all our students to cast their vote online to ensure their voices are heard as the college prepares to resume face-to-face classes in the fall. Online voting for these elections will continue through April 30.



LGBTQ Resources Webpage

This week, Hancock debuted a new [LGBTQ resource webpage](#) for our students. This webpage will help connect our LGBTQ students and LGBTQ allies with information and support during their journey at Hancock. The site currently provides information about the college's LGBTQ studies program and a call for submissions for "Coming Out Monologues" which will be performed in October as part of National Coming Out Day.

Student Registration Workshops

Priority registration for summer and fall classes at Hancock starts April 26 and open registration starts May 1. To help our students, Hancock is [hosting virtual and in-person registration workshops](#) starting next week. The in-person workshop will take place at our Santa Maria campus, Lompoc Valley Center, and on Zoom. The workshops will run through May 3.

We will be available to help you register for summer and fall 2021 classes in person and/or via Zoom.

Monday, April 26 - Saturday, May 1 & Monday, May 3

Estaremos disponibles para ayudarlo a registrarse para las clases de verano y otoño de 2021 en persona y/o mediante Zoom.

Lunes 26 de abril al sábado 1 de mayo y lunes 3 de mayo



Seven-Day Vaccine Clinic

On Monday, April 26, Hancock will kick off our second seven-day vaccination clinic on our Santa Maria campus in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. We will continue to encourage our students, staff, faculty, and members of the community to sign up for vaccinations through myturn.ca.gov. We are also providing on-site registration in building C-33.

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Mon, April 26	All day	Summer and Fall priority registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
*Fri April 30	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Sat, May 1	All Day	Summer and fall open registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
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Fine Art's Beam Signing

On April 15, we celebrated significant progress on the construction of the college's Fine Arts Complex by signing the final steel beam of the building's superstructure. I was joined by Board President Lahr and Trustee Levy, along with representatives from our fine arts department and representatives from project contractor AMG and Associates; crane operator Bragg Crane and Rigging; project architect DLR Group; Golden State Steel; and the Roebbelen construction management firm. The ceremony was streamed live online and can be viewed [here](#).

Interactive Campus Map

This week, we debuted a new and exciting way for students and community members to learn more about our Santa Maria campus through an [interactive online map](#). This new interactive map allows users to access important information and services, as well as helpful videos, with the click of a button. We are encouraging our students and community members to take a virtual tour of the campus using this new map and look forward to expanding this to maps of our Lompoc Valley Center and other campuses.



HEALTH SERVICES

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES ONLINE

STUDENT HEALTH WEB PORTAL

CUSTOM ORDERS

Request a Student Health Center appointment

Order Over-the-Counter Medication, Condoms, and more

[The Center / CASIS](#)

The Health Services office handles a wide range of health-related situations including emergency first aid, illness/injury assessment, student insurance and

Student Health Services Online Appointments

In a continuing effort to support students as they take classes remotely, our Student Health Services [website](#) now allows students to schedule virtual appointments. Students can access a simple online form through the SHS website and will be contacted by Health Center staff to schedule an appointment once the form is submitted. This new service is just one of several remote and online services available through SHS.

2020 Commencement Times Set

Class of 2021 graduates are now able to RSVP online for one of two available times to attend our 100th commencement ceremony on May 21 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Students can learn more and RSVP for one of these two times by visiting our 2021 [commencement webpage](#). As of Friday, April 16, more than 200 students have already received more than 200 RSVPs from our graduates for this event.




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*Tues, April 20	5 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Online (Virtual)
*Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
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Vaccination Clinic

This week the vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus helped provide COVID-19 vaccinations for more than 10,000 community members for seven days in a row from April 5-11. To further assist members of the community, Hancock provided staff to help register individuals for vaccine appointments on-site. Now that the county has made all residents over age 16 eligible to receive the vaccine, Hancock is strongly encouraging all our students, staff, and faculty to make an appointment to get vaccinated.

Rep. Carbajal Visits Hancock

Congressman Salud Carbajal visited Hancock on April 7. Rep. Carbajal congratulated Hancock on its centennial and presented the college with a certificate of special congressional recognition in celebration of Hancock's 100 years of serving students and the community. Rep. Carbajal also took a short tour of the Santa Maria campus, which included stops at our Fine Arts Complex and the vaccine clinic.



PSTC Featured By SCCRC

The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) highlighted the work of our Public Safety Training Complex and its programs in an [excellent write-up](#) this week. The article rightly points out the important role both the PSTC and the Strong Workforce programs play in preparing students for careers in public safety. The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) serves to facilitate and promote effective regional educational initiatives for its member colleges and key stakeholders in support of local, regional, and statewide workforce development efforts.

New Hancock Conversations Episode

For the latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I had the pleasure of speaking with Wallt Ajanel. Ajanel is the founder and owner of Wally's Bicycle Works in San Luis Obispo. In this episode, he shares the story of leaving his home country of Guatemala in 1994, coming to Santa Maria, and how he worked toward his dream of owning a business by taking ESL classes at Hancock. You can listen to the episode [here](#).



Fire Academy Food Distribution

Cadets from the Hancock Fire Academy volunteered to distribute more than 44,000 pounds of food to 320 vehicles in Santa Maria on Saturday, April 3. We are very proud to see these cadets jump in to serve their community while they train to be the next generation of firefighters.

Fine Arts Complex Top Out Beam Signing Ceremony

To mark the significant progress of the construction of our Fine Arts Complex, Hancock will host a “top out” signing of the last beam being placed on the building. The ceremony will take place on April 15 from 10-10:30 a.m. and will be streamed live online. More details will be provided next week.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Thurs, April 15	10-10:30 a.m.	Arts Complex Beam Signing	Online (virtual) SM campus
Fri, April 16	11 p.m.	Deadline for AHC distinguished alumni nominations	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Virtual Centennial Celebration

In recognition of Hancock's 100-year anniversary, the college is inviting community members to a Centennial Celebration event on May 22. This free virtual event will feature music, videos, and historical photos recognizing the college's past and current accomplishments. We will also celebrate with live music through decades with Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Grammy-winner Louie Ortega, The Molly Ringwald Project, MarciJean and the Belmont Kings, Bass Mash, Steppin' Out, and Ysef Seavers. Tickets are available [here](#).

Distinguished Alumni Nominations

The AHC Foundation is compiling a list of 100 AHC Distinguished Alumni as part of the college's Centennial Celebration. Nominations may be made by anyone: faculty, staff, friends, and family. Those nominated must have attended Allan Hancock College. You can learn more and fill out a nomination form [here](#).



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UNIVERSITY**

SDSU Admissions Changes

San Diego State University announced that community college students participating Puente, Calworks and EOPS programs will begin to receive [special admissions consideration](#) when applying to SDSU. This is great news for AHC students participating in these programs and community college students across the state.

Valley of Light Art Installation

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture announced the production of [Valley of Light](#), a new public art installation. The installation will be created and installed in partnership with Hancock and the city of Santa Maria. It was designed by AHC Professor of Art and Design, Nancy Jo Ward. The artwork will be installed this summer at the county's Government Center, located at the intersection of South Miller Street and Betteravia Road.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic


Hancock's vaccination clinic is expected to administer more than 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at our Santa Maria campus clinic location next week. As part of our continuing partnership with the Santa Barbara County Department of Health, we will run the clinic for seven days from April 5- April 11, providing vaccines for all eligible residents who have an appointment. Appointments are still available on the Public Health Department's [website](#).

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Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

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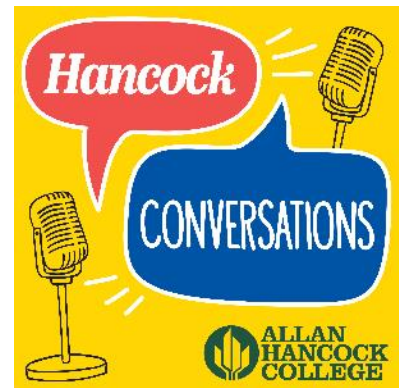


California Firefighters Train At PSTC

Firefighters across California traveled to our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc for [state-certified firefighter training](#). Thirty-four firefighters from six different agencies ranging from Santa Cruz to San Bernardino participated in this training, which included hazard recognition and mitigation for victim access and rescue.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

2020 was an unprecedented year for Hancock students as they learned to adjust to the "new normal" of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [latest episode](#) of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I spoke with AHC Student Trustee Ana Rosas Pacheco and student ambassadors David Bautista and Francisco Avila. These students shared their stories about they dealt with the challenges posed by the pandemic while serving their fellow students and the community.



Mobile Observatory Unveiling

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Maria Valley program will unveil one of the group's legacy projects, a mobile observatory, at our Santa Maria campus on March 20 at 7 p.m. Created in partnership with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the mobile observatory will be traveling to schools for field trips and city outreach events. This socially-distanced "drive-in movie" style unveiling will take place in parking lot 1, outside building C on the south end of Hancock's Santa Maria campus. The group will give a 30-minute presentation, which will include a stunning view of the evening's full moon projected on a giant movie screen using the observatory's telescope.

International Women’s Month Virtual Event

Hancock’s Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is partnering with the AAUW for a special virtual event in celebration of International Women’s Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this free event at <https://lompocvanderberg-ca.aauw.net>.



Centennial Resolutions

A number of our local city governing boards plan to pass resolutions acknowledging Hancock’s Centennial. Below is a tentative schedule of the meeting dates. I will attend all meetings and as board president, Trustee Lahr will also be invited to the meetings. All other trustees will be invited to represent the board in meetings the areas they serve. As soon as we have a firm schedule for all meetings, Carmen will confirm the date and time with you.


Governing Board	Date/Time
Guadalupe City Council	Tuesday in April at 5 pm. Exact date TBD
Santa Maria City Council	May 4 at 5 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Education	May 6 at 2 p.m.
Solvang City Council	May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, May 11 - Time TBD
Lompoc City Council	May 4 or May 18 – Time TBD
Buellton City Council	Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

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Thur, March 18	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	ASBG INTL Women’s Month Event	Online (virtual)
Sat, March 20	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mobile Observatory Unveiling	SM campus
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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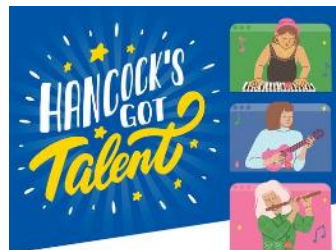


New Bulldog Bound Videos

Earlier this week, Hancock debuted five new videos as part of our free Bulldog Bound program for local youth in the fifth-and-sixth grades. The videos allow children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. Children can learn about rocketry and math with the “PI Pups” video, practice stretching and basic dance moves with “Dance Dogs,” solve a Sherlock Holmes-like detective mystery with “Baker Street Bulldogs,” and more. All videos are available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge.

Food Share Anniversary

On March 26, Hancock marked the one-year anniversary of our [emergency food distribution program](#). To date, the program has provided food to 79,179 local households and a total of 358,603 individuals. We are thankful for the staff, student ambassadors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this program continued to provide this critical community service over the past 12 months.



Hancock’s Got Talent

Hancock Student Activities is inviting our students to show off their special talents at our first “Hancock’s Got Talent” virtual talent show. We are currently asking students to submit videos in a variety of talent areas including singing, dancing, painting, fashion, acting, and more. Our students will be able to view and vote for the winners from April 6-23. On April 30, we will host a special Zoom presentation to announce the winners.

Show off your special talent.

Be a part of the ASBG and Leadership class!

2021 Virtual Talent Show

Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m.



Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is once again showcasing the amazing talent of our fine arts students with its annual student exhibit. This year, the student art show is being held virtually and features art in a wide variety of mediums created by students taking their classes remotely. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these students stayed inspired, motivated, and creative incredible. The show will run through May 31 and can be viewed on the gallery's [website](#).

Centennial Apparel Orders

A friendly reminder, we are working on finalizing the centennial apparel and gear orders. If you have not already done so, please send your order to Melinda by Monday, April 5. You can view our centennial apparel store at <https://apparelnow.com/allan-hancock-college-centennial-apparel>.




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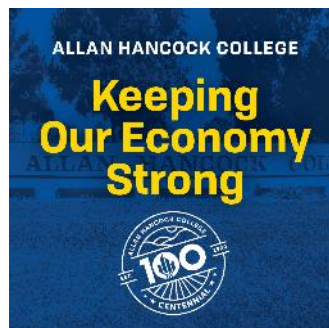


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock's SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net>.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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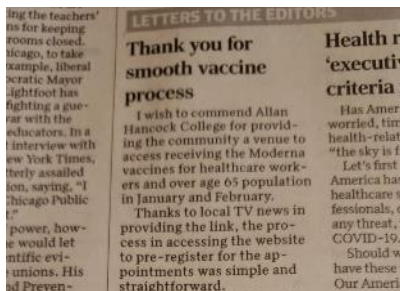


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She [recently received](#) the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock’s Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.

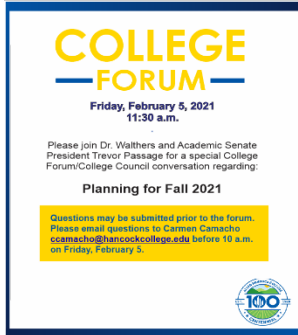


B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.


Senate Bill 228**Save the Dates:** (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock's welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their "Blind Date With A Book" program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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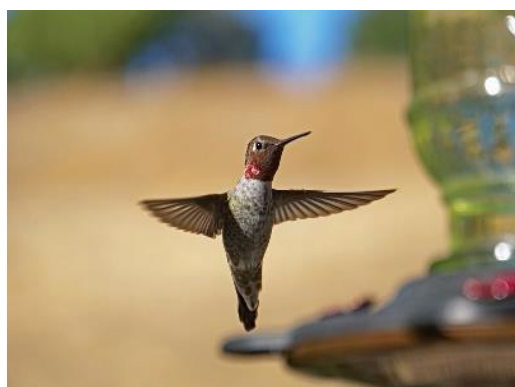


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec. 7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

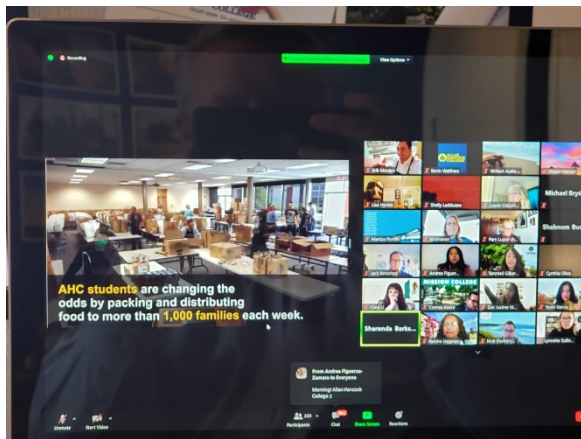
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold live-streamed virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Spring Study-a-Thon

Our students are preparing for their spring finals, and our Student Activities Office helped them by hosting virtual and in-person Study-a-Thon events. Held May 10-12, these sessions allowed students to get help and tutoring face-to-face at our Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center, or via Zoom. The first 100 participants for each day also received an e-card for free food.

Spring Choir Recital

Our talented choir students participated in AHC's annual [spring recital](#) on May 13. The virtual recital included hymns, folk songs, and spirituals from a diverse group of composers. At the end of this concert, the students also performed AHC's Alma Mater. The Alma Mater was discovered, arranged, and recorded for our Centennial Celebration.



Retiree Recognition Ceremony

This week, we bid a fond farewell to 12 retiring faculty and staff members who contributed a combined 271 years of service to college during a virtual recognition ceremony on May 14. The full list of this year's retirees includes Debbie O'Campo, 39 years; Storm Hogan, 31 years; Robert Murtha, 28 years; Russ Ashman, 26 years; Kathy Headtke, 25 years; Krystyna Musev, 23 years; Jim Harvey, 22 years; Sharan Kelly, 20 years; Lizabeth Phillips, 16 years; Stan Williams, 15 years; Patty VanNest, 15 years; and Andy Densmore, fire academy coordinator, 11 years.

Dental Assisting Program Graduation

On May 14, we celebrated the graduation of 23 students from our dental assisting program. The graduates received their certificates during a short, socially distanced, in-person ceremony on our Santa Maria campus. We are proud to send these graduates out to pursue their careers.



Transfer Stars/EOPS, CARE NEXTUp Drive-Through Celebrations

Next week, we will celebrate several groups of Hancock's graduates with two special drive-through celebrations on Thursday, May 20. Our EOPS/CARE/NextUp & CalWORKs, College Achievement Now (CAN)-TRIO, PUENTE and the Men's Support Group students will have their drive-through celebration from 2-3:30 p.m. outside bldg. B, followed by another drive-through celebration for our Transfer Star graduates from 4-6 p.m. in front of the Marian Theater.


CCLC Trustee Townhall Series

You are invited to attend a CCLC Trustee Townhall on "DEI In Action" on Thursday, May 20 at 6 p.m. This townhall will cover building effective partnerships between CEOs and Boards to help advance DEI initiatives. You can register for this virtual event [here](#).

TRUSTEE TOWNHALL SERIES

DEI IN ACTION:
CEO AND BOARD PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE DEI


THURSDAY, MAY 20
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.



Whether you are well into the DEI journey or just starting, the next Trustee Townhall will focus on effective partnerships between CEOs and Boards for advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Both community college CEOs and trustees are invited to attend the townhall on [Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m.](#)

Join us for meaningful conversations about how to turn your district or college's commitment to DEI into action. Districts who have passed the DEI resolution will share their next steps and plans to advance DEI on their campus. Participants will leave the townhall with a clear roadmap as to how CEOs and trustees can effectively work together to create sustainable change that will have a real impact.

[REGISTER NOW](#)


 COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thurs, May 20	2-3:30 p.m.	EOPS/CARE/NextUp & CalWORKs, CAN-TRIO, PUENTE and the Men's Support Group Drive Through Celebration	SM campus
*Thurs, May 20	4-6 p.m.	Transfer Stars Drive-Through Celebration	SM campus
Thurs, May 20	6-7 p.m.	CCCL Trustee Townhall	Virtual
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)
Thurs, Aug. 5	TBD	Hancock Hello	SM campus

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Virtual Career Exploration

Our Career Center is encouraging high school and college students to participate in a virtual Career Exploration Day with AHC. This year, participating students can explore potential career paths and programs by taking a virtual tour of our campus. The first 500 students to complete the virtual tour and fill out a Career Exploration survey will receive lunch and dessert courtesy of McDonald's and Chick-fil-A. You can learn more and take the interactive virtual tour at our [Career Exploration webpage](#).

ASBG Election Results

The results of the ASBG board election are in. Please join me in welcoming our new ASBG officers! They are Marcela Viveros, president; Jacqlyn Rayas, student trustee; Kristy Soriano, vice president; Sarai Gonzalez, vice president of external affairs; Edianna Ysip, executive director; and Mirian Solano, executive secretary.



Tractor Donation

Our agriculture program received a new tractor this week. The tractor was generously donated by Betteravia Farms, and will be used on our student farm and garden near the softball fields. Hancock would like to extend special thanks to Betteravia Farms Production Engineer Dylan Bognuda, who helped facilitate the donation and has been an energetic and active industry partner with the program.

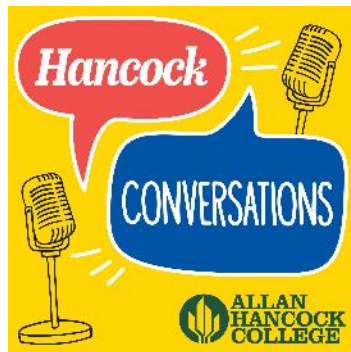
Talent Show Winners

The week, Hancock Student Activities announced the winners of our first-ever virtual “Hancock’s Got Talent” talent show. This year’s winners included:

- Dancing - Danielle Denton
- Poetry / Creative Writing - Santerria Allen
- Graphic Design - Isis Dominguez
- Hidden Talent – Jobany Ruiz
- Singing/Musical Performance - Christine Fogh
- Drawing/Painting – Yoselin Ruiz
- Photography – David Bautista



You can view all of this year’s talent show entries at the [Hancock’s Got Talent webpage](#).



New Hancock Conversations Podcast

The latest Hancock Conversation podcast features an interview with Hancock 2020 graduate and former ASBG president Tyler Little. In this episode, I spoke with Tyler about the challenges and triumphs of the 2020 academic year, and the work he and our other student leaders did to help their peers navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. You can listen to the latest episode on our [AHC podcast webpage](#).

Vaccination Data

This week, we learned that our vaccination clinic is truly changing the odds for our community. According to data from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, the AHC clinic has administered a total of 32,771 vaccine doses, accounting for an estimated 32 percent of Santa Barbara County’s total vaccinations.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, May 11	5 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	SM campus
*May 10-12	2-6 p.m.	Study-A-Thon	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)
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Black Student Success Week

This week, Hancock joined Community Colleges across the state to participate in [Black Student Success Week](#). Each day, we encouraged our students and community to participate in a series of insightful and educational webinars focused on sharing research, insights, and innovative approaches for improving student success among Black and African American students at California Community Colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa Academic Team

Two of our outstanding class of 2021 graduates, Rafael Valdovinos and Thomas Taylor, were named to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Coca-Cola 2021 All California Community College Academic Team. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic

Hancock conducted its second seven-day vaccine clinic in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department this week. The clinic ran from April 25- May 1, and served community members by appointment and as walk-ins.

Summer And Fall Registration Assistance Events

Open registration for summer and fall classes starts on May 1. To support our students, Hancock is hosting in-person and virtual [registration assistance workshops](#) on May 1 and on May 3. In-person workshops will be held in a safe and socially distanced manner at both our Santa Maria campus and the Lompoc Valley Center, while the virtual workshops will be held via Zoom.



CCPRO Awards


Hancock’s Public Affairs and Communications and Campus Graphics teams won several awards at the Community College Public Relations Organization’s (CCPRO) [annual awards ceremony](#) on April 30. Hancock won seven awards total, including four first-place awards for best local application of a statewide campaign, best college magazine, best logo design, and best promotional campaign. Several of the winning entries were related to our Centennial Celebration.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri April 30	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Online (virtual)
Sat, May 1	All Day	Summer and fall open registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
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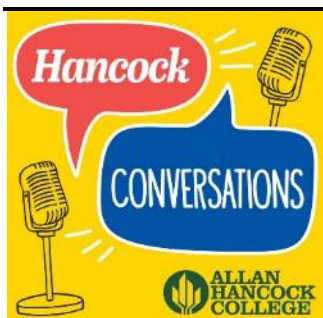
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New Hancock Conversations Podcast Episode

The latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features retired AHC vice president of student services Roger Welt. Roger shared stories of his time at Hancock and his military service during this very engaging and interesting interview. You can download the new episode on iTunes and Spotify, or listen on our [podcast webpage](#).

ASBG Elections

Voting for our Associated Student Body Government Board of Directors began this week. We are encouraging all our students to cast their vote online to ensure their voices are heard as the college prepares to resume face-to-face classes in the fall. Online voting for these elections will continue through April 30.



LGBTQ Resources Webpage

This week, Hancock debuted a new [LGBTQ resource webpage](#) for our students. This webpage will help connect our LGBTQ students and LGBTQ allies with information and support during their journey at Hancock. The site currently provides information about the college's LGBTQ studies program and a call for submissions for "Coming Out Monologues" which will be performed in October as part of National Coming Out Day.

Student Registration Workshops

Priority registration for summer and fall classes at Hancock starts April 26 and open registration starts May 1. To help our students, Hancock is [hosting virtual and in-person registration workshops](#) starting next week. The in-person workshop will take place at our Santa Maria campus, Lompoc Valley Center, and on Zoom. The workshops will run through May 3.

We will be available to help you register for summer and fall 2021 classes in person and/or via Zoom.

Monday, April 26 - Saturday, May 1 & Monday, May 3

Estaremos disponibles para ayudarlo a registrarse para las clases de verano y otoño de 2021 en persona y/o mediante Zoom.

Lunes 26 de abril al sábado 1 de mayo y lunes 3 de mayo



Seven-Day Vaccine Clinic

On Monday, April 26, Hancock will kick off our second seven-day vaccination clinic on our Santa Maria campus in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. We will continue to encourage our students, staff, faculty, and members of the community to sign up for vaccinations through myturn.ca.gov. We are also providing on-site registration in building C-33.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 26	All day	Summer and Fall priority registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
*Fri April 30	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Sat, May 1	All Day	Summer and fall open registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

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Fine Art's Beam Signing

On April 15, we celebrated significant progress on the construction of the college's Fine Arts Complex by signing the final steel beam of the building's superstructure. I was joined by Board President Lahr and Trustee Levy, along with representatives from our fine arts department and representatives from project contractor AMG and Associates; crane operator Bragg Crane and Rigging; project architect DLR Group; Golden State Steel; and the Roebbelen construction management firm. The ceremony was streamed live online and can be viewed [here](#).

Interactive Campus Map

This week, we debuted a new and exciting way for students and community members to learn more about our Santa Maria campus through an [interactive online map](#). This new interactive map allows users to access important information and services, as well as helpful videos, with the click of a button. We are encouraging our students and community members to take a virtual tour of the campus using this new map and look forward to expanding this to maps of our Lompoc Valley Center and other campuses.



HEALTH SERVICES

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES ONLINE | **STUDENT HEALTH WEB PORTAL**

CUSTOM ORDERS
Request a Student Health Center appointment

Order Over-the-Counter Medication, Condoms, and more

[The Center / CASIS](#)

The Health Services office handles a wide range of health-related situations including emergency first aid, illness/injury assessment, student insurance and...

Student Health Services Online Appointments

In a continuing effort to support students as they take classes remotely, our Student Health Services [website](#) now allows students to schedule virtual appointments. Students can access a simple online form through the SHS website and will be contacted by Health Center staff to schedule an appointment once the form is submitted. This new service is just one of several remote and online services available through SHS.

2020 Commencement Times Set

Class of 2021 graduates are now able to RSVP online for one of two available times to attend our 100th commencement ceremony on May 21 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Students can learn more and RSVP for one of these two times by visiting our 2021 [commencement webpage](#). As of Friday, April 16, more than 200 students have already received more than 200 RSVPs from our graduates for this event.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, April 20	5 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Online (Virtual)
*Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

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Vaccination Clinic

This week the vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus helped provide COVID-19 vaccinations for more than 10,000 community members for seven days in a row from April 5-11. To further assist members of the community, Hancock provided staff to help register individuals for vaccine appointments on-site. Now that the county has made all residents over age 16 eligible to receive the vaccine, Hancock is strongly encouraging all our students, staff, and faculty to make an appointment to get vaccinated.

Rep. Carbajal Visits Hancock

Congressman Salud Carbajal visited Hancock on April 7. Rep. Carbajal congratulated Hancock on its centennial and presented the college with a certificate of special congressional recognition in celebration of Hancock's 100 years of serving students and the community. Rep. Carbajal also took a short tour of the Santa Maria campus, which included stops at our Fine Arts Complex and the vaccine clinic.



PSTC Featred By SCCRC

The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) highlighted the work of our Public Safety Training Complex and its programs in an [excellent write-up](#) this week. The article rightly points out the important role both the PSTC and the Strong Workforce programs play in preparing students for careers in public safety. The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) serves to facilitate and promote effective regional educational initiatives for its member colleges and key stakeholders in support of local, regional, and statewide workforce development efforts.

New Hancock Conversations Episode

For the latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I had the pleasure of speaking with Wallt Ajanel. Ajanel is the founder and owner of Wally's Bicycle Works in San Luis Obispo. In this episode, he shares the story of leaving his home country of Guatemala in 1994, coming to Santa Maria, and how he worked toward his dream of owning a business by taking ESL classes at Hancock. You can listen to the episode [here](#).



Fire Academy Food Distribution

Cadets from the Hancock Fire Academy volunteered to distribute more than 44,000 pounds of food to 320 vehicles in Santa Maria on Saturday, April 3. We are very proud to see these cadets jump in to serve their community while they train to be the next generation of firefighters.

Fine Arts Complex Top Out Beam Signing Ceremony

To mark the significant progress of the construction of our Fine Arts Complex, Hancock will host a “top out” signing of the last beam being placed on the building. The ceremony will take place on April 15 from 10-10:30 a.m. and will be streamed live online. More details will be provided next week.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Thurs, April 15	10-10:30 a.m.	Arts Complex Beam Signing	Online (virtual) SM campus
Fri, April 16	11 p.m.	Deadline for AHC distinguished alumni nominations	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

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Virtual Centennial Celebration

In recognition of Hancock's 100-year anniversary, the college is inviting community members to a Centennial Celebration event on May 22. This free virtual event will feature music, videos, and historical photos recognizing the college's past and current accomplishments. We will also celebrate with live music through decades with Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Grammy-winner Louie Ortega, The Molly Ringwald Project, MarciJean and the Belmont Kings, Bass Mash, Steppin' Out, and Ysef Seavers. Tickets are available [here](#).

Distinguished Alumni Nominations

The AHC Foundation is compiling a list of 100 AHC Distinguished Alumni as part of the college's Centennial Celebration. Nominations may be made by anyone: faculty, staff, friends, and family. Those nominated must have attended Allan Hancock College. You can learn more and fill out a nomination form [here](#).



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SDSU Admissions Changes

San Diego State University announced that community college students participating Puente, Calworks and EOPS programs will begin to receive [special admissions consideration](#) when applying to SDSU. This is great news for AHC students participating in these programs and community college students across the state.

Valley of Light Art Installation

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture announced the production of [Valley of Light](#), a new public art installation. The installation will be created and installed in partnership with Hancock and the city of Santa Maria. It was designed by AHC Professor of Art and Design, Nancy Jo Ward. The artwork will be installed this summer at the county's Government Center, located at the intersection of South Miller Street and Betteravia Road.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic


Hancock's vaccination clinic is expected to administer more than 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at our Santa Maria campus clinic location next week. As part of our continuing partnership with the Santa Barbara County Department of Health, we will run the clinic for seven days from April 5- April 11, providing vaccines for all eligible residents who have an appointment. Appointments are still available on the Public Health Department's [website](#).

Save the date:

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Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
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*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

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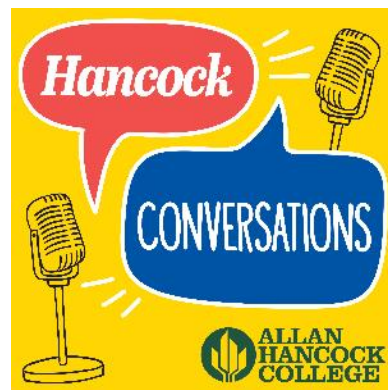


California Firefighters Train At PSTC

Firefighters across California traveled to our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc for [state-certified firefighter training](#). Thirty-four firefighters from six different agencies ranging from Santa Cruz to San Bernardino participated in this training, which included hazard recognition and mitigation for victim access and rescue.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

2020 was an unprecedented year for Hancock students as they learned to adjust to the "new normal" of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [latest episode](#) of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I spoke with AHC Student Trustee Ana Rosas Pacheco and student ambassadors David Bautista and Francisco Avila. These students shared their stories about they dealt with the challenges posed by the pandemic while serving their fellow students and the community.



Mobile Observatory Unveiling

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Maria Valley program will unveil one of the group's legacy projects, a mobile observatory, at our Santa Maria campus on March 20 at 7 p.m. Created in partnership with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the mobile observatory will be traveling to schools for field trips and city outreach events. This socially-distanced "drive-in movie" style unveiling will take place in parking lot 1, outside building C on the south end of Hancock's Santa Maria campus. The group will give a 30-minute presentation, which will include a stunning view of the evening's full moon projected on a giant movie screen using the observatory's telescope.

International Women’s Month Virtual Event

Hancock’s Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is partnering with the AAUW for a special virtual event in celebration of International Women’s Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this free event at <https://lompocvandenbergc.ca.aauw.net>.



Centennial Resolutions

A number of our local city governing boards plan to pass resolutions acknowledging Hancock’s Centennial. Below is a tentative schedule of the meeting dates. I will attend all meetings and as board president, Trustee Lahr will also be invited to the meetings. All other trustees will be invited to represent the board in meetings the areas they serve. As soon as we have a firm schedule for all meetings, Carmen will confirm the date and time with you.

Governing Board	Date/Time
Guadalupe City Council	Tuesday in April at 5 pm. Exact date TBD
Santa Maria City Council	May 4 at 5 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Education	May 6 at 2 p.m.
Solvang City Council	May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, May 11 - Time TBD
Lompoc City Council	May 4 or May 18 – Time TBD
Buellton City Council	Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.


Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thur, March 18	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	ASBG INTL Women’s Month Event	Online (virtual)
Sat, March 20	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mobile Observatory Unveiling	SM campus
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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New Bulldog Bound Videos

Earlier this week, Hancock debuted five new videos as part of our free Bulldog Bound program for local youth in the fifth-and-sixth grades. The videos allow children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. Children can learn about rocketry and math with the “PI Pups” video, practice stretching and basic dance moves with “Dance Dogs,” solve a Sherlock Holmes-like detective mystery with “Baker Street Bulldogs,” and more. All videos are available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge.

Food Share Anniversary

On March 26, Hancock marked the one-year anniversary of our [emergency food distribution program](#). To date, the program has provided food to 79,179 local households and a total of 358,603 individuals. We are thankful for the staff, student ambassadors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this program continued to provide this critical community service over the past 12 months.



Hancock’s Got Talent

Hancock Student Activities is inviting our students to show off their special talents at our first “Hancock’s Got Talent” virtual talent show. We are currently asking students to submit videos in a variety of talent areas including singing, dancing, painting, fashion, acting, and more. Our students will be able to view and vote for the winners from April 6-23. On April 30, we will host a special Zoom presentation to announce the winners.

Show off your special talent.
Be a part of the ASBG and Leadership class’
2021 Virtual Talent Show
Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m.

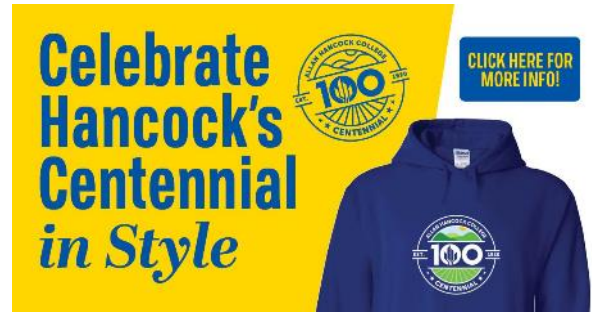


Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is once again showcasing the amazing talent of our fine arts students with its annual student exhibit. This year, the student art show is being held virtually and features art in a wide variety of mediums created by students taking their classes remotely. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these students stayed inspired, motivated, and creative incredible. The show will run through May 31 and can be viewed on the gallery's [website](#).

Centennial Apparel Orders

A friendly reminder, we are working on finalizing the centennial apparel and gear orders. If you have not already done so, please send your order to Melinda by Monday, April 5. You can view our centennial apparel store at <https://apparelnow.com/allan-hancock-college-centennial-apparel>.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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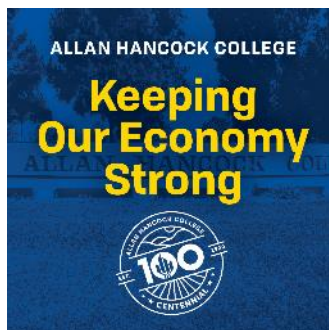


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock’s SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net>.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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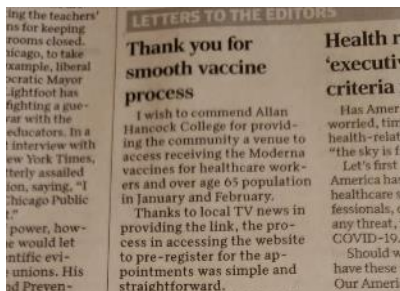


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She recently received the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock’s Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

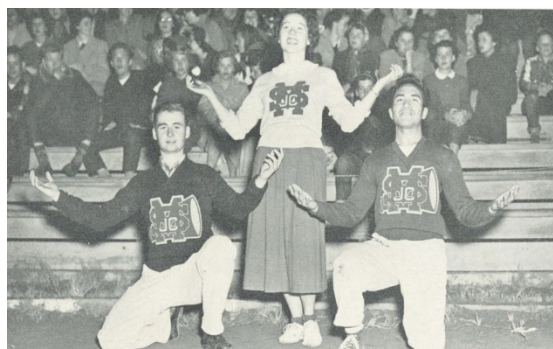
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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.



B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.


Senate Bill 228**Save the Dates:** (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock's welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their "Blind Date With A Book" program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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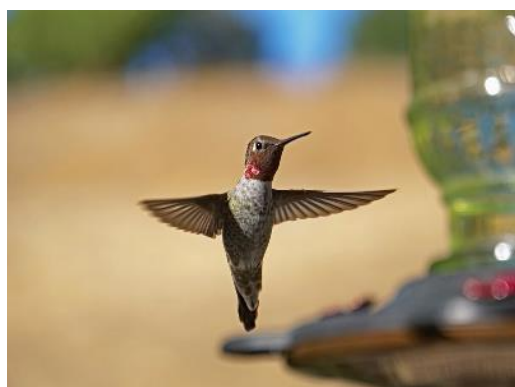


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec.7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock's [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

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Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

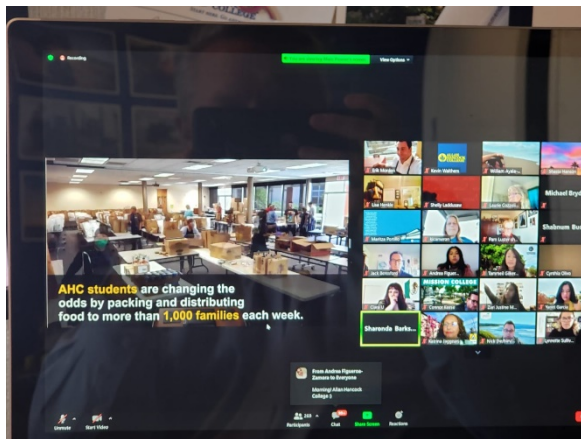
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold [live-streamed](#) virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Virtual Career Exploration

Our Career Center is encouraging high school and college students to participate in a virtual Career Exploration Day with AHC. This year, participating students can explore potential career paths and programs by taking a virtual tour of our campus. The first 500 students to complete the virtual tour and fill out a Career Exploration survey will receive lunch and dessert courtesy of McDonald's and Chick-fil-A. You can learn more and take the interactive virtual tour at our [Career Exploration webpage](#).

ASBG Election Results

The results of the ASBG board election are in. Please join me in welcoming our new ASBG officers! They are Marcela Viveros, president; Jacqlyn Rayas, student trustee; Kristy Soriano, vice president; Sarai Gonzalez, vice president of external affairs; Edianna Ysip, executive director; and Mirian Solano, executive secretary.



Tractor Donation

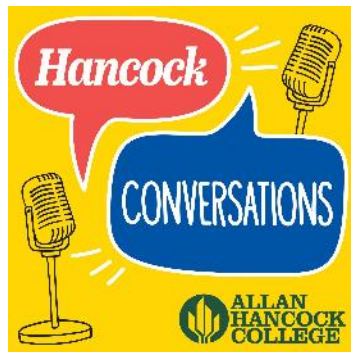
Our agriculture program received a new tractor this week. The tractor was generously donated by Betteravia Farms, and will be used on our student farm and garden near the softball fields. Hancock would like to extend special thanks to Betteravia Farms Production Engineer Dylan Bognuda, who helped facilitate the donation and has been an energetic and active industry partner with the program.

Talent Show Winners

The week, Hancock Student Activities announced the winners of our first-ever virtual “Hancock’s Got Talent” talent show. This year’s winners included:

- Dancing - Danielle Denton
- Poetry / Creative Writing - Santerria Allen
- Graphic Design - Isis Dominguez
- Hidden Talent – Jobany Ruiz
- Singing/Musical Performance - Christine Fogh
- Drawing/Painting – Yoselin Ruiz
- Photography – David Bautista

You can view all of this year’s talent show entries at the [Hancock’s Got Talent webpage](#).



New Hancock Conversations Podcast

The latest Hancock Conversation podcast features an interview with Hancock 2020 graduate and former ASBG president Tyler Little. In this episode, I spoke with Tyler about the challenges and triumphs of the 2020 academic year, and the work he and our other student leaders did to help their peers navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. You can listen to the latest episode on our [AHC podcast webpage](#).

Vaccination Data

This week, we learned that our vaccination clinic is truly changing the odds for our community. According to data from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, the AHC clinic has administered a total of 32,771 vaccine doses, accounting for an estimated 32 percent of Santa Barbara County’s total vaccinations.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, May 11	5 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	SM campus
*May 10-12	2-6 p.m.	Study-A-Thon	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)
*Thurs, Aug. 5	TBD	Hancock Hello	SM campus

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Black Student Success Week

This week, Hancock joined Community Colleges across the state to participate in [Black Student Success Week](#). Each day, we encouraged our students and community to participate in a series of insightful and educational webinars focused on sharing research, insights, and innovative approaches for improving student success among Black and African American students at California Community Colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa Academic Team

Two of our outstanding class of 2021 graduates, Rafael Valdovinos and Thomas Taylor, were named to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Coca-Cola 2021 All California Community College Academic Team. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic

Hancock conducted its second seven-day vaccine clinic in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department this week. The clinic ran from April 25- May 1, and served community members by appointment and as walk-ins.

Summer And Fall Registration Assistance Events

Open registration for summer and fall classes starts on May 1. To support our students, Hancock is hosting in-person and virtual [registration assistance workshops](#) on May 1 and on May 3. In-person workshops will be held in a safe and socially distanced manner at both our Santa Maria campus and the Lompoc Valley Center, while the virtual workshops will be held via Zoom.



CCPRO Awards


Hancock’s Public Affairs and Communications and Campus Graphics teams won several awards at the Community College Public Relations Organization’s (CCPRO) [annual awards ceremony](#) on April 30. Hancock won seven awards total, including four first-place awards for best local application of a statewide campaign, best college magazine, best logo design, and best promotional campaign. Several of the winning entries were related to our Centennial Celebration.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri April 30	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Online (virtual)
Sat, May 1	All Day	Summer and fall open registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
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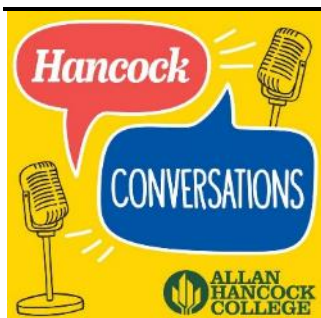
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New Hancock Conversations Podcast Episode

The latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features retired AHC vice president of student services Roger Welt. Roger shared stories of his time at Hancock and his military service during this very engaging and interesting interview. You can download the new episode on iTunes and Spotify, or listen on our [podcast webpage](#).

ASBG Elections

Voting for our Associated Student Body Government Board of Directors began this week. We are encouraging all our students to cast their vote online to ensure their voices are heard as the college prepares to resume face-to-face classes in the fall. Online voting for these elections will continue through April 30.



LGBTQ Resources Webpage

This week, Hancock debuted a new [LGBTQ resource webpage](#) for our students. This webpage will help connect our LGBTQ students and LGBTQ allies with information and support during their journey at Hancock. The site currently provides information about the college's LGBTQ studies program and a call for submissions for "Coming Out Monologues" which will be performed in October as part of National Coming Out Day.

Student Registration Workshops

Priority registration for summer and fall classes at Hancock starts April 26 and open registration starts May 1. To help our students, Hancock is [hosting virtual and in-person registration workshops](#) starting next week. The in-person workshop will take place at our Santa Maria campus, Lompoc Valley Center, and on Zoom. The workshops will run through May 3.

We will be available to help you register for summer and fall 2021 classes in person and/or via Zoom.

Monday, April 26 - Saturday, May 1 & Monday, May 3

Estaremos disponibles para ayudarlo a registrarse para las clases de verano y otoño de 2021 en persona y/o mediante Zoom.

Lunes 26 de abril al sábado 1 de mayo y lunes 3 de mayo



Seven-Day Vaccine Clinic

On Monday, April 26, Hancock will kick off our second seven-day vaccination clinic on our Santa Maria campus in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. We will continue to encourage our students, staff, faculty, and members of the community to sign up for vaccinations through myturn.ca.gov. We are also providing on-site registration in building C-33.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 26	All day	Summer and Fall priority registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
*Fri April 30	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Sat, May 1	All Day	Summer and fall open registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

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Fine Art's Beam Signing

On April 15, we celebrated significant progress on the construction of the college's Fine Arts Complex by signing the final steel beam of the building's superstructure. I was joined by Board President Lahr and Trustee Levy, along with representatives from our fine arts department and representatives from project contractor AMG and Associates; crane operator Bragg Crane and Rigging; project architect DLR Group; Golden State Steel; and the Roebbelen construction management firm. The ceremony was streamed live online and can be viewed [here](#).

Interactive Campus Map

This week, we debuted a new and exciting way for students and community members to learn more about our Santa Maria campus through an [interactive online map](#). This new interactive map allows users to access important information and services, as well as helpful videos, with the click of a button. We are encouraging our students and community members to take a virtual tour of the campus using this new map and look forward to expanding this to maps of our Lompoc Valley Center and other campuses.



HEALTH SERVICES

Alcohol and Drug Information

M-Risk Training

Campus Well Magazine

Contact Information

Counseling and Resources

Crisis Intervention (ICAST)

FAQs

Food Share

Guided Meditation

Health Insurance

In Case of Emergency

In-Campus Services

Sexual Assault Information

Student Learning Outcomes

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES ONLINE

STUDENT HEALTH WEB PORTAL

CUSTOM ORDERS

Request a Student Health Center appointment

Order Over-the-Counter Medication, Condoms, and more

The Center / CASIS

The Health Services office handles a wide range of health-related situations including emergency first aid, illness/injury assessment, student insurance and

Student Health Services Online Appointments

In a continuing effort to support students as they take classes remotely, our Student Health Services [website](#) now allows students to schedule virtual appointments. Students can access a simple online form through the SHS website and will be contacted by Health Center staff to schedule an appointment once the form is submitted. This new service is just one of several remote and online services available through SHS.

2020 Commencement Times Set

Class of 2021 graduates are now able to RSVP online for one of two available times to attend our 100th commencement ceremony on May 21 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Students can learn more and RSVP for one of these two times by visiting our 2021 [commencement webpage](#). As of Friday, April 16, more than 200 students have already received more than 200 RSVPs from our graduates for this event.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, April 20	5 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Online (Virtual)
*Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

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Vaccination Clinic

This week the vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus helped provide COVID-19 vaccinations for more than 10,000 community members for seven days in a row from April 5-11. To further assist members of the community, Hancock provided staff to help register individuals for vaccine appointments on-site. Now that the county has made all residents over age 16 eligible to receive the vaccine, Hancock is strongly encouraging all our students, staff, and faculty to make an appointment to get vaccinated.

Rep. Carbajal Visits Hancock

Congressman Salud Carbajal visited Hancock on April 7. Rep. Carbajal congratulated Hancock on its centennial and presented the college with a certificate of special congressional recognition in celebration of Hancock's 100 years of serving students and the community. Rep. Carbajal also took a short tour of the Santa Maria campus, which included stops at our Fine Arts Complex and the vaccine clinic.



PSTC Featured By SCCRC

The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) highlighted the work of our Public Safety Training Complex and its programs in an [excellent write-up](#) this week. The article rightly points out the important role both the PSTC and the Strong Workforce programs play in preparing students for careers in public safety. The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) serves to facilitate and promote effective regional educational initiatives for its member colleges and key stakeholders in support of local, regional, and statewide workforce development efforts.

New Hancock Conversations Episode

For the latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I had the pleasure of speaking with Wallt Ajanel. Ajanel is the founder and owner of Wally’s Bicycle Works in San Luis Obispo. In this episode, he shares the story of leaving his home country of Guatemala in 1994, coming to Santa Maria, and how he worked toward his dream of owning a business by taking ESL classes at Hancock. You can listen to the episode [here](#).



Fire Academy Food Distribution

Cadets from the Hancock Fire Academy volunteered to distribute more than 44,000 pounds of food to 320 vehicles in Santa Maria on Saturday, April 3. We are very proud to see these cadets jump in to serve their community while they train to be the next generation of firefighters.

Fine Arts Complex Top Out Beam Signing Ceremony

To mark the significant progress of the construction of our Fine Arts Complex, Hancock will host a “top out” signing of the last beam being placed on the building. The ceremony will take place on April 15 from 10-10:30 a.m. and will be streamed live online. More details will be provided next week.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Thurs, April 15	10-10:30 a.m.	Arts Complex Beam Signing	Online (virtual) SM campus
Fri, April 16	11 p.m.	Deadline for AHC distinguished alumni nominations	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

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Virtual Centennial Celebration

In recognition of Hancock's 100-year anniversary, the college is inviting community members to a Centennial Celebration event on May 22. This free virtual event will feature music, videos, and historical photos recognizing the college's past and current accomplishments. We will also celebrate with live music through decades with Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Grammy-winner Louie Ortega, The Molly Ringwald Project, MarciJean and the Belmont Kings, Bass Mash, Steppin' Out, and Ysef Seavers. Tickets are available [here](#).

Distinguished Alumni Nominations

The AHC Foundation is compiling a list of 100 AHC Distinguished Alumni as part of the college's Centennial Celebration. Nominations may be made by anyone: faculty, staff, friends, and family. Those nominated must have attended Allan Hancock College. You can learn more and fill out a nomination form [here](#).



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SDSU Admissions Changes

San Diego State University announced that community college students participating Puente, Calworks and EOPS programs will begin to receive [special admissions consideration](#) when applying to SDSU. This is great news for AHC students participating in these programs and community college students across the state.

Valley of Light Art Installation

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture announced the production of [Valley of Light](#), a new public art installation. The installation will be created and installed in partnership with Hancock and the city of Santa Maria. It was designed by AHC Professor of Art and Design, Nancy Jo Ward. The artwork will be installed this summer at the county's Government Center, located at the intersection of South Miller Street and Betteravia Road.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic

Hancock's vaccination clinic is expected to administer more than 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at our Santa Maria campus clinic location next week. As part of our continuing partnership with the Santa Barbara County Department of Health, we will run the clinic for seven days from April 5- April 11, providing vaccines for all eligible residents who have an appointment. Appointments are still available on the Public Health Department's [website](#).


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Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
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Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

WEEKLY UPDATE

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New Bulldog Bound Videos

Earlier this week, Hancock debuted five new videos as part of our free Bulldog Bound program for local youth in the fifth-and-sixth grades. The videos allow children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. Children can learn about rocketry and math with the “PI Pups” video, practice stretching and basic dance moves with “Dance Dogs,” solve a Sherlock Holmes-like detective mystery with “Baker Street Bulldogs,” and more. All videos are available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge.

Food Share Anniversary

On March 26, Hancock marked the one-year anniversary of our [emergency food distribution program](#). To date, the program has provided food to 79,179 local households and a total of 358,603 individuals. We are thankful for the staff, student ambassadors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this program continued to provide this critical community service over the past 12 months.



Show off your special talent.

Be a part of the ASBG and Leadership class'

2021 Virtual Talent Show

Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Hancock's Got Talent

Hancock Student Activities is inviting our students to show off their special talents at our first “Hancock’s Got Talent” virtual talent show. We are currently asking students to submit videos in a variety of talent areas including singing, dancing, painting, fashion, acting, and more. Our students will be able to view and vote for the winners from April 6-23. On April 30, we will host a special Zoom presentation to announce the winners.



Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is once again showcasing the amazing talent of our fine arts students with its annual student exhibit. This year, the student art show is being held virtually and features art in a wide variety of mediums created by students taking their classes remotely. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these students stayed inspired, motivated, and creative incredible. The show will run through May 31 and can be viewed on the gallery's [website](#).

Centennial Apparel Orders

A friendly reminder, we are working on finalizing the centennial apparel and gear orders. If you have not already done so, please send your order to Melinda by Monday, April 5. You can view our centennial apparel store at <https://apparelnow.com/allan-hancock-college-centennial-apparel>.




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Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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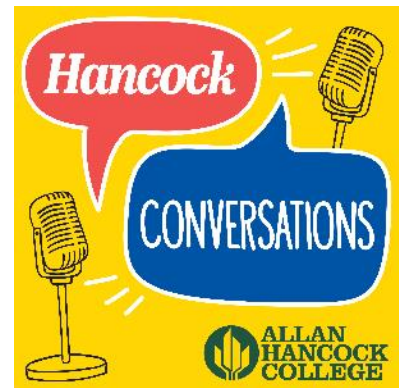


California Firefighters Train At PSTC

Firefighters across California traveled to our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc for [state-certified firefighter training](#). Thirty-four firefighters from six different agencies ranging from Santa Cruz to San Bernardino participated in this training, which included hazard recognition and mitigation for victim access and rescue.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

2020 was an unprecedented year for Hancock students as they learned to adjust to the "new normal" of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [latest episode](#) of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I spoke with AHC Student Trustee Ana Rosas Pacheco and student ambassadors David Bautista and Francisco Avila. These students shared their stories about they dealt with the challenges posed by the pandemic while serving their fellow students and the community.



Mobile Observatory Unveiling

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Maria Valley program will unveil one of the group's legacy projects, a mobile observatory, at our Santa Maria campus on March 20 at 7 p.m. Created in partnership with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the mobile observatory will be traveling to schools for field trips and city outreach events. This socially-distanced "drive-in movie" style unveiling will take place in parking lot 1, outside building C on the south end of Hancock's Santa Maria campus. The group will give a 30-minute presentation, which will include a stunning view of the evening's full moon projected on a giant movie screen using the observatory's telescope.

International Women’s Month Virtual Event

Hancock’s Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is partnering with the AAUW for a special virtual event in celebration of International Women’s Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this free event at <https://lompocvanderberg-ca.aauw.net>.



Centennial Resolutions

A number of our local city governing boards plan to pass resolutions acknowledging Hancock’s Centennial. Below is a tentative schedule of the meeting dates. I will attend all meetings and as board president, Trustee Lahr will also be invited to the meetings. All other trustees will be invited to represent the board in meetings the areas they serve. As soon as we have a firm schedule for all meetings, Carmen will confirm the date and time with you.


Governing Board	Date/Time
Guadalupe City Council	Tuesday in April at 5 pm. Exact date TBD
Santa Maria City Council	May 4 at 5 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Education	May 6 at 2 p.m.
Solvang City Council	May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, May 11 - Time TBD
Lompoc City Council	May 4 or May 18 – Time TBD
Buellton City Council	Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thur, March 18	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	ASBG INTL Women’s Month Event	Online (virtual)
Sat, March 20	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mobile Observatory Unveiling	SM campus
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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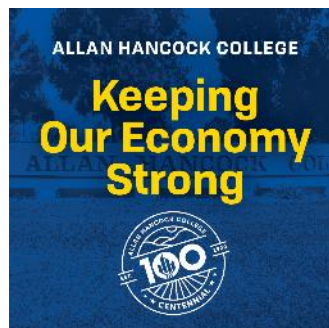


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock's SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net>.

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*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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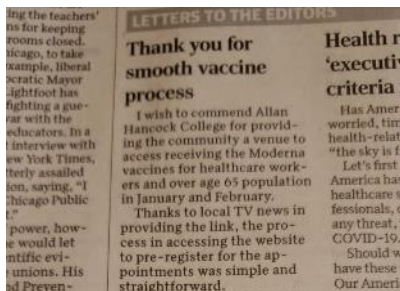


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She [recently received](#) the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.

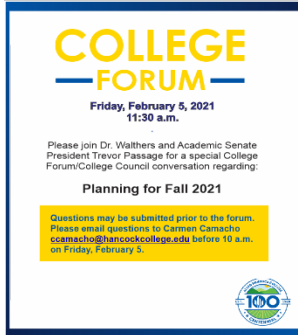


B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.

Senate Bill 228


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock’s welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their “Blind Date With A Book” program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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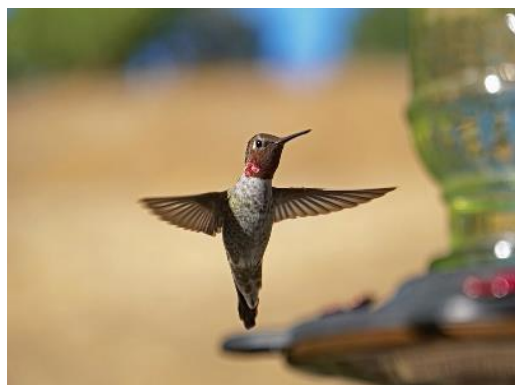


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec. 7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

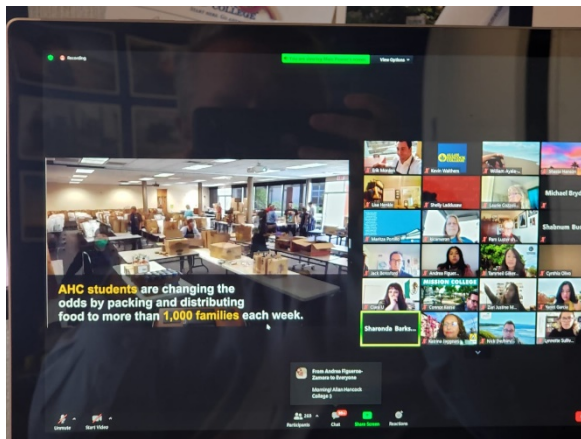
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold live-streamed virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

WEEKLY UPDATE

TO: Mr. Jeffery Hall
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Black Student Success Week

This week, Hancock joined Community Colleges across the state to participate in [Black Student Success Week](#). Each day, we encouraged our students and community to participate in a series of insightful and educational webinars focused on sharing research, insights, and innovative approaches for improving student success among Black and African American students at California Community Colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa Academic Team

Two of our outstanding class of 2021 graduates, Rafael Valdovinos and Thomas Taylor, were named to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Coca-Cola 2021 All California Community College Academic Team. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic

Hancock conducted its second seven-day vaccine clinic in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department this week. The clinic ran from April 25- May 1, and served community members by appointment and as walk-ins.

Summer And Fall Registration Assistance Events

Open registration for summer and fall classes starts on May 1. To support our students, Hancock is hosting in-person and virtual [registration assistance workshops](#) on May 1 and on May 3. In-person workshops will be held in a safe and socially distanced manner at both our Santa Maria campus and the Lompoc Valley Center, while the virtual workshops will be held via Zoom.



CCPRO Awards


Hancock’s Public Affairs and Communications and Campus Graphics teams won several awards at the Community College Public Relations Organization’s (CCPRO) [annual awards ceremony](#) on April 30. Hancock won seven awards total, including four first-place awards for best local application of a statewide campaign, best college magazine, best logo design, and best promotional campaign. Several of the winning entries were related to our Centennial Celebration.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri April 30	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Online (virtual)
Sat, May 1	All Day	Summer and fall open registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

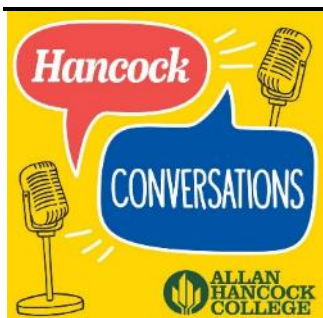
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New Hancock Conversations Podcast Episode

The latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features retired AHC vice president of student services Roger Welt. Roger shared stories of his time at Hancock and his military service during this very engaging and interesting interview. You can download the new episode on iTunes and Spotify, or listen on our [podcast webpage](#).

ASBG Elections

Voting for our Associated Student Body Government Board of Directors began this week. We are encouraging all our students to cast their vote online to ensure their voices are heard as the college prepares to resume face-to-face classes in the fall. Online voting for these elections will continue through April 30.



LGBTQ Resources Webpage

This week, Hancock debuted a new [LGBTQ resource webpage](#) for our students. This webpage will help connect our LGBTQ students and LGBTQ allies with information and support during their journey at Hancock. The site currently provides information about the college's LGBTQ studies program and a call for submissions for "Coming Out Monologues" which will be performed in October as part of National Coming Out Day.

Student Registration Workshops

Priority registration for summer and fall classes at Hancock starts April 26 and open registration starts May 1. To help our students, Hancock is [hosting virtual and in-person registration workshops](#) starting next week. The in-person workshop will take place at our Santa Maria campus, Lompoc Valley Center, and on Zoom. The workshops will run through May 3.

We will be available to help you register for summer and fall 2021 classes in person and/or via Zoom.

Monday, April 26 - Saturday, May 1 & Monday, May 3

Estaremos disponibles para ayudarlo a registrarse para las clases de verano y otoño de 2021 en persona y/o mediante Zoom.

Lunes 26 de abril al sábado 1 de mayo y lunes 3 de mayo



Seven-Day Vaccine Clinic

On Monday, April 26, Hancock will kick off our second seven-day vaccination clinic on our Santa Maria campus in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. We will continue to encourage our students, staff, faculty, and members of the community to sign up for vaccinations through myturn.ca.gov. We are also providing on-site registration in building C-33.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 26	All day	Summer and Fall priority registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
*Fri April 30	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Sat, May 1	All Day	Summer and fall open registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

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Fine Art's Beam Signing

On April 15, we celebrated significant progress on the construction of the college's Fine Arts Complex by signing the final steel beam of the building's superstructure. I was joined by Board President Lahr and Trustee Levy, along with representatives from our fine arts department and representatives from project contractor AMG and Associates; crane operator Bragg Crane and Rigging; project architect DLR Group; Golden State Steel; and the Roebbelen construction management firm. The ceremony was streamed live online and can be viewed [here](#).

Interactive Campus Map

This week, we debuted a new and exciting way for students and community members to learn more about our Santa Maria campus through an [interactive online map](#). This new interactive map allows users to access important information and services, as well as helpful videos, with the click of a button. We are encouraging our students and community members to take a virtual tour of the campus using this new map and look forward to expanding this to maps of our Lompoc Valley Center and other campuses.



HEALTH SERVICES

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES ONLINE

STUDENT HEALTH WEB PORTAL

CUSTOM ORDERS

Request a Student Health Center appointment

Order Over-the-Counter Medication, Condoms, and more

[The Center / CASIS](#)

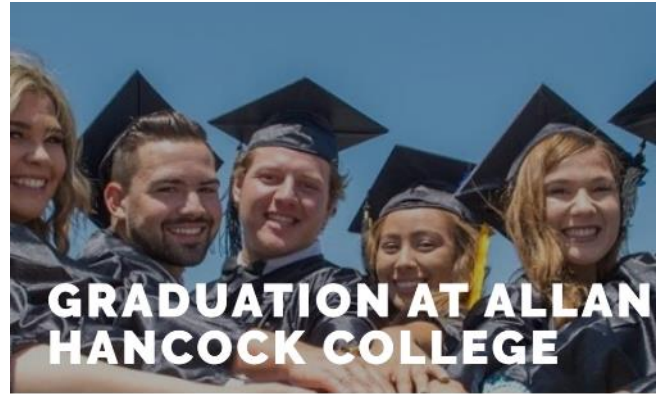
The Health Services office handles a wide range of health-related situations including emergency first aid, illness/injury assessment, student insurance and

Student Health Services Online Appointments

In a continuing effort to support students as they take classes remotely, our Student Health Services [website](#) now allows students to schedule virtual appointments. Students can access a simple online form through the SHS website and will be contacted by Health Center staff to schedule an appointment once the form is submitted. This new service is just one of several remote and online services available through SHS.

2020 Commencement Times Set

Class of 2021 graduates are now able to RSVP online for one of two available times to attend our 100th commencement ceremony on May 21 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Students can learn more and RSVP for one of these two times by visiting our 2021 [commencement webpage](#). As of Friday, April 16, more than 200 students have already received more than 200 RSVPs from our graduates for this event.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, April 20	5 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Online (Virtual)
*Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

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Vaccination Clinic

This week the vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus helped provide COVID-19 vaccinations for more than 10,000 community members for seven days in a row from April 5-11. To further assist members of the community, Hancock provided staff to help register individuals for vaccine appointments on-site. Now that the county has made all residents over age 16 eligible to receive the vaccine, Hancock is strongly encouraging all our students, staff, and faculty to make an appointment to get vaccinated.

Rep. Carbajal Visits Hancock

Congressman Salud Carbajal visited Hancock on April 7. Rep. Carbajal congratulated Hancock on its centennial and presented the college with a certificate of special congressional recognition in celebration of Hancock's 100 years of serving students and the community. Rep. Carbajal also took a short tour of the Santa Maria campus, which included stops at our Fine Arts Complex and the vaccine clinic.



PSTC Featured By SCCRC

The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) highlighted the work of our Public Safety Training Complex and its programs in an [excellent write-up](#) this week. The article rightly points out the important role both the PSTC and the Strong Workforce programs play in preparing students for careers in public safety. The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) serves to facilitate and promote effective regional educational initiatives for its member colleges and key stakeholders in support of local, regional, and statewide workforce development efforts.

New Hancock Conversations Episode

For the latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I had the pleasure of speaking with Wallt Ajanel. Ajanel is the founder and owner of Wally's Bicycle Works in San Luis Obispo. In this episode, he shares the story of leaving his home country of Guatemala in 1994, coming to Santa Maria, and how he worked toward his dream of owning a business by taking ESL classes at Hancock. You can listen to the episode [here](#).



Fire Academy Food Distribution

Cadets from the Hancock Fire Academy volunteered to distribute more than 44,000 pounds of food to 320 vehicles in Santa Maria on Saturday, April 3. We are very proud to see these cadets jump in to serve their community while they train to be the next generation of firefighters.

Fine Arts Complex Top Out Beam Signing Ceremony

To mark the significant progress of the construction of our Fine Arts Complex, Hancock will host a “top out” signing of the last beam being placed on the building. The ceremony will take place on April 15 from 10-10:30 a.m. and will be streamed live online. More details will be provided next week.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Thurs, April 15	10-10:30 a.m.	Arts Complex Beam Signing	Online (virtual) SM campus
Fri, April 16	11 p.m.	Deadline for AHC distinguished alumni nominations	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

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Virtual Centennial Celebration

In recognition of Hancock's 100-year anniversary, the college is inviting community members to a Centennial Celebration event on May 22. This free virtual event will feature music, videos, and historical photos recognizing the college's past and current accomplishments. We will also celebrate with live music through decades with Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Grammy-winner Louie Ortega, The Molly Ringwald Project, MarciJean and the Belmont Kings, Bass Mash, Steppin' Out, and Ysef Seavers. Tickets are available [here](#).

Distinguished Alumni Nominations

The AHC Foundation is compiling a list of 100 AHC Distinguished Alumni as part of the college's Centennial Celebration. Nominations may be made by anyone: faculty, staff, friends, and family. Those nominated must have attended Allan Hancock College. You can learn more and fill out a nomination form [here](#).



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SDSU Admissions Changes

San Diego State University announced that community college students participating Puente, Calworks and EOPS programs will begin to receive [special admissions consideration](#) when applying to SDSU. This is great news for AHC students participating in these programs and community college students across the state.

Valley of Light Art Installation

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture announced the production of [Valley of Light](#), a new public art installation. The installation will be created and installed in partnership with Hancock and the city of Santa Maria. It was designed by AHC Professor of Art and Design, Nancy Jo Ward. The artwork will be installed this summer at the county's Government Center, located at the intersection of South Miller Street and Betteravia Road.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic

Hancock's vaccination clinic is expected to administer more than 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at our Santa Maria campus clinic location next week. As part of our continuing partnership with the Santa Barbara County Department of Health, we will run the clinic for seven days from April 5- April 11, providing vaccines for all eligible residents who have an appointment. Appointments are still available on the Public Health Department's [website](#).


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Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
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WEEKLY UPDATE

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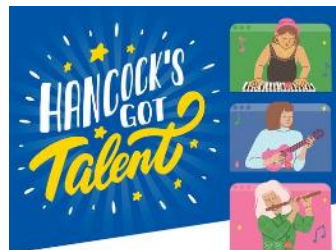


New Bulldog Bound Videos

Earlier this week, Hancock debuted five new videos as part of our free Bulldog Bound program for local youth in the fifth-and-sixth grades. The videos allow children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. Children can learn about rocketry and math with the “PI Pups” video, practice stretching and basic dance moves with “Dance Dogs,” solve a Sherlock Holmes-like detective mystery with “Baker Street Bulldogs,” and more. All videos are available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge.

Food Share Anniversary

On March 26, Hancock marked the one-year anniversary of our [emergency food distribution program](#). To date, the program has provided food to 79,179 local households and a total of 358,603 individuals. We are thankful for the staff, student ambassadors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this program continued to provide this critical community service over the past 12 months.



Show off your special talent.

Be a part of the ASBG and Leadership class'

2021 Virtual Talent Show

Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Hancock's Got Talent

Hancock Student Activities is inviting our students to show off their special talents at our first “Hancock’s Got Talent” virtual talent show. We are currently asking students to submit videos in a variety of talent areas including singing, dancing, painting, fashion, acting, and more. Our students will be able to view and vote for the winners from April 6-23. On April 30, we will host a special Zoom presentation to announce the winners.



Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is once again showcasing the amazing talent of our fine arts students with its annual student exhibit. This year, the student art show is being held virtually and features art in a wide variety of mediums created by students taking their classes remotely. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these students stayed inspired, motivated, and creative incredible. The show will run through May 31 and can be viewed on the gallery's [website](#).

Centennial Apparel Orders

A friendly reminder, we are working on finalizing the centennial apparel and gear orders. If you have not already done so, please send your order to Melinda by Monday, April 5. You can view our centennial apparel store at <https://apparelnow.com/allan-hancock-college-centennial-apparel>.




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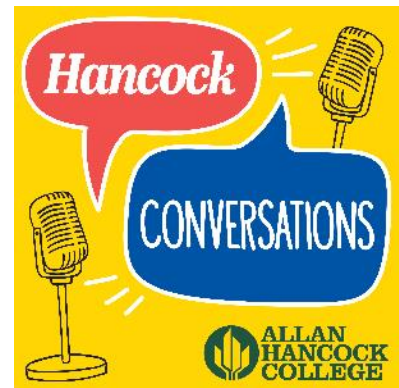


California Firefighters Train At PSTC

Firefighters across California traveled to our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc for [state-certified firefighter training](#). Thirty-four firefighters from six different agencies ranging from Santa Cruz to San Bernardino participated in this training, which included hazard recognition and mitigation for victim access and rescue.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

2020 was an unprecedented year for Hancock students as they learned to adjust to the "new normal" of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [latest episode](#) of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I spoke with AHC Student Trustee Ana Rosas Pacheco and student ambassadors David Bautista and Francisco Avila. These students shared their stories about they dealt with the challenges posed by the pandemic while serving their fellow students and the community.



Mobile Observatory Unveiling

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Maria Valley program will unveil one of the group's legacy projects, a mobile observatory, at our Santa Maria campus on March 20 at 7 p.m. Created in partnership with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the mobile observatory will be traveling to schools for field trips and city outreach events. This socially-distanced "drive-in movie" style unveiling will take place in parking lot 1, outside building C on the south end of Hancock's Santa Maria campus. The group will give a 30-minute presentation, which will include a stunning view of the evening's full moon projected on a giant movie screen using the observatory's telescope.

International Women’s Month Virtual Event

Hancock’s Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is partnering with the AAUW for a special virtual event in celebration of International Women’s Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this free event at <https://lompocvandenbergc.ca.aauw.net>.



Centennial Resolutions

A number of our local city governing boards plan to pass resolutions acknowledging Hancock’s Centennial. Below is a tentative schedule of the meeting dates. I will attend all meetings and as board president, Trustee Lahr will also be invited to the meetings. All other trustees will be invited to represent the board in meetings the areas they serve. As soon as we have a firm schedule for all meetings, Carmen will confirm the date and time with you.


Governing Board	Date/Time
Guadalupe City Council	Tuesday in April at 5 pm. Exact date TBD
Santa Maria City Council	May 4 at 5 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Education	May 6 at 2 p.m.
Solvang City Council	May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, May 11 - Time TBD
Lompoc City Council	May 4 or May 18 – Time TBD
Buellton City Council	Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thur, March 18	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	ASBG INTL Women’s Month Event	Online (virtual)
Sat, March 20	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mobile Observatory Unveiling	SM campus
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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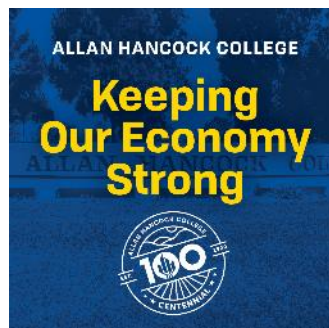


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock's SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net>.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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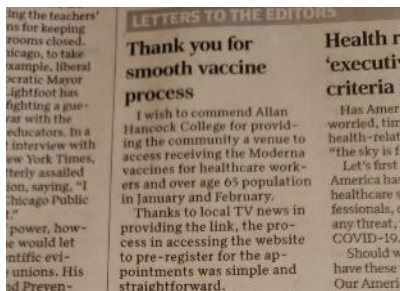


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She [recently received](#) the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock’s Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

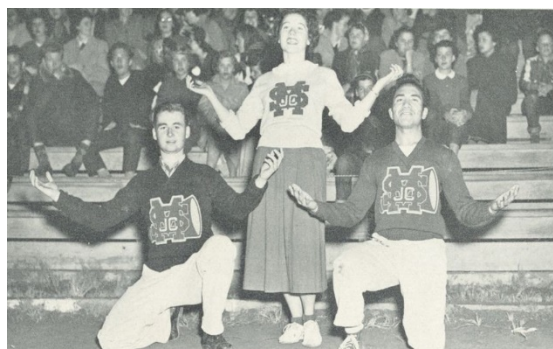
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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.

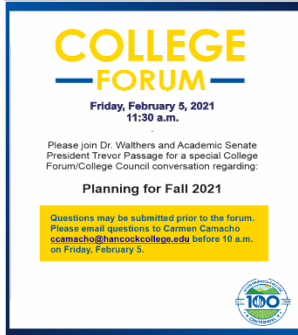


B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.


Senate Bill 228**Save the Dates:** (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock's welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their "Blind Date With A Book" program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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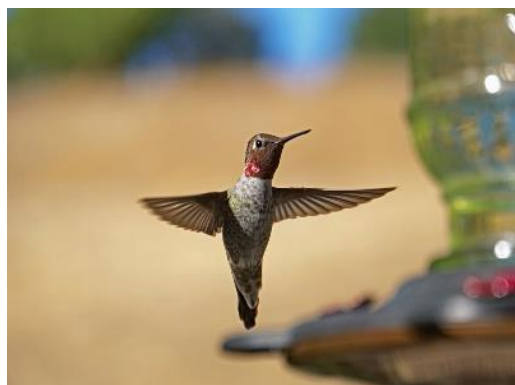


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec. 7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock's [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

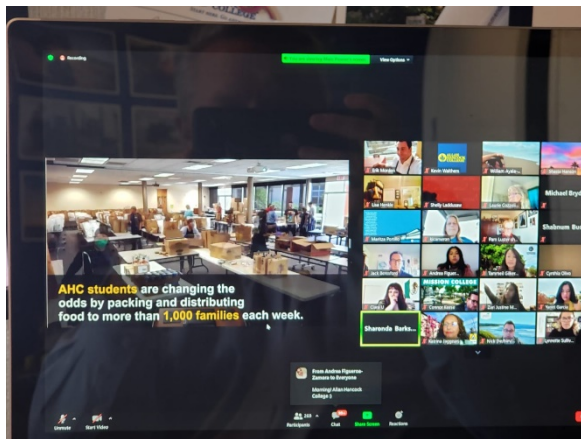
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold [live-streamed](#) virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

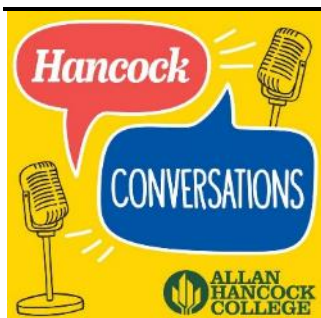
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New Hancock Conversations Podcast Episode

The latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features retired AHC vice president of student services Roger Welt. Roger shared stories of his time at Hancock and his military service during this very engaging and interesting interview. You can download the new episode on iTunes and Spotify, or listen on our [podcast webpage](#).

ASBG Elections

Voting for our Associated Student Body Government Board of Directors began this week. We are encouraging all our students to cast their vote online to ensure their voices are heard as the college prepares to resume face-to-face classes in the fall. Online voting for these elections will continue through April 30.



LGBTQ Resources Webpage

This week, Hancock debuted a new [LGBTQ resource webpage](#) for our students. This webpage will help connect our LGBTQ students and LGBTQ allies with information and support during their journey at Hancock. The site currently provides information about the college's LGBTQ studies program and a call for submissions for "Coming Out Monologues" which will be performed in October as part of National Coming Out Day.

Student Registration Workshops

Priority registration for summer and fall classes at Hancock starts April 26 and open registration starts May 1. To help our students, Hancock is [hosting virtual and in-person registration workshops](#) starting next week. The in-person workshop will take place at our Santa Maria campus, Lompoc Valley Center, and on Zoom. The workshops will run through May 3.

We will be available to help you register for summer and fall 2021 classes in person and/or via Zoom.

Monday, April 26 - Saturday, May 1 & Monday, May 3

Estaremos disponibles para ayudarlo a registrarse para las clases de verano y otoño de 2021 en persona y/o mediante Zoom.

Lunes 26 de abril al sábado 1 de mayo y lunes 3 de mayo



Seven-Day Vaccine Clinic

On Monday, April 26, Hancock will kick off our second seven-day vaccination clinic on our Santa Maria campus in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. We will continue to encourage our students, staff, faculty, and members of the community to sign up for vaccinations through myturn.ca.gov. We are also providing on-site registration in building C-33.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 26	All day	Summer and Fall priority registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
*Fri April 30	5 p.m.	Black Student Union Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Sat, May 1	All Day	Summer and fall open registration begin	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

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Fine Art’s Beam Signing

On April 15, we celebrated significant progress on the construction of the college’s Fine Arts Complex by signing the final steel beam of the building’s superstructure. I was joined by Board President Lahr and Trustee Levy, along with representatives from our fine arts department and representatives from project contractor AMG and Associates; crane operator Bragg Crane and Rigging; project architect DLR Group; Golden State Steel; and the Roebbelen construction management firm. The ceremony was streamed live online and can be viewed [here](#).

Interactive Campus Map

This week, we debuted a new and exciting way for students and community members to learn more about our Santa Maria campus through an [interactive online map](#). This new interactive map allows users to access important information and services, as well as helpful videos, with the click of a button. We are encouraging our students and community members to take a virtual tour of the campus using this new map and look forward to expanding this to maps of our Lompoc Valley Center and other campuses.



HEALTH SERVICES

Alcohol and Drug Information

M-Risk Training

Campus Well Magazine

Contact Information

Counseling and Resources

Crisis Intervention (ICAST)

FAQs

Food Share

Guided Meditation

Health Insurance

In Case of Emergency

In-Campus Services

Sexual Assault Information

Student Learning Outcomes

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES ONLINE

STUDENT HEALTH WEB PORTAL

CUSTOM ORDERS

Request a Student Health Center appointment

Order Over-the-Counter Medication, Condoms, and more

The Center/ CASIS

The Health Services office handles a wide range of health-related situations including emergency first aid, illness/injury assessment, student insurance and

Student Health Services Online Appointments

In a continuing effort to support students as they take classes remotely, our Student Health Services [website](#) now allows students to schedule virtual appointments. Students can access a simple online form through the SHS website and will be contacted by Health Center staff to schedule an appointment once the form is submitted. This new service is just one of several remote and online services available through SHS.

2020 Commencement Times Set

Class of 2021 graduates are now able to RSVP online for one of two available times to attend our 100th commencement ceremony on May 21 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Students can learn more and RSVP for one of these two times by visiting our 2021 [commencement webpage](#). As of Friday, April 16, more than 200 students have already received more than 200 RSVPs from our graduates for this event.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, April 20	5 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Online (Virtual)
*Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

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Vaccination Clinic

This week the vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus helped provide COVID-19 vaccinations for more than 10,000 community members for seven days in a row from April 5-11. To further assist members of the community, Hancock provided staff to help register individuals for vaccine appointments on-site. Now that the county has made all residents over age 16 eligible to receive the vaccine, Hancock is strongly encouraging all our students, staff, and faculty to make an appointment to get vaccinated.

Rep. Carbajal Visits Hancock

Congressman Salud Carbajal visited Hancock on April 7. Rep. Carbajal congratulated Hancock on its centennial and presented the college with a certificate of special congressional recognition in celebration of Hancock's 100 years of serving students and the community. Rep. Carbajal also took a short tour of the Santa Maria campus, which included stops at our Fine Arts Complex and the vaccine clinic.



PSTC Featured By SCCRC

The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) highlighted the work of our Public Safety Training Complex and its programs in an [excellent write-up](#) this week. The article rightly points out the important role both the PSTC and the Strong Workforce programs play in preparing students for careers in public safety. The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) serves to facilitate and promote effective regional educational initiatives for its member colleges and key stakeholders in support of local, regional, and statewide workforce development efforts.

New Hancock Conversations Episode

For the latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I had the pleasure of speaking with Wallt Ajanel. Ajanel is the founder and owner of Wally's Bicycle Works in San Luis Obispo. In this episode, he shares the story of leaving his home country of Guatemala in 1994, coming to Santa Maria, and how he worked toward his dream of owning a business by taking ESL classes at Hancock. You can listen to the episode [here](#).



Fire Academy Food Distribution

Cadets from the Hancock Fire Academy volunteered to distribute more than 44,000 pounds of food to 320 vehicles in Santa Maria on Saturday, April 3. We are very proud to see these cadets jump in to serve their community while they train to be the next generation of firefighters.

Fine Arts Complex Top Out Beam Signing Ceremony

To mark the significant progress of the construction of our Fine Arts Complex, Hancock will host a “top out” signing of the last beam being placed on the building. The ceremony will take place on April 15 from 10-10:30 a.m. and will be streamed live online. More details will be provided next week.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Thurs, April 15	10-10:30 a.m.	Arts Complex Beam Signing	Online (virtual) SM campus
Fri, April 16	11 p.m.	Deadline for AHC distinguished alumni nominations	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
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Virtual Centennial Celebration

In recognition of Hancock's 100-year anniversary, the college is inviting community members to a Centennial Celebration event on May 22. This free virtual event will feature music, videos, and historical photos recognizing the college's past and current accomplishments. We will also celebrate with live music through decades with Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Grammy-winner Louie Ortega, The Molly Ringwald Project, MarciJean and the Belmont Kings, Bass Mash, Steppin' Out, and Ysef Seavers. Tickets are available [here](#).

Distinguished Alumni Nominations

The AHC Foundation is compiling a list of 100 AHC Distinguished Alumni as part of the college's Centennial Celebration. Nominations may be made by anyone: faculty, staff, friends, and family. Those nominated must have attended Allan Hancock College. You can learn more and fill out a nomination form [here](#).



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SDSU Admissions Changes

San Diego State University announced that community college students participating Puente, Calworks and EOPS programs will begin to receive [special admissions consideration](#) when applying to SDSU. This is great news for AHC students participating in these programs and community college students across the state.

Valley of Light Art Installation

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture announced the production of [Valley of Light](#), a new public art installation. The installation will be created and installed in partnership with Hancock and the city of Santa Maria. It was designed by AHC Professor of Art and Design, Nancy Jo Ward. The artwork will be installed this summer at the county's Government Center, located at the intersection of South Miller Street and Betteravia Road.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic


Hancock's vaccination clinic is expected to administer more than 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at our Santa Maria campus clinic location next week. As part of our continuing partnership with the Santa Barbara County Department of Health, we will run the clinic for seven days from April 5- April 11, providing vaccines for all eligible residents who have an appointment. Appointments are still available on the Public Health Department's [website](#).

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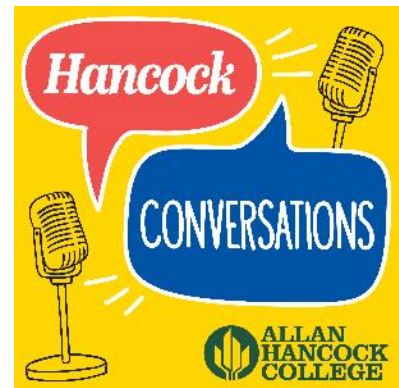


California Firefighters Train At PSTC

Firefighters across California traveled to our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc for [state-certified firefighter training](#). Thirty-four firefighters from six different agencies ranging from Santa Cruz to San Bernardino participated in this training, which included hazard recognition and mitigation for victim access and rescue.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

2020 was an unprecedented year for Hancock students as they learned to adjust to the "new normal" of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [latest episode](#) of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I spoke with AHC Student Trustee Ana Rosas Pacheco and student ambassadors David Bautista and Francisco Avila. These students shared their stories about they dealt with the challenges posed by the pandemic while serving their fellow students and the community.



Mobile Observatory Unveiling

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Maria Valley program will unveil one of the group's legacy projects, a mobile observatory, at our Santa Maria campus on March 20 at 7 p.m. Created in partnership with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the mobile observatory will be traveling to schools for field trips and city outreach events. This socially-distanced "drive-in movie" style unveiling will take place in parking lot 1, outside building C on the south end of Hancock's Santa Maria campus. The group will give a 30-minute presentation, which will include a stunning view of the evening's full moon projected on a giant movie screen using the observatory's telescope.

International Women’s Month Virtual Event

Hancock’s Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is partnering with the AAUW for a special virtual event in celebration of International Women’s Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this free event at <https://lompocvanderberg-ca.aauw.net>.



Centennial Resolutions

A number of our local city governing boards plan to pass resolutions acknowledging Hancock’s Centennial. Below is a tentative schedule of the meeting dates. I will attend all meetings and as board president, Trustee Lahr will also be invited to the meetings. All other trustees will be invited to represent the board in meetings the areas they serve. As soon as we have a firm schedule for all meetings, Carmen will confirm the date and time with you.

Governing Board	Date/Time
Guadalupe City Council	Tuesday in April at 5 pm. Exact date TBD
Santa Maria City Council	May 4 at 5 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Education	May 6 at 2 p.m.
Solvang City Council	May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, May 11 - Time TBD
Lompoc City Council	May 4 or May 18 – Time TBD
Buellton City Council	Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.


Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thur, March 18	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	ASBG INTL Women’s Month Event	Online (virtual)
Sat, March 20	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mobile Observatory Unveiling	SM campus
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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New Bulldog Bound Videos

Earlier this week, Hancock debuted five new videos as part of our free Bulldog Bound program for local youth in the fifth-and-sixth grades. The videos allow children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. Children can learn about rocketry and math with the “PI Pups” video, practice stretching and basic dance moves with “Dance Dogs,” solve a Sherlock Holmes-like detective mystery with “Baker Street Bulldogs,” and more. All videos are available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge.

Food Share Anniversary

On March 26, Hancock marked the one-year anniversary of our [emergency food distribution program](#). To date, the program has provided food to 79,179 local households and a total of 358,603 individuals. We are thankful for the staff, student ambassadors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this program continued to provide this critical community service over the past 12 months.



Show off your special talent.

Be a part of the ASBG and Leadership class'

2021 Virtual Talent Show

Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Hancock's Got Talent

Hancock Student Activities is inviting our students to show off their special talents at our first “Hancock’s Got Talent” virtual talent show. We are currently asking students to submit videos in a variety of talent areas including singing, dancing, painting, fashion, acting, and more. Our students will be able to view and vote for the winners from April 6-23. On April 30, we will host a special Zoom presentation to announce the winners.

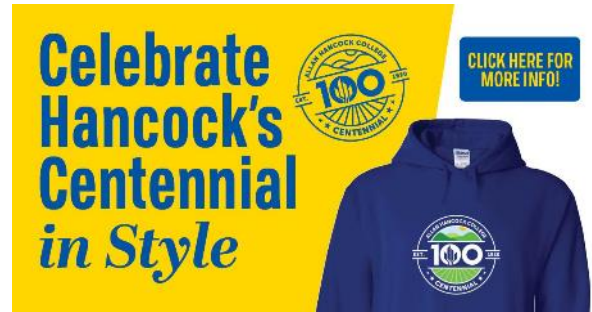


Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is once again showcasing the amazing talent of our fine arts students with its annual student exhibit. This year, the student art show is being held virtually and features art in a wide variety of mediums created by students taking their classes remotely. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these students stayed inspired, motivated, and creative incredible. The show will run through May 31 and can be viewed on the gallery's [website](#).

Centennial Apparel Orders

A friendly reminder, we are working on finalizing the centennial apparel and gear orders. If you have not already done so, please send your order to Melinda by Monday, April 5. You can view our centennial apparel store at <https://apparelnow.com/allan-hancock-college-centennial-apparel>.




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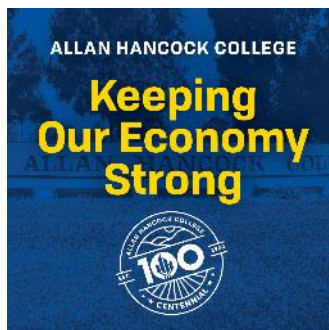


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock’s SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net>.

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*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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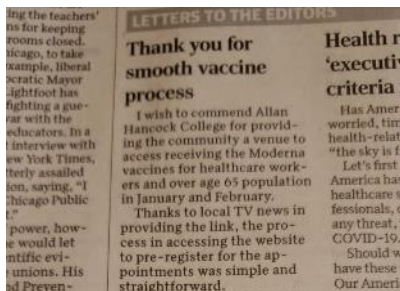


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She recently received the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.

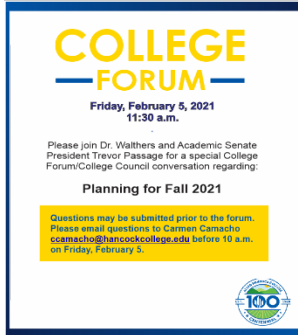


B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.


Senate Bill 228**Save the Dates:** (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock's welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their "Blind Date With A Book" program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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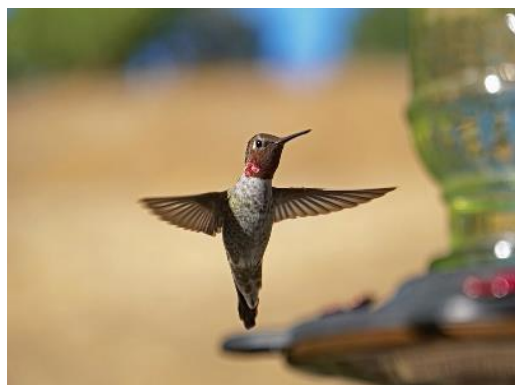


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec. 7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock's [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

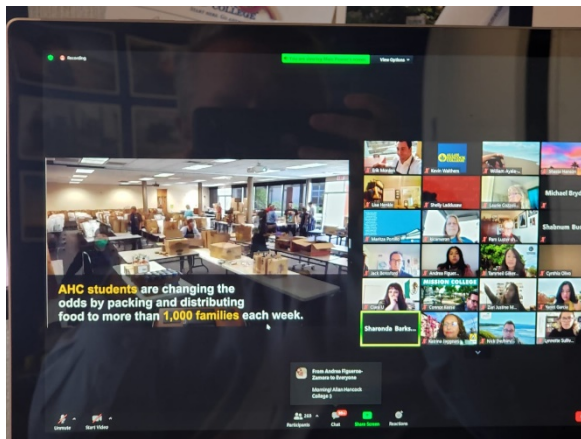
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold [live-streamed](#) virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Fine Art's Beam Signing

On April 15, we celebrated significant progress on the construction of the college's Fine Arts Complex by signing the final steel beam of the building's superstructure. I was joined by Board President Lahr and Trustee Levy, along with representatives from our fine arts department and representatives from project contractor AMG and Associates; crane operator Bragg Crane and Rigging; project architect DLR Group; Golden State Steel; and the Roebbelen construction management firm. The ceremony was streamed live online and can be viewed [here](#).

Interactive Campus Map

This week, we debuted a new and exciting way for students and community members to learn more about our Santa Maria campus through an [interactive online map](#). This new interactive map allows users to access important information and services, as well as helpful videos, with the click of a button. We are encouraging our students and community members to take a virtual tour of the campus using this new map and look forward to expanding this to maps of our Lompoc Valley Center and other campuses.



HEALTH SERVICES

Alcohol and Drug Information

M-Risk Training

Campus Well Magazine

Contact Information

Counseling and Resources

Crisis Intervention (ICAST)

FAQs

Food Share

Guided Meditation

Health Insurance

In Case of Emergency

In-Campus Services

Sexual Assault Information

Student Learning Outcomes

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES ONLINE

STUDENT HEALTH WEB PORTAL

CUSTOM ORDERS

Request a Student Health Center appointment

Order Over-the-Counter Medication, Condoms, and more

The Center / CASIS

The Health Services office handles a wide range of health-related situations including emergency first aid, illness/injury assessment, student insurance and

Student Health Services Online Appointments

In a continuing effort to support students as they take classes remotely, our Student Health Services [website](#) now allows students to schedule virtual appointments. Students can access a simple online form through the SHS website and will be contacted by Health Center staff to schedule an appointment once the form is submitted. This new service is just one of several remote and online services available through SHS.

2020 Commencement Times Set

Class of 2021 graduates are now able to RSVP online for one of two available times to attend our 100th commencement ceremony on May 21 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Students can learn more and RSVP for one of these two times by visiting our 2021 [commencement webpage](#). As of Friday, April 16, more than 200 students have already received more than 200 RSVPs from our graduates for this event.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, April 20	5 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Online (Virtual)
*Fri, April 30	5 p.m.	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	10 a.m., 2 p.m.	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)
Mon, June 14	All Day	Summer Classes Begin	Online (Virtual)

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Vaccination Clinic

This week the vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus helped provide COVID-19 vaccinations for more than 10,000 community members for seven days in a row from April 5-11. To further assist members of the community, Hancock provided staff to help register individuals for vaccine appointments on-site. Now that the county has made all residents over age 16 eligible to receive the vaccine, Hancock is strongly encouraging all our students, staff, and faculty to make an appointment to get vaccinated.

Rep. Carbajal Visits Hancock

Congressman Salud Carbajal visited Hancock on April 7. Rep. Carbajal congratulated Hancock on its centennial and presented the college with a certificate of special congressional recognition in celebration of Hancock's 100 years of serving students and the community. Rep. Carbajal also took a short tour of the Santa Maria campus, which included stops at our Fine Arts Complex and the vaccine clinic.



PSTC Featured By SCCRC

The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) highlighted the work of our Public Safety Training Complex and its programs in an [excellent write-up](#) this week. The article rightly points out the important role both the PSTC and the Strong Workforce programs play in preparing students for careers in public safety. The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) serves to facilitate and promote effective regional educational initiatives for its member colleges and key stakeholders in support of local, regional, and statewide workforce development efforts.

New Hancock Conversations Episode

For the latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I had the pleasure of speaking with Wallt Ajanel. Ajanel is the founder and owner of Wally's Bicycle Works in San Luis Obispo. In this episode, he shares the story of leaving his home country of Guatemala in 1994, coming to Santa Maria, and how he worked toward his dream of owning a business by taking ESL classes at Hancock. You can listen to the episode [here](#).



Fire Academy Food Distribution

Cadets from the Hancock Fire Academy volunteered to distribute more than 44,000 pounds of food to 320 vehicles in Santa Maria on Saturday, April 3. We are very proud to see these cadets jump in to serve their community while they train to be the next generation of firefighters.

Fine Arts Complex Top Out Beam Signing Ceremony

To mark the significant progress of the construction of our Fine Arts Complex, Hancock will host a “top out” signing of the last beam being placed on the building. The ceremony will take place on April 15 from 10-10:30 a.m. and will be streamed live online. More details will be provided next week.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Thurs, April 15	10-10:30 a.m.	Arts Complex Beam Signing	Online (virtual) SM campus
Fri, April 16	11 p.m.	Deadline for AHC distinguished alumni nominations	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Virtual Centennial Celebration

In recognition of Hancock's 100-year anniversary, the college is inviting community members to a Centennial Celebration event on May 22. This free virtual event will feature music, videos, and historical photos recognizing the college's past and current accomplishments. We will also celebrate with live music through decades with Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Grammy-winner Louie Ortega, The Molly Ringwald Project, MarciJean and the Belmont Kings, Bass Mash, Steppin' Out, and Ysef Seavers. Tickets are available [here](#).

Distinguished Alumni Nominations

The AHC Foundation is compiling a list of 100 AHC Distinguished Alumni as part of the college's Centennial Celebration. Nominations may be made by anyone: faculty, staff, friends, and family. Those nominated must have attended Allan Hancock College. You can learn more and fill out a nomination form [here](#).



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SDSU Admissions Changes

San Diego State University announced that community college students participating Puente, Calworks and EOPS programs will begin to receive [special admissions consideration](#) when applying to SDSU. This is great news for AHC students participating in these programs and community college students across the state.

Valley of Light Art Installation

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture announced the production of [Valley of Light](#), a new public art installation. The installation will be created and installed in partnership with Hancock and the city of Santa Maria. It was designed by AHC Professor of Art and Design, Nancy Jo Ward. The artwork will be installed this summer at the county's Government Center, located at the intersection of South Miller Street and Betteravia Road.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic


Hancock's vaccination clinic is expected to administer more than 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at our Santa Maria campus clinic location next week. As part of our continuing partnership with the Santa Barbara County Department of Health, we will run the clinic for seven days from April 5- April 11, providing vaccines for all eligible residents who have an appointment. Appointments are still available on the Public Health Department's [website](#).

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Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, April 16	11 p.m.	Deadline for AHC distinguished alumni nominations	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

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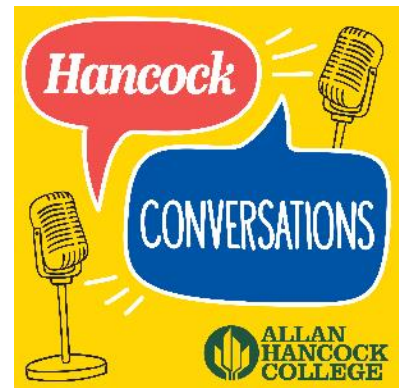


California Firefighters Train At PSTC

Firefighters across California traveled to our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc for [state-certified firefighter training](#). Thirty-four firefighters from six different agencies ranging from Santa Cruz to San Bernardino participated in this training, which included hazard recognition and mitigation for victim access and rescue.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

2020 was an unprecedented year for Hancock students as they learned to adjust to the "new normal" of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [latest episode](#) of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I spoke with AHC Student Trustee Ana Rosas Pacheco and student ambassadors David Bautista and Francisco Avila. These students shared their stories about they dealt with the challenges posed by the pandemic while serving their fellow students and the community.



Mobile Observatory Unveiling

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Maria Valley program will unveil one of the group's legacy projects, a mobile observatory, at our Santa Maria campus on March 20 at 7 p.m. Created in partnership with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the mobile observatory will be traveling to schools for field trips and city outreach events. This socially-distanced "drive-in movie" style unveiling will take place in parking lot 1, outside building C on the south end of Hancock's Santa Maria campus. The group will give a 30-minute presentation, which will include a stunning view of the evening's full moon projected on a giant movie screen using the observatory's telescope.

International Women’s Month Virtual Event

Hancock’s Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is partnering with the AAUW for a special virtual event in celebration of International Women’s Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this free event at <https://lompocvanderberg-ca.aauw.net>.



Centennial Resolutions

A number of our local city governing boards plan to pass resolutions acknowledging Hancock’s Centennial. Below is a tentative schedule of the meeting dates. I will attend all meetings and as board president, Trustee Lahr will also be invited to the meetings. All other trustees will be invited to represent the board in meetings the areas they serve. As soon as we have a firm schedule for all meetings, Carmen will confirm the date and time with you.

Governing Board	Date/Time
Guadalupe City Council	Tuesday in April at 5 pm. Exact date TBD
Santa Maria City Council	May 4 at 5 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Education	May 6 at 2 p.m.
Solvang City Council	May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, May 11 - Time TBD
Lompoc City Council	May 4 or May 18 – Time TBD
Buellton City Council	Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.


Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thur, March 18	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	ASBG INTL Women’s Month Event	Online (virtual)
Sat, March 20	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mobile Observatory Unveiling	SM campus
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

WEEKLY UPDATE

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New Bulldog Bound Videos

Earlier this week, Hancock debuted five new videos as part of our free Bulldog Bound program for local youth in the fifth-and-sixth grades. The videos allow children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. Children can learn about rocketry and math with the “PI Pups” video, practice stretching and basic dance moves with “Dance Dogs,” solve a Sherlock Holmes-like detective mystery with “Baker Street Bulldogs,” and more. All videos are available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge.

Food Share Anniversary

On March 26, Hancock marked the one-year anniversary of our [emergency food distribution program](#). To date, the program has provided food to 79,179 local households and a total of 358,603 individuals. We are thankful for the staff, student ambassadors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this program continued to provide this critical community service over the past 12 months.



Show off your special talent.

Be a part of the ASBG and Leadership class'

2021 Virtual Talent Show

Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Hancock's Got Talent

Hancock Student Activities is inviting our students to show off their special talents at our first “Hancock’s Got Talent” virtual talent show. We are currently asking students to submit videos in a variety of talent areas including singing, dancing, painting, fashion, acting, and more. Our students will be able to view and vote for the winners from April 6-23. On April 30, we will host a special Zoom presentation to announce the winners.

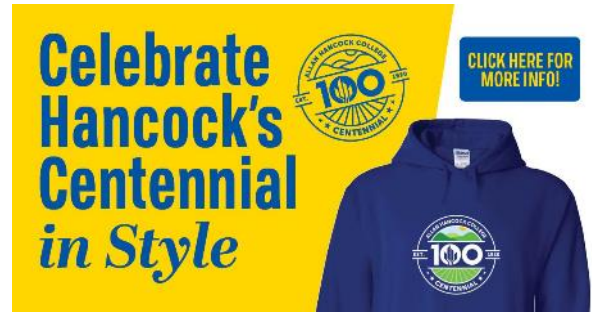


Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is once again showcasing the amazing talent of our fine arts students with its annual student exhibit. This year, the student art show is being held virtually and features art in a wide variety of mediums created by students taking their classes remotely. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these students stayed inspired, motivated, and creative incredible. The show will run through May 31 and can be viewed on the gallery's [website](#).

Centennial Apparel Orders

A friendly reminder, we are working on finalizing the centennial apparel and gear orders. If you have not already done so, please send your order to Melinda by Monday, April 5. You can view our centennial apparel store at <https://apparelnow.com/allan-hancock-college-centennial-apparel>.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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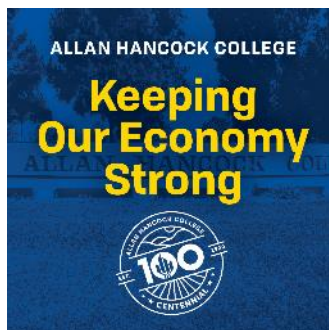


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock’s SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net>.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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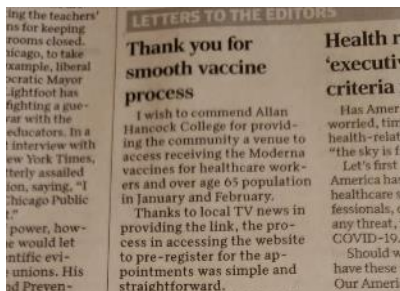


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She [recently received](#) the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock’s Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

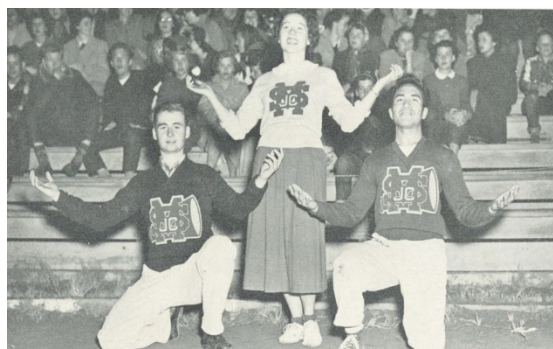
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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.

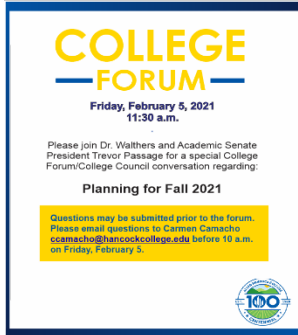


B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.

Senate Bill 228


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock’s welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their “Blind Date With A Book” program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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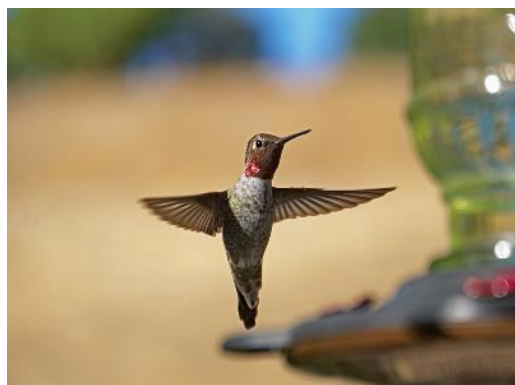


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec.7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock's [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

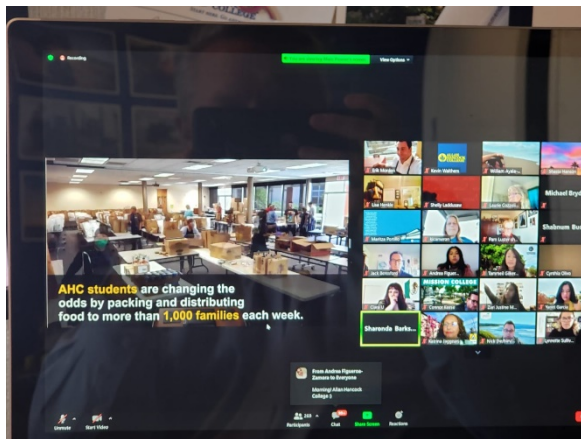
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold [live-streamed](#) virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Vaccination Clinic

This week the vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus helped provide COVID-19 vaccinations for more than 10,000 community members for seven days in a row from April 5-11. To further assist members of the community, Hancock provided staff to help register individuals for vaccine appointments on-site. Now that the county has made all residents over age 16 eligible to receive the vaccine, Hancock is strongly encouraging all our students, staff, and faculty to make an appointment to get vaccinated.

Rep. Carbajal Visits Hancock

Congressman Salud Carbajal visited Hancock on April 7. Rep. Carbajal congratulated Hancock on its centennial and presented the college with a certificate of special congressional recognition in celebration of Hancock's 100 years of serving students and the community. Rep. Carbajal also took a short tour of the Santa Maria campus, which included stops at our Fine Arts Complex and the vaccine clinic.



PSTC Featured By SCCRC

The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) highlighted the work of our Public Safety Training Complex and its programs in an [excellent write-up](#) this week. The article rightly points out the important role both the PSTC and the Strong Workforce programs play in preparing students for careers in public safety. The South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) serves to facilitate and promote effective regional educational initiatives for its member colleges and key stakeholders in support of local, regional, and statewide workforce development efforts.

New Hancock Conversations Episode

For the latest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I had the pleasure of speaking with Wallt Ajanel. Ajanel is the founder and owner of Wally's Bicycle Works in San Luis Obispo. In this episode, he shares the story of leaving his home country of Guatemala in 1994, coming to Santa Maria, and how he worked toward his dream of owning a business by taking ESL classes at Hancock. You can listen to the episode [here](#).



Fire Academy Food Distribution

Cadets from the Hancock Fire Academy volunteered to distribute more than 44,000 pounds of food to 320 vehicles in Santa Maria on Saturday, April 3. We are very proud to see these cadets jump in to serve their community while they train to be the next generation of firefighters.

Fine Arts Complex Top Out Beam Signing Ceremony

To mark the significant progress of the construction of our Fine Arts Complex, Hancock will host a “top out” signing of the last beam being placed on the building. The ceremony will take place on April 15 from 10-10:30 a.m. and will be streamed live online. More details will be provided next week.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Thurs, April 15	10-10:30 a.m.	Arts Complex Beam Signing	Online (virtual) SM campus
Fri, April 16	11 p.m.	Deadline for AHC distinguished alumni nominations	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

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Virtual Centennial Celebration

In recognition of Hancock's 100-year anniversary, the college is inviting community members to a Centennial Celebration event on May 22. This free virtual event will feature music, videos, and historical photos recognizing the college's past and current accomplishments. We will also celebrate with live music through decades with Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Grammy-winner Louie Ortega, The Molly Ringwald Project, MarciJean and the Belmont Kings, Bass Mash, Steppin' Out, and Ysef Seavers. Tickets are available [here](#).

Distinguished Alumni Nominations

The AHC Foundation is compiling a list of 100 AHC Distinguished Alumni as part of the college's Centennial Celebration. Nominations may be made by anyone: faculty, staff, friends, and family. Those nominated must have attended Allan Hancock College. You can learn more and fill out a nomination form [here](#).



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SDSU Admissions Changes

San Diego State University announced that community college students participating Puente, Calworks and EOPS programs will begin to receive [special admissions consideration](#) when applying to SDSU. This is great news for AHC students participating in these programs and community college students across the state.

Valley of Light Art Installation

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture announced the production of [Valley of Light](#), a new public art installation. The installation will be created and installed in partnership with Hancock and the city of Santa Maria. It was designed by AHC Professor of Art and Design, Nancy Jo Ward. The artwork will be installed this summer at the county's Government Center, located at the intersection of South Miller Street and Betteravia Road.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic

Hancock's vaccination clinic is expected to administer more than 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at our Santa Maria campus clinic location next week. As part of our continuing partnership with the Santa Barbara County Department of Health, we will run the clinic for seven days from April 5- April 11, providing vaccines for all eligible residents who have an appointment. Appointments are still available on the Public Health Department's [website](#).


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WEEKLY UPDATE

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New Bulldog Bound Videos

Earlier this week, Hancock debuted five new videos as part of our free Bulldog Bound program for local youth in the fifth-and-sixth grades. The videos allow children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. Children can learn about rocketry and math with the “PI Pups” video, practice stretching and basic dance moves with “Dance Dogs,” solve a Sherlock Holmes-like detective mystery with “Baker Street Bulldogs,” and more. All videos are available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge.

Food Share Anniversary

On March 26, Hancock marked the one-year anniversary of our [emergency food distribution program](#). To date, the program has provided food to 79,179 local households and a total of 358,603 individuals. We are thankful for the staff, student ambassadors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this program continued to provide this critical community service over the past 12 months.



Show off your special talent.

Be a part of the ASBG and Leadership class'

2021 Virtual Talent Show

Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Hancock's Got Talent

Hancock Student Activities is inviting our students to show off their special talents at our first “Hancock’s Got Talent” virtual talent show. We are currently asking students to submit videos in a variety of talent areas including singing, dancing, painting, fashion, acting, and more. Our students will be able to view and vote for the winners from April 6-23. On April 30, we will host a special Zoom presentation to announce the winners.



Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is once again showcasing the amazing talent of our fine arts students with its annual student exhibit. This year, the student art show is being held virtually and features art in a wide variety of mediums created by students taking their classes remotely. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these students stayed inspired, motivated, and creative incredible. The show will run through May 31 and can be viewed on the gallery's [website](#).

Centennial Apparel Orders

A friendly reminder, we are working on finalizing the centennial apparel and gear orders. If you have not already done so, please send your order to Melinda by Monday, April 5. You can view our centennial apparel store at <https://apparelnow.com/allan-hancock-college-centennial-apparel>.




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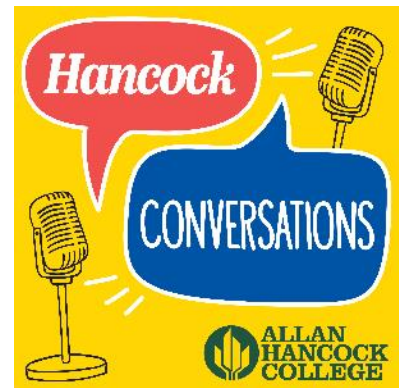


California Firefighters Train At PSTC

Firefighters across California traveled to our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc for [state-certified firefighter training](#). Thirty-four firefighters from six different agencies ranging from Santa Cruz to San Bernardino participated in this training, which included hazard recognition and mitigation for victim access and rescue.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

2020 was an unprecedented year for Hancock students as they learned to adjust to the "new normal" of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [latest episode](#) of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I spoke with AHC Student Trustee Ana Rosas Pacheco and student ambassadors David Bautista and Francisco Avila. These students shared their stories about they dealt with the challenges posed by the pandemic while serving their fellow students and the community.



Mobile Observatory Unveiling

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Maria Valley program will unveil one of the group's legacy projects, a mobile observatory, at our Santa Maria campus on March 20 at 7 p.m. Created in partnership with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the mobile observatory will be traveling to schools for field trips and city outreach events. This socially-distanced "drive-in movie" style unveiling will take place in parking lot 1, outside building C on the south end of Hancock's Santa Maria campus. The group will give a 30-minute presentation, which will include a stunning view of the evening's full moon projected on a giant movie screen using the observatory's telescope.

International Women’s Month Virtual Event

Hancock’s Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is partnering with the AAUW for a special virtual event in celebration of International Women’s Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this free event at <https://lompocvanderberg-ca.aauw.net>.



Centennial Resolutions

A number of our local city governing boards plan to pass resolutions acknowledging Hancock’s Centennial. Below is a tentative schedule of the meeting dates. I will attend all meetings and as board president, Trustee Lahr will also be invited to the meetings. All other trustees will be invited to represent the board in meetings the areas they serve. As soon as we have a firm schedule for all meetings, Carmen will confirm the date and time with you.


Governing Board	Date/Time
Guadalupe City Council	Tuesday in April at 5 pm. Exact date TBD
Santa Maria City Council	May 4 at 5 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Education	May 6 at 2 p.m.
Solvang City Council	May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, May 11 - Time TBD
Lompoc City Council	May 4 or May 18 – Time TBD
Buellton City Council	Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thur, March 18	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	ASBG INTL Women’s Month Event	Online (virtual)
Sat, March 20	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mobile Observatory Unveiling	SM campus
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
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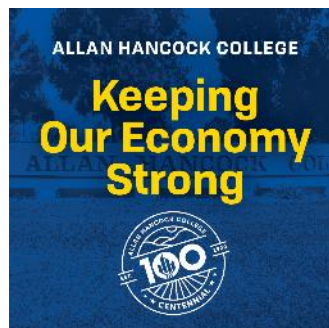


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock's SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net>.

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*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
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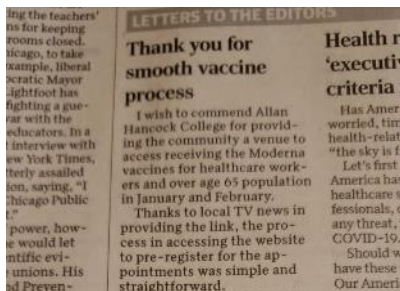


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She [recently received](#) the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock’s Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.

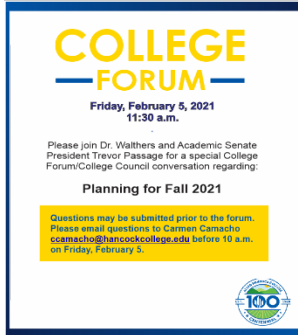


B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.

Senate Bill 228


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*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock's welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their "Blind Date With A Book" program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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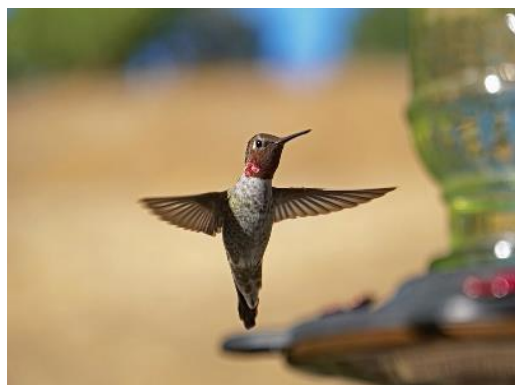


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec. 7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock's [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

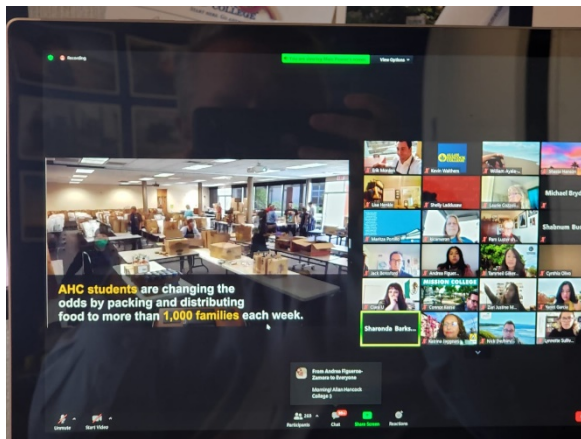
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold [live-streamed](#) virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
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Virtual Centennial Celebration

In recognition of Hancock's 100-year anniversary, the college is inviting community members to a Centennial Celebration event on May 22. This free virtual event will feature music, videos, and historical photos recognizing the college's past and current accomplishments. We will also celebrate with live music through decades with Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Grammy-winner Louie Ortega, The Molly Ringwald Project, MarciJean and the Belmont Kings, Bass Mash, Steppin' Out, and Ysef Seavers. Tickets are available [here](#).

Distinguished Alumni Nominations

The AHC Foundation is compiling a list of 100 AHC Distinguished Alumni as part of the college's Centennial Celebration. Nominations may be made by anyone: faculty, staff, friends, and family. Those nominated must have attended Allan Hancock College. You can learn more and fill out a nomination form [here](#).



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SDSU Admissions Changes

San Diego State University announced that community college students participating Puente, Calworks and EOPS programs will begin to receive [special admissions consideration](#) when applying to SDSU. This is great news for AHC students participating in these programs and community college students across the state.

Valley of Light Art Installation

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture announced the production of [Valley of Light](#), a new public art installation. The installation will be created and installed in partnership with Hancock and the city of Santa Maria. It was designed by AHC Professor of Art and Design, Nancy Jo Ward. The artwork will be installed this summer at the county's Government Center, located at the intersection of South Miller Street and Betteravia Road.



Seven-Day Vaccination Clinic


Hancock's vaccination clinic is expected to administer more than 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at our Santa Maria campus clinic location next week. As part of our continuing partnership with the Santa Barbara County Department of Health, we will run the clinic for seven days from April 5- April 11, providing vaccines for all eligible residents who have an appointment. Appointments are still available on the Public Health Department's [website](#).

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, April 16	11 p.m.	Deadline for AHC distinguished alumni nominations	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)
Sat, May 22	5 p.m.	Centennial Celebration	Online (Virtual)

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New Bulldog Bound Videos

Earlier this week, Hancock debuted five new videos as part of our free Bulldog Bound program for local youth in the fifth-and-sixth grades. The videos allow children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. Children can learn about rocketry and math with the “PI Pups” video, practice stretching and basic dance moves with “Dance Dogs,” solve a Sherlock Holmes-like detective mystery with “Baker Street Bulldogs,” and more. All videos are available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge.

Food Share Anniversary

On March 26, Hancock marked the one-year anniversary of our [emergency food distribution program](#). To date, the program has provided food to 79,179 local households and a total of 358,603 individuals. We are thankful for the staff, student ambassadors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this program continued to provide this critical community service over the past 12 months.



Show off your special talent.
Be a part of the ASBG and Leadership class'
2021 Virtual Talent Show
Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Hancock’s Got Talent

Hancock Student Activities is inviting our students to show off their special talents at our first “Hancock’s Got Talent” virtual talent show. We are currently asking students to submit videos in a variety of talent areas including singing, dancing, painting, fashion, acting, and more. Our students will be able to view and vote for the winners from April 6-23. On April 30, we will host a special Zoom presentation to announce the winners.



Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is once again showcasing the amazing talent of our fine arts students with its annual student exhibit. This year, the student art show is being held virtually and features art in a wide variety of mediums created by students taking their classes remotely. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these students stayed inspired, motivated, and creative incredible. The show will run through May 31 and can be viewed on the gallery's [website](#).

Centennial Apparel Orders

A friendly reminder, we are working on finalizing the centennial apparel and gear orders. If you have not already done so, please send your order to Melinda by Monday, April 5. You can view our centennial apparel store at <https://apparelnow.com/allan-hancock-college-centennial-apparel>.




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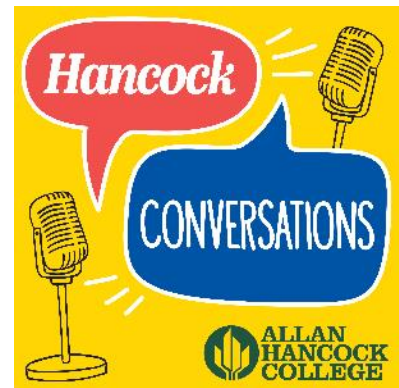


California Firefighters Train At PSTC

Firefighters across California traveled to our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc for [state-certified firefighter training](#). Thirty-four firefighters from six different agencies ranging from Santa Cruz to San Bernardino participated in this training, which included hazard recognition and mitigation for victim access and rescue.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

2020 was an unprecedented year for Hancock students as they learned to adjust to the "new normal" of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [latest episode](#) of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I spoke with AHC Student Trustee Ana Rosas Pacheco and student ambassadors David Bautista and Francisco Avila. These students shared their stories about they dealt with the challenges posed by the pandemic while serving their fellow students and the community.



Mobile Observatory Unveiling

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Maria Valley program will unveil one of the group's legacy projects, a mobile observatory, at our Santa Maria campus on March 20 at 7 p.m. Created in partnership with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the mobile observatory will be traveling to schools for field trips and city outreach events. This socially-distanced "drive-in movie" style unveiling will take place in parking lot 1, outside building C on the south end of Hancock's Santa Maria campus. The group will give a 30-minute presentation, which will include a stunning view of the evening's full moon projected on a giant movie screen using the observatory's telescope.

International Women’s Month Virtual Event

Hancock’s Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is partnering with the AAUW for a special virtual event in celebration of International Women’s Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this free event at <https://lompocvandenbergc.ca.aauw.net>.



Centennial Resolutions

A number of our local city governing boards plan to pass resolutions acknowledging Hancock’s Centennial. Below is a tentative schedule of the meeting dates. I will attend all meetings and as board president, Trustee Lahr will also be invited to the meetings. All other trustees will be invited to represent the board in meetings the areas they serve. As soon as we have a firm schedule for all meetings, Carmen will confirm the date and time with you.


Governing Board	Date/Time
Guadalupe City Council	Tuesday in April at 5 pm. Exact date TBD
Santa Maria City Council	May 4 at 5 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Education	May 6 at 2 p.m.
Solvang City Council	May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, May 11 - Time TBD
Lompoc City Council	May 4 or May 18 – Time TBD
Buellton City Council	Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thur, March 18	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	ASBG INTL Women’s Month Event	Online (virtual)
Sat, March 20	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mobile Observatory Unveiling	SM campus
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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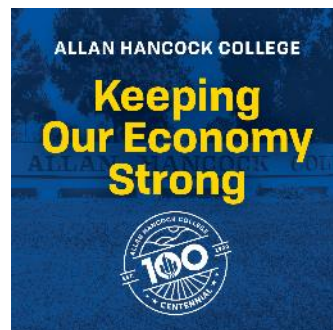


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock's SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net>.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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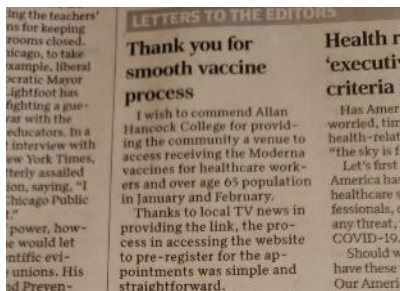


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She recently received the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

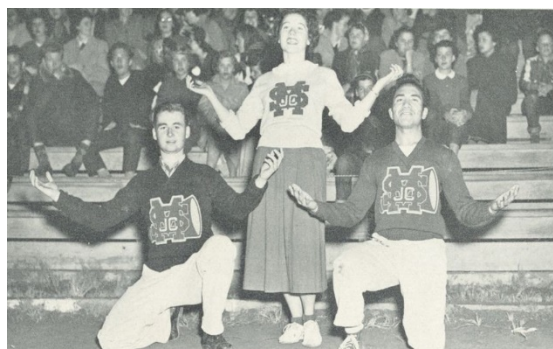
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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.



B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.


Senate Bill 228**Save the Dates:** (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock's welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their "Blind Date With A Book" program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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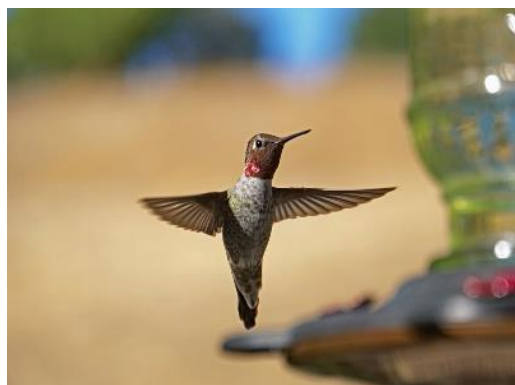


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec.7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock's [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

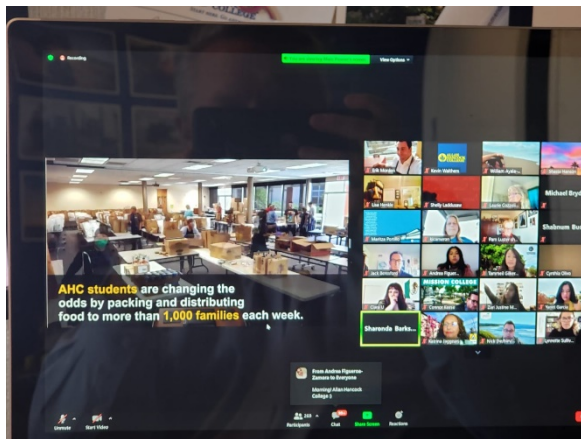
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold [live-streamed](#) virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

WEEKLY UPDATE

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New Bulldog Bound Videos

Earlier this week, Hancock debuted five new videos as part of our free Bulldog Bound program for local youth in the fifth-and-sixth grades. The videos allow children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. Children can learn about rocketry and math with the “PI Pups” video, practice stretching and basic dance moves with “Dance Dogs,” solve a Sherlock Holmes-like detective mystery with “Baker Street Bulldogs,” and more. All videos are available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge.

Food Share Anniversary

On March 26, Hancock marked the one-year anniversary of our [emergency food distribution program](#). To date, the program has provided food to 79,179 local households and a total of 358,603 individuals. We are thankful for the staff, student ambassadors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure this program continued to provide this critical community service over the past 12 months.



Show off your special talent.

Be a part of the ASBG and Leadership class'

2021 Virtual Talent Show

Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Hancock's Got Talent

Hancock Student Activities is inviting our students to show off their special talents at our first “Hancock’s Got Talent” virtual talent show. We are currently asking students to submit videos in a variety of talent areas including singing, dancing, painting, fashion, acting, and more. Our students will be able to view and vote for the winners from April 6-23. On April 30, we will host a special Zoom presentation to announce the winners.



Student Art Show

The Ann Foxworthy Gallery is once again showcasing the amazing talent of our fine arts students with its annual student exhibit. This year, the student art show is being held virtually and features art in a wide variety of mediums created by students taking their classes remotely. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, these students stayed inspired, motivated, and creative incredible. The show will run through May 31 and can be viewed on the gallery's [website](#).

Centennial Apparel Orders

A friendly reminder, we are working on finalizing the centennial apparel and gear orders. If you have not already done so, please send your order to Melinda by Monday, April 5. You can view our centennial apparel store at <https://apparelnow.com/allan-hancock-college-centennial-apparel>.




Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, April 30	TBD	Hancock Talent Show Awards	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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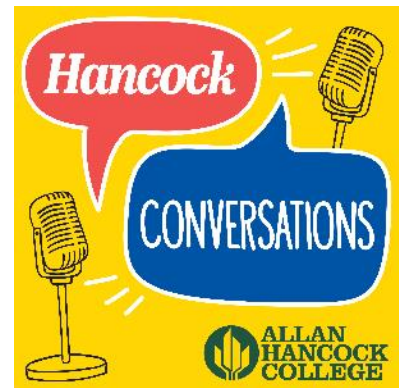


California Firefighters Train At PSTC

Firefighters across California traveled to our Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc for [state-certified firefighter training](#). Thirty-four firefighters from six different agencies ranging from Santa Cruz to San Bernardino participated in this training, which included hazard recognition and mitigation for victim access and rescue.

New Hancock Conversations Podcast

2020 was an unprecedented year for Hancock students as they learned to adjust to the "new normal" of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [latest episode](#) of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast, I spoke with AHC Student Trustee Ana Rosas Pacheco and student ambassadors David Bautista and Francisco Avila. These students shared their stories about they dealt with the challenges posed by the pandemic while serving their fellow students and the community.



Mobile Observatory Unveiling

Members of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Maria Valley program will unveil one of the group's legacy projects, a mobile observatory, at our Santa Maria campus on March 20 at 7 p.m. Created in partnership with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, the mobile observatory will be traveling to schools for field trips and city outreach events. This socially-distanced "drive-in movie" style unveiling will take place in parking lot 1, outside building C on the south end of Hancock's Santa Maria campus. The group will give a 30-minute presentation, which will include a stunning view of the evening's full moon projected on a giant movie screen using the observatory's telescope.

International Women’s Month Virtual Event

Hancock’s Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) is partnering with the AAUW for a special virtual event in celebration of International Women’s Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this free event at <https://lompocvanderberg-ca.aauw.net>.



Centennial Resolutions

A number of our local city governing boards plan to pass resolutions acknowledging Hancock’s Centennial. Below is a tentative schedule of the meeting dates. I will attend all meetings and as board president, Trustee Lahr will also be invited to the meetings. All other trustees will be invited to represent the board in meetings the areas they serve. As soon as we have a firm schedule for all meetings, Carmen will confirm the date and time with you.


Governing Board	Date/Time
Guadalupe City Council	Tuesday in April at 5 pm. Exact date TBD
Santa Maria City Council	May 4 at 5 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Education	May 6 at 2 p.m.
Solvang City Council	May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, May 11 - Time TBD
Lompoc City Council	May 4 or May 18 – Time TBD
Buellton City Council	Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thur, March 18	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	ASBG INTL Women’s Month Event	Online (virtual)
Sat, March 20	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mobile Observatory Unveiling	SM campus
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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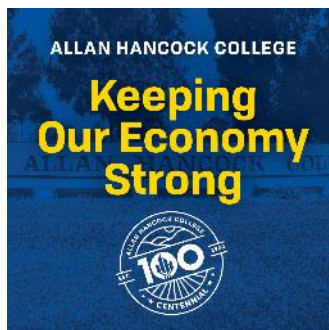


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock’s SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net>.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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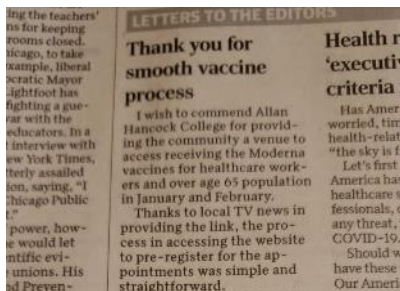


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She [recently received](#) the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.

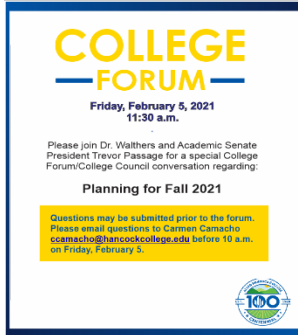


B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.


Senate Bill 228**Save the Dates:** (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock's welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their "Blind Date With A Book" program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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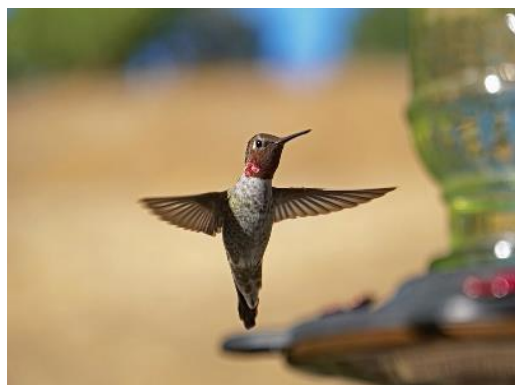


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec. 7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock's [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

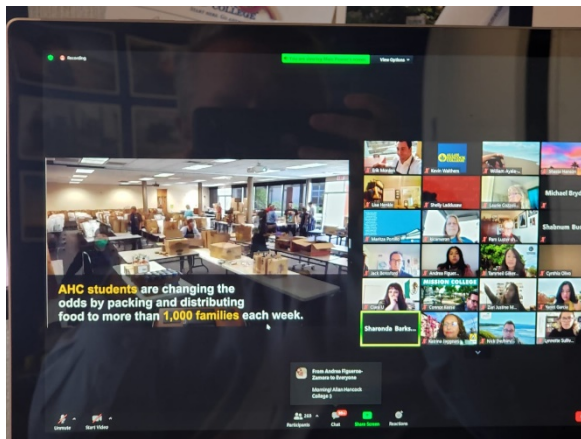
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold [live-streamed](#) virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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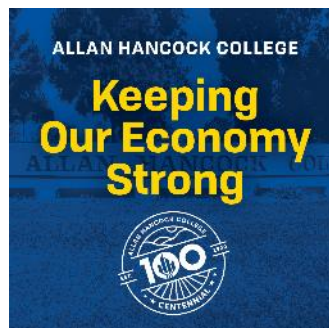


AHC SkillUSA Wins Big At Regional Competition

The talented students in Hancock's SkillsUSA Club had an impressive showing during a virtual regional competition earlier this month. The 27 students who participated took home 21 gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. They earned gold medals in a variety of categories, including automotive service, commercial baking, welding, entrepreneurship, extemporaneous speaking, and others. All 27 of the students will move on to compete in the SkillsUSA virtual statewide competition on April 10.

Hancock Students Named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars

Hancock students Thomas Taylor and Rafael Valdovinos have been named 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholars and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10.



Economic Impact Report

This week, Hancock announced the results of our Economic Impact Study (EIS) to the public in an effort to educate and inform our community about the value our college brings to our regional economy. This campaign will include television, radio, and digital advertising. You can also access the report, a digital flyer, and other related informational materials on our EIS webpage at www.hancockcollege.edu/eis.

Young Farmers And Ranchers Help The Homeless

This week, students in AHC's Young Farmers and Rancher's club partnered with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) to pack bags of food. The food will be distributed to SYVPHP's homeless clientele. We are proud of these students for stepping up to serve their community.



Women's History Month Event

Hancock's ASBG is partnering with the AAUW to present a virtual event in celebration of Women's History Month on March 18 from 7-8 p.m. This event celebrates women leaders making positive changes in our communities, our state, and our nation. Special guest speakers include Ms. Dolores Huerta, Senator Monique Limón, and the Simmons sisters. This event is free and open to all members of the public. Live Spanish interpretation will be broadcast on TAP TV and KPEG radio. You can register to attend this event at <https://lompocvandenberga.uw.net>.

Save the date:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Thur, March 18	7-8 p.m.	Women's History Event	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)
*Mon, April 12	All Day	Summer/Fall Class Search Opens	Online (virtual)
*Fri, May 21	TBD	2021 Commencement	SM campus Online (virtual)

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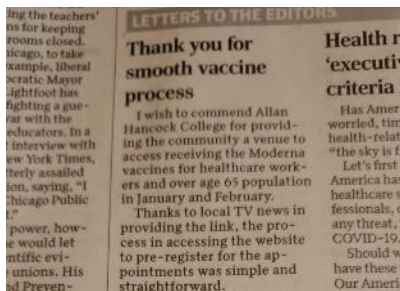


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She [recently received](#) the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock’s Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.

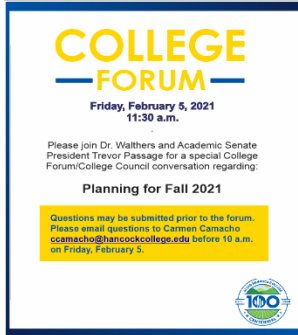


B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.


Senate Bill 228**Save the Dates:** (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock’s welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with eachother and discover something new by joining their “Blind Date With A Book” program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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*Mon, Jan. 18	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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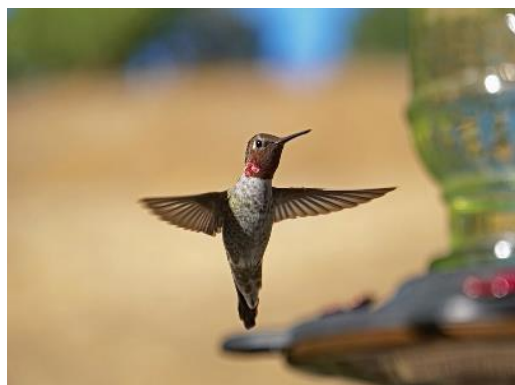


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec.7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock's [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

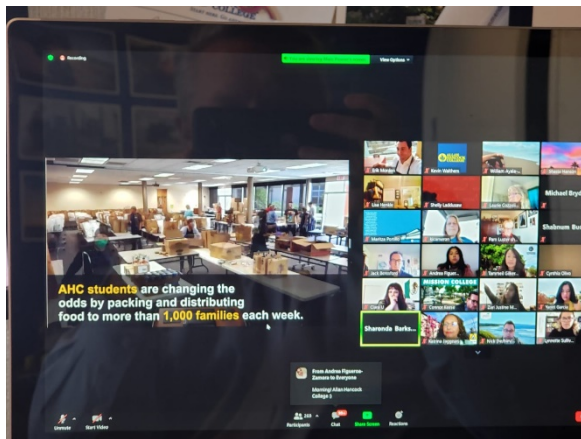
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold [live-streamed](#) virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.



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Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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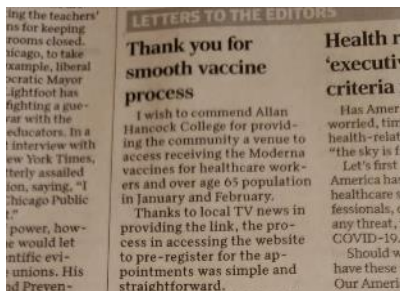


AHC Earns Military-Friendly School Designation

This week, we announced that Allan Hancock College earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey, with 747 earning the designation. You can learn more about this designation and how will help our active-duty and veteran students [here](#).

Hancock Conversations Episode 5: Arturo Raygoza

On the newest episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast features Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, a 2020 Hancock graduate and a co-founding member of the college's Beyond Incarceration Greater Education (BIGE) Club. Arturo shared his journey as a formerly incarcerated student, and how his experience at Hancock inspired him to become a guide and mentor for other formerly incarcerated students. You can download this new episode on iTunes or Spotify, or listen to it on our podcast [webpage](#).



Changing The Odds: Praise For AHC's Vaccine Clinic

As our staff and volunteers continue to assist efforts to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to our community at our on-campus clinic, they are also receiving praise for their hard work in our local newspapers. This week, a Santa Maria resident wrote to the *Santa Ynez Valley News* to commend AHC on our clinic efforts. "They were well informed, customer-oriented, and helpful," he writes. You can read the full letter [here](#).

AHC Nursing Program Alumnus Wins Award

Hancock nursing program graduate Thao Carey is changing the odds for her community! She [recently received](#) the DAISY Award for her dedication to serving patients as a critical care nurse at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center. Last March, when COVID-19 began spreading rapidly across the U.S., this dedicated AHC alumnus took on extra shifts, at times working 12 to 14 hours for six days per week, to aid those infected with the virus.




AHC Professor’s Film Wins Praise And Awards

A new documentary film by Hancock Film and Television Professor Chris Hite, titled *Firestorm 77*, has been accepted for the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival and has just been announced as a winner of an Award of Excellence at the 2021 Impact Doc Awards in La Jolla, California. In addition, the co-director, one of the producers, and the cinematographer for the documentary are all former Hancock students. You can learn more about Hite’s film [here](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 9	5 p.m.	BOT Regular Meeting	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 22	All Day	Short-Term Spring Classes Begin	Online (virtual)

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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri, Feb. 26	7p.m.	PCPA "The Mountaintop"	Online (virtual)
Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
Fri, March 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)

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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

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Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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*Wed., Feb. 24	11 a.m.	ASBG/BSU Black History Presentation	Online (virtual)
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, March 11	5-6:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Thurs, Feb. 18	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus
*Fri, Feb. 19	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	SM Campus

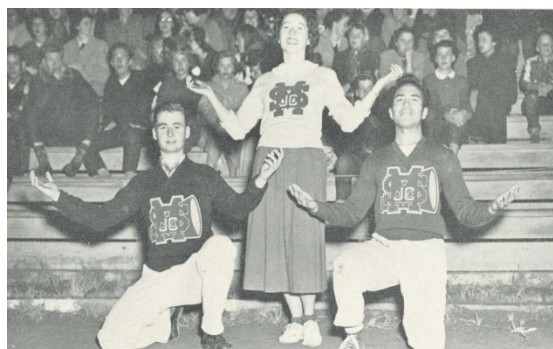
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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.

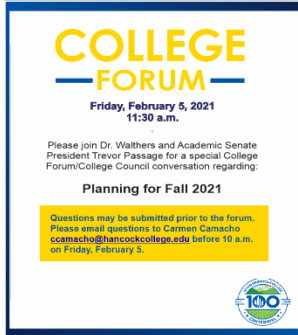


B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
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Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum


Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.

Senate Bill 228**Save the Dates:** (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Fri, Feb. 5	11:30 a.m.	College Forum	Online (virtual)
Tues, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)
Feb. 12-15	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	LVC, SM campus
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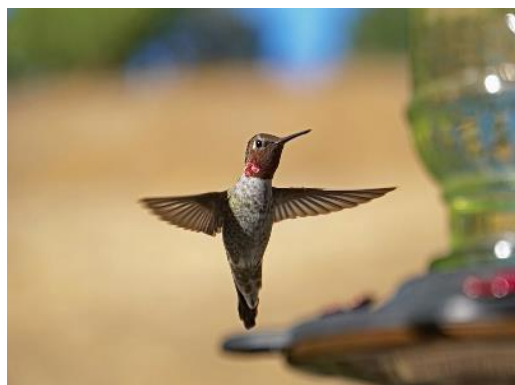


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AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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Festival of Lights

Student Activities and our student ambassadors helped our community get into the holiday spirit by participating in the 2020 Santa Maria Fairpark Festival of Lights. The ambassadors decorated one of the Hancock Fire Academy engines with hundreds of holiday lights. Members of the community were able to see this festive display celebrating Hancock's Centennial as they participated in this drive-through event.

Chick-fil-A Scholarship Donation

Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch established a new scholarship with a \$10,000 donation to the Allan Hancock College Foundation on Dec. 7. The scholarship will be available to students who work for the local branch of the restaurant starting in fall 2021. Hancock thanks Chick-fil-A at Enos Ranch and its owner and operator, Joey Hickox, for this generous donation.



Public Safety Graduations

Hancock continued the critical mission of training the next generation of frontline public servants by graduating new cadets from its custody, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire academies this week. Each program celebrated with a safe and socially-distanced ceremony outside the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremonies from their vehicles or live on the college's [YouTube Channel](#).

Nursing Graduation

Hancock also hosted a contactless, drive-up graduation ceremony for 66 nursing graduates. This graduating class included 32 registered nursing students and 34 licensed nursing students. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony from their vehicles, and the event was also streamed live online. You can watch a video of the graduation ceremony [here](#).



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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock's [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

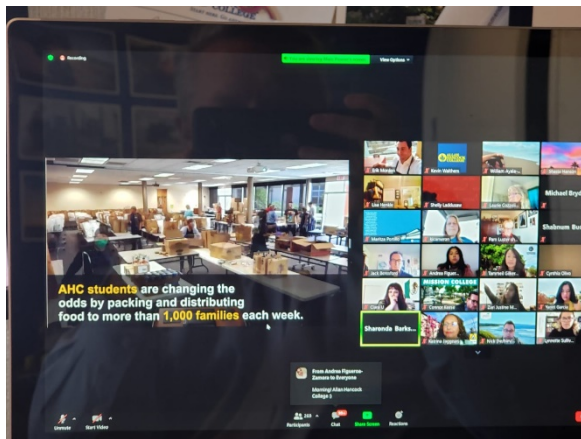
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Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold live-streamed virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




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Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
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Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library's "Blind Date With A Book" began this week, with participating students and employees meeting on Feb. 26 to participate in this virtual book club. For the last several weeks, participants were able to pick up the books they will be reading as part of this program, which was created to help our Hancock community stay connected as we continue to socially distance and work from home.

Hancock Student Qualifies For National Scholarship

This week, we received the wonderful news that Hancock student Rafael Valdovinos was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#). Awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, this scholarship supports exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. Rafael was one of 406 semifinalists chosen from a pool of over 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.



Students Encouraged To Serve On County Commission

This week we began encouraging our students to help raise awareness about behavioral health support services and destigmatizing mental health issues in their community by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Commission of Santa Barbara County. Seats on the commission are open to youth ages 16-25 years old. Applications are available [here](#).

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government hosted a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Guest speakers included Dr. David Hernandez, Krystal Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. Thank you to all the speakers who attended this engaging and educational event.



PCPA Presents "The Mountaintop"

In honor of Black History Month, PCPA is presenting its second virtual reading of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. as part of its Interplay series. The play reimagines Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth following his renowned "I've been to the mountaintop" speech in Memphis. Tickets are available on the [PCPA website](#).

Vaccine Clinic Update

This week we provided more than 1,500 vaccinations to our community during our on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic. That brings our total to roughly 4,000 vaccinations delivered to our community members so far. Our team has been organizing clinics, troubleshooting issues, and making the process move smoothly and we continue to work in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.




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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.



B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

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Rain Or Shine

Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

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Senate Bill 228


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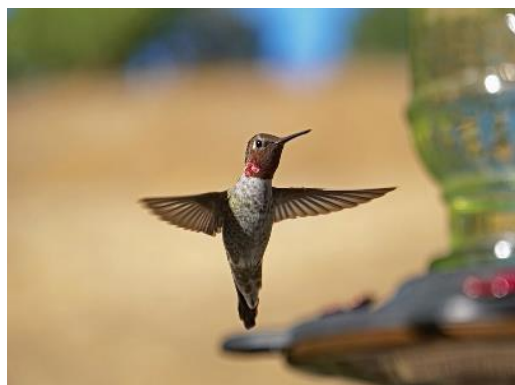


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CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

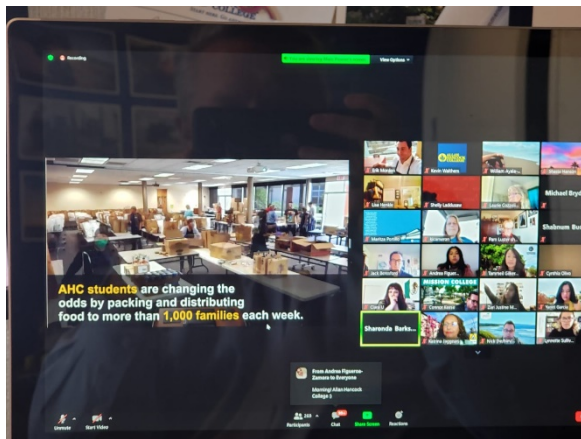
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The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold [live-streamed](#) virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.




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Rental and Utility Assistance Program

This week, the County of Santa Barbara began offering emergency rental and utility assistance through United Way of Santa Barbara County to eligible county residents that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can demonstrate the need for rental support. We are encouraging any Hancock students who may be eligible for this program to apply at www.unitedwaysb.org/rent.

A Time To Take A Stand Event

On Friday, Feb. 19, Hancock co-sponsored a webinar with the SMJUHSD and NAACP to celebrate Black History Month. The webinar, called “Time to Take a Stand”, featured Dr. Tommie Smith, one of the protesting track athletes at the 1968 Olympics, and Dr. Terrence Roberts, who was a member of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Tommie Smith



New AHC Foundation Board Members

The AHC Foundation Board of Directors added two new members to its ranks this month. George Grama of Orcutt and Erica Jane Flores of the Santa Ynez Valley were elected with unanimous votes to serve three-year terms on the foundation board. Flores is the development and communications director for Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (PHP). Grama is currently the director of Focal Plane Operations at Raytheon Vision Systems in Lompoc and Goleta.



CircleIn App Available to Hancock Students

Hancock is inviting students to connect and study through the new and innovative [CircleIn](#) web and mobile app. CircleIn is an easy-to-use studying app and website. CircleIn operates like a virtual campus coffee house, allowing students to gather, collaborate, and help one another with homework and testing. CircleIn provides tools and resources to help students stay productive and pass their classes. By using the app, students are also able to earn rewards and become eligible for scholarships for studying and collaborating with their fellow classmates.

BSU/ASBG Black History Event

Hancock's Black Student Union Club and Associated Student Body Government will host a virtual Black History Month presentation on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited. Guest speakers will include Dr. David Hernandez, Krystel Navarrette, Aleiza Rogers, and Trustee Hall. The Zoom link for this event is available [here](#).




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Fri, Feb. 26	1 p.m.	Blind Date with A Book	Online (virtual)
*Tues, March 2	7 p.m.	AHC Promise Information Night	Online (virtual)
*Mon, March 8	3-4:30 p.m.	Annual Planning Retreat	Online (virtual)
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Santa Maria Philharmonic Honors G. Allan Hancock

This week, the Santa Maria Philharmonic honored its founder, accomplished cellist, and our college's namesake, Capt. G. Allan Hancock, with a wonderful virtual performance. This performance was recorded in a music classroom on our Santa Maria Campus and included music by Bach, Faure, Beethoven, and more performed by SMPS principal cellist Hilary Clark and pianist Lynne Garrett. You can view the concert [here](#).

ADA Public Input Survey

This week, our college began seeking input from members of the public, AHC employees, and local organizations representing individuals with disabilities. We are asking these groups to fill out an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey and will use the feedback to help address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs. Employees can access the survey through the myHancock Human Resources portal. The public and local organizations can access the survey in English and Spanish on our [ADA Survey webpage](#).



Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW

Hancock invited students to learn more about academic programs, student services, clubs, and more at our Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW! this week. During this virtual event, students were encouraged to visit our virtual [Bulldog Bow-WOW! webpage](#), where they can view short videos on a variety of topics and services. The videos will remain on the webpage for students throughout the spring semester.

Vaccinations Clinics And Food Share Events Continue


Hancock continues to serve members of our community in these difficult times. Our public and student-only Food Share Because We Care programs continue to distribute food to thousands of community members suffering from food insecurity. In addition, our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to host a twice-weekly COVID-19 clinic continues to provide this important vaccine to healthcare workers, first responders, and the elderly.

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Jim Flory, Doree Bond, Alfred Sejera

Centennial Alumni Stories

As part of our Centennial Celebration, we have been collecting stories from former Hancock students. These Alumni come from all walks of life and several have shared moving stories about their connection to Hancock and how AHC helped them and members of their family change their odds. Recently we shared several of these stories in my [monthly column](#) in the *Santa Maria Times*. I encourage you to read these alumni testimonials. If you or someone you know would like to share their own story about Hancock, they can do so on our [Centennial webpage](#).

Fire Fighters Assist At AHC Vaccine Clinic

Hancock would like to thank the men and women of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who [came out to assist](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic on our Santa Maria campus on Feb. 3. During the clinic, the men and women of the SBCFD administered a total of 500 vaccines. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to carry out this important work in our community.



B.I.G.E. Club Members Wins Scholarship

Hancock student and B.I.G.E. Club member Rafael Valdovinos received a \$500 scholarship from GMR Transcription. Valdovinos won the scholarship after writing a powerful essay about his life and student journey at Hancock. You can Valdovinos' essay and learn more about the scholarship [here](#).

Dance Program Featured on AHC Podcast

It's not every day that you can bring together three generations of Hancock history, but that's exactly what we did on the [latest episode](#) of the Hancock Conversations podcast. We interviewed current and former Dance Program instructors Agnes Grogan, who started her career at the college in 1965 and founded the women's dance program, Diane McMahon, who oversaw the program for more than 38 years before retiring in 2019.



College Forum On Plans For Fall 2021

Hancock faculty and staff were invited to join me for a virtual college forum on Feb. 5 to discuss plans for fall 2021 classes. Ongoing discussions about how we can offer fall classes in-person safely will continue as we rely on data and guidance from county and federal health officials. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we move forward.


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Hancock staff, student-workers, and volunteers continued the important work of serving our community this week despite the inclement weather. Our student and public food shares operated as planned and have now provided food for more than 270,000 individuals in our community. In addition, we were able to hold a reduced capacity COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Jan. 27. The clinics on our campus have vaccinated nearly 3,000 community members so far. I'd like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who braved the wet and cold weather to ensure these important programs continued this week.

ASBG Elections

Beginning this week, we have begun to encourage students to get involved and run for open seats on the AHC Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) Board. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical role work our ASBG leadership provides for our college as the voice of our student population. That role more important than ever as we continue to work to serve our students and prepare to make the transition back to in-person classes when it is safe to do so.



College Forum

Hancock faculty and staff have been invited to attend a virtual College Forum on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. This forum will be a campus-wide conversation about plans for the Fall 2021 term. The forum will take place after both the College Council and the Academic Senate have held their own meetings to discuss this important topic.

Senate Bill 228


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New Podcast Episode

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Degree Auto Awarding Update

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Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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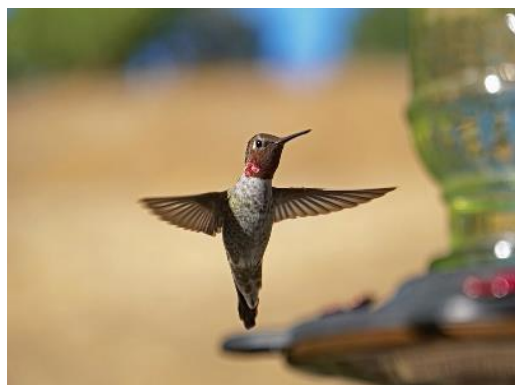


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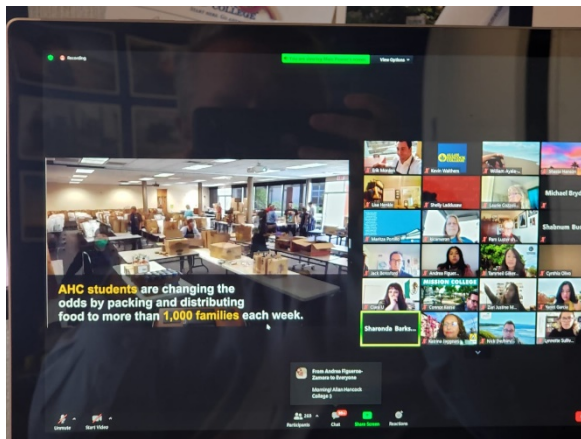
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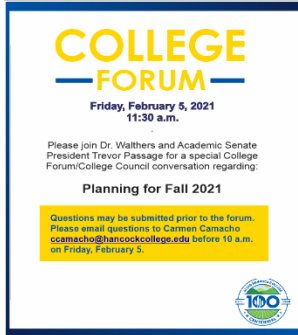


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Spring Classes Begin

This week we welcomed back AHC students as they began their [remote spring classes](#) on Jan. 19. Even though most of our classes remain virtual, we are continuing to support our students by offer programs and services including laptop and textbook borrowing, virtual tutoring and counseling, our online Welcome Center, and more. Our staff and faculty remain dedicated to ensuring these students get everything they need to succeed and change their odds at Hancock.

New Podcast Episode

On Jan. 20, we released a new episode of the *Hancock Conversations* podcast. The [second episode](#) of the podcast features an interview with retired welding instructor Ray Snowden. Snowden discussed his childhood and time in the military as well as his work building Hancock’s welding program and the importance of Career and Technical Education for college students. You can listen [here](#), or download the new episode on Spotify and iTunes.



Blind Date With A Book

The Friends of the AHC Library are encouraging our students and staff to connect with each other and discover something new by joining their “Blind Date With A Book” program. This virtual book club will provide participants with a book and help foster a connection within the Hancock community in a safe and socially distanced manner. The event kicks off on Feb. 26 and is open to all Hancock faculty, staff, and students.


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County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

On Jan. 13, Hancock began serving as a COVID-19 vaccination site in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Hancock and county staff worked to immunize more than 500 individuals who qualified for vaccines under the county's tier 1A phase. Hancock is proud to play a role in the very important work of getting the COVID-19 vaccine to our frontline healthcare workers, and eventually, the general public. The distribution of this vaccine is the first step in allowing our students and staff to return to a safe and healthy campus and resume in-person learning.

Degree Auto Awarding Update

Hancock's auto awarding of degrees continues to help change the odds for our students and our community. With the assistance of IT Services and the best admissions team ever, AHC has now awarded -for the first time - 261 certificates of achievement in the area of general education certification. General Education Certifications will now be part of the auto award process moving forward. This is a huge step forward in the services we provide to our students.



Spring All Staff Day


Our Hancock family gathered virtually Jan. 15 for an All Staff Day presentation as our faculty and employees prepare to serve students during the spring semester starting Jan. 19. The All Staff day presentation was virtual and included a short video introduction from myself and a recognition of newly promoted staff, and was followed by additional presentations and workshops on our Basic Needs Office, Guided Pathways website progress, the college's new Circle In program, and more.

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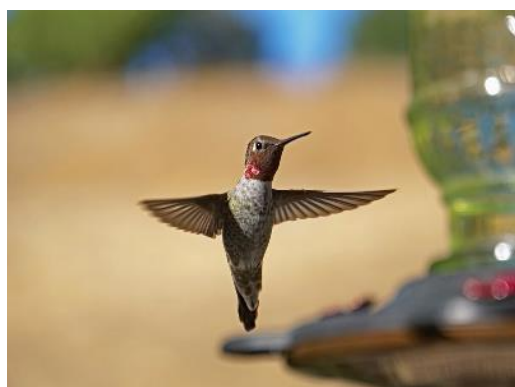


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AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit


Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

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Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

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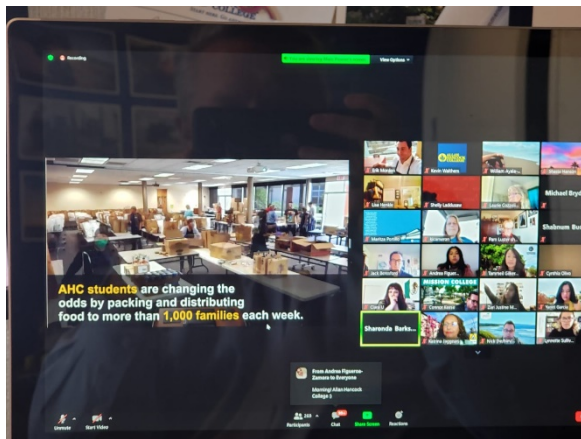
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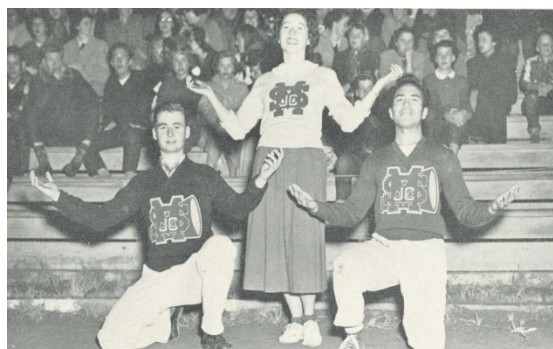
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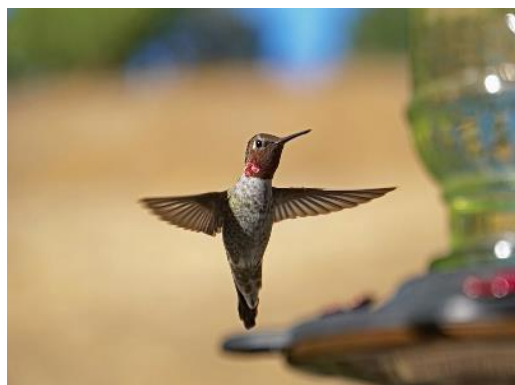


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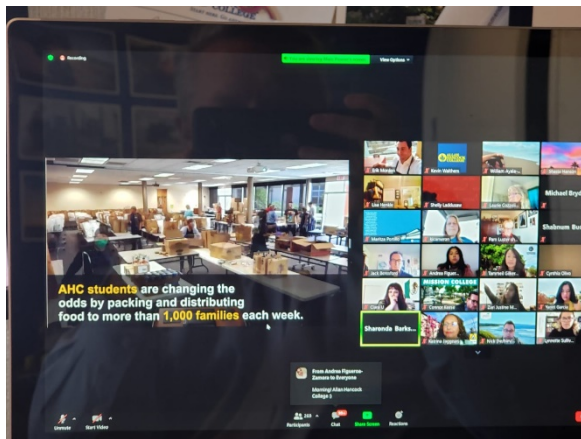
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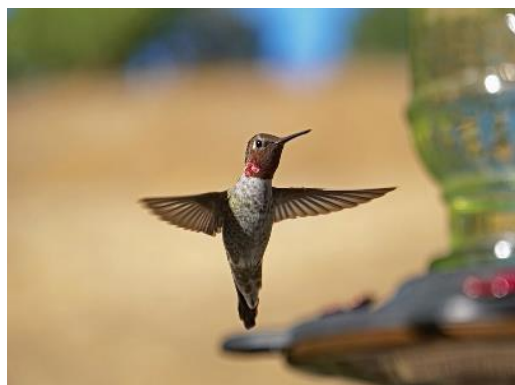


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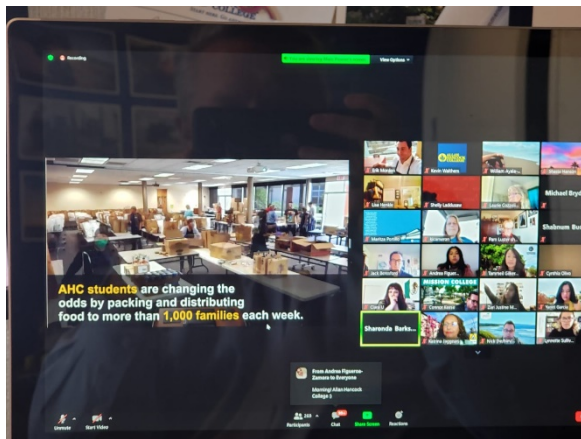
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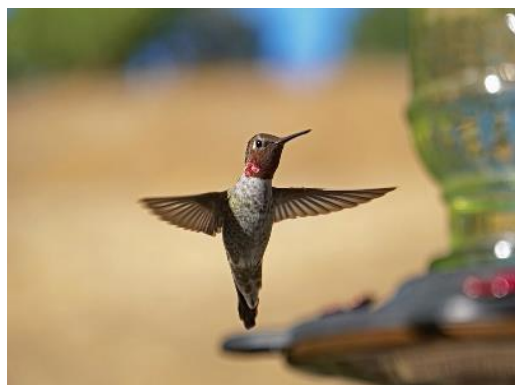


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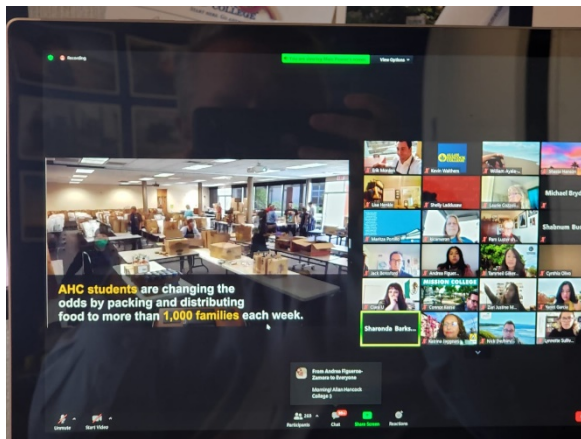
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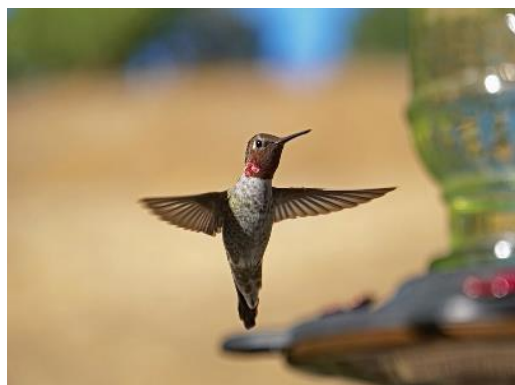


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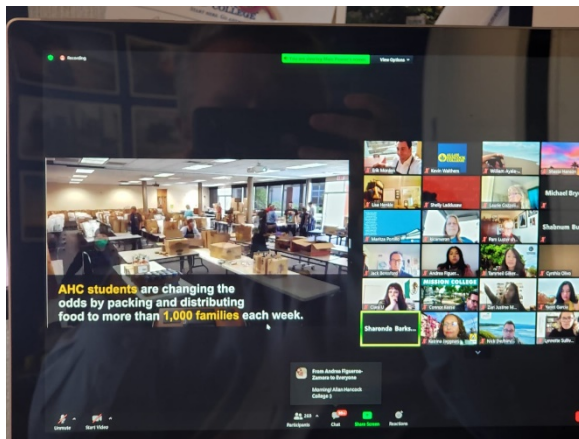
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Dr. Suzanne Levy Sworn In

I had the distinct pleasure of [swearing in](#) Dr. Suzanne Levy as a new trustee for Allan Hancock College. Suzanne is a former employee of the college, serving both as a faculty member and a grants administrator until 2003. She comes to us with a long history of community service, including as a member of the PCPA Foundation Board (she will now return to that role as the AHC Board representative to the PCPA Foundation). We're excited for Suzanne to join us and look forward to her joining our efforts to Change the Odds for our community!

Andy Densmore Retirement

Longtime AHC Fire Academy Coordinator Andy Densmore retired after giving his last address to graduating cadets of academy Battalion 146 last week. Densmore dedicated more than 30 years to the academy and has helped prepare hundreds of highly-skilled firefighters who represent the programs as they work for fire agencies across the state of California. You can read more about the great work Andy has done [here](#).



Angel Tree Drive-Through Gift Event

Our digital Angel Tree gift drive was a resounding success this year. Generous donors helped provide more than 200 children with gifts this year. The gifts were distributed to the children of EOPS/CARE/NextUp and CalWORKS students and to the children of Hancock Veterans, Dreamers, LAP, Non-credit, and formally incarcerated students. Families were able to pick up their gifts at a safe and socially-distanced drive-through event on Dec. 12.

Changing The Odds For Omar

Omar and his family attended Hancock's Food Share Event last month. While his family was able to get food, Omar lost his vest. Our helpful Food Share staff looked for the vest but were unable to find it. After taking down his contact information, our amazing food share staff decided to buy Omar a new vest as the winter weather continued to grow colder. This is yet another example of how our Food Share staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help change the odds for people in our community.



Student Ambassadors Gift


The great work our Student Ambassadors have been doing at our Food Share because We Care events has not gone unnoticed. A faculty member, who wished to remain unnamed, gave each of our 21 student ambassadors a holiday that included, to their delight and surprise, a \$100 bill! Once again it is heartening to see our Hancock family support step up and support each other this holiday season.

Save the Dates: (*indicates new events added in this week's update)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Dec. 23-25	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM campus, LVC
*Dec. 31	All Day	College Closed for Holiday	SM Campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

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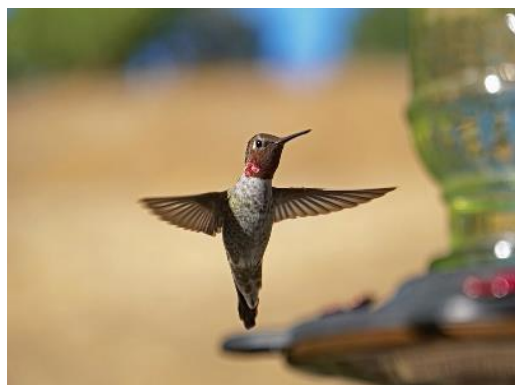


Hancock Conversations Podcast

This week marked the debut of the college's first official podcast. *Hancock Conversations* celebrates the stories behind the people and places that help make our college the unique and vibrant hub for learning that it is today. You can listen to our very first episode, which features my interview with Trustee Zacarías, [here](#). We will release new episodes on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In addition to listening on our website, you can also listen, download, and subscribe to the podcast on Spotify and iTunes.

AHC LEA Graduate Name SMPD Chief

Hancock would like to congratulate to Marc Schneider on his [appointment](#) as chief of the Santa Maria Police Department. Schneider is a Hancock alum who graduated from our administration of justice program and the AHC Law Enforcement Academy. Like many of our public safety graduates, Chief Schneider continues to use the training and skills he learned at Hancock to keep his community safe.



Community Education Students Featured in Photography Exhibit

Photography students from our Community Education program are showcasing their talent via an online exhibit hosted by the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang. The virtual exhibit is a collaboration between the museum and Community Education instructor Michael Messina's photography class. The exhibit features student photography depicting nature and wildlife scenes. Their work was created as both Messina and his students adapted to online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the exhibit [here](#).

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
*Tues, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Online (virtual)
*Fri, Jan. 15	9 a.m.	All Staff Day	Online (virtual)
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC
*Wed. Feb. 10	TBD	Bulldog Bow-WOW	Online (virtual)

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Bulldog Bound Videos

This week, Hancock released four Bulldog Bound activity videos. The videos allow local children, their teachers, and parents to watch demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities taught by Hancock faculty. The videos were sent to local elementary school teachers and are also available on Hancock’s [YouTube page](#) free of charge. We hope to add additional videos in February and March of 2021.

CoastHills Credit Union Donation

On Dec. 1, CoastHills Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to support the AHC Student Emergency Fund. This money will allow Hancock to continue to change the odds for our community during the pandemic by providing in-need students with funds for food, housing, medical or transportation expenses, and other basic needs.



Study-A-Thon

We are helping students prepare for their finals with on-campus and virtual Study-A-Thon events. Students were invited to access faculty and tutors at safe and socially distanced Study-A-Thons outside the Mechanics Bank Student Center, or virtually through Zoom. Both the in-person and virtual Study-A-Thon events will continue through Dec.

Virtual Promise Workshops

Hancock is inviting local high school seniors to help get started on their path to receive the Hancock Promise with a series of virtual workshops on Dec. 1-9. Participating students will get the opportunity to meet with a Hancock staff member apply for the Spring semester, and begin the steps to get their first year at Hancock tuition and fee-free through the Promise. This year, we are also offering a book vouchers for up to \$200 for students who apply and finish the first four steps of the Hancock Promise process.

STEP 1: Apply to Allan Hancock College

This is an opportunity to meet virtually with Allan Hancock College staff, via Zoom, to apply to Allan Hancock College to start your first year free in the summer and/or fall 2021.

Earn a book grant valued at \$200 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 28, 2021* OR Earn a book grant valued at \$100 by completing steps 1-4 of the Hancock Promise AND register in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester on April 29-June 30, 2021*.

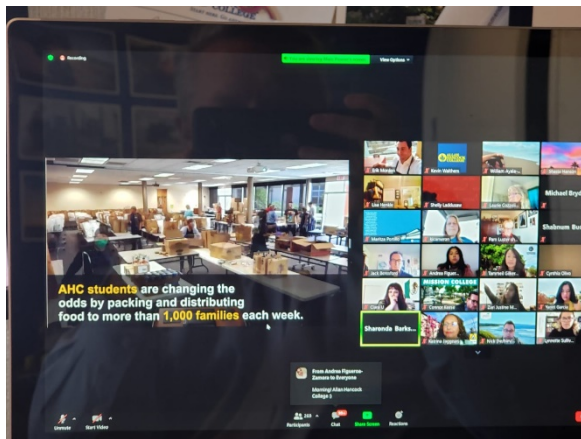
Tuesday, December 1 | 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 | 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 | 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 | 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 | 3-5 p.m.



Food Share Video

The informative video about Hancock's Food Share Because We Care program has not only garnered thousands of views on social media but was also featured during the kick-off of the #RealCollegeCalifornia Basic Needs Summit. This year's virtual summit focused on discussing how California Community Colleges can come together to network and learn how best to serve our students with the greatest needs during a pandemic. The summit included workshops and panel presentations covering topics such as food security, housing, remote learning technology, fundraising efforts, and community partnerships.

Nursing and PSTC Graduations

Hancock will be celebrating new graduating classes from our nursing and public safety programs next week. Our CORE, Law Enforcement, EMS, and fire academies will hold live-streamed virtual graduation ceremonies on Dec. 8, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, and Dec. 11 respectively. We will also host a drive-up graduation and pinning ceremony for our AHC nursing program outside building B on Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. The nursing graduation ceremony will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube](#) page.



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tues, Dec 8	10:30 a.m.	CORE Graduation	Virtual
Wed, Dec. 9	10:30 a.m.	Law Enforcement Graduation	Virtual
Thur, Dec. 10	9 a.m.	EMS Graduation	Virtual
Thur Dec. 10	2 p.m.	Nursing Graduation	SM campus, Virtual
Fri, Dec. 11	10 a.m.	Fire Academy Graduation	Virtual
Mon, Dec. 14	All Day	Winter Classes Start	SM campus, LVC
Tues, Jan. 19	All Day	Spring Classes Begin	SM campus, LVC

