About Us...

The Student Voice is a monthly newsletter created by the Massive Media Committee, a subdivision of the Student Ambassadors of Santa Fe Community College and is under the direction of Ernest Kavanaugh, Interim Director OSD and Robert Burnett, Student Editor. Our intent is to keep the students and members of the SFCC community informed on current and upcoming school events and some local events, with a strong focus on leadership. We here at Massive Media, thank you for your support and hope you enjoy this issue of the Student Voice. For any comments and/or suggestions please feel free to contact Robert at robert.burnett1@email.sfcc.edu.
Holiday Wishes
By Robert Burnett

Our fellow students and faculty and staff at SFCC:

Best wishes for the success and happiness in the New Year. The Student Voice family and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt greetings for the holiday season.

We wish you a wonderful year ahead and hope that this year brings you joy, good health and success in your studies. We hope that this newsletter continues to grow and serve your needs in the New Year. In addition, we thank you for your provided support and words of encouragement.

Warmest Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from …

Robert Burnett
Matthew Moody
Christopher Pacheco
Kevin Silva
Nziki Tadfor
Thanksgiving
By Christopher Pacheco

In 1621 the Native Americans would come together, and collect the harvest to celebrate on how the years were to them. They would have this dinner to pay honor to the creator for providing them with gifts of the year. The first thanksgiving lasted for three days, but it was not a holiday at the time just a gathering to pay homage for the good harvest. It was a time to gather to be thankful for what you had, and are about to receive that would be beneficial to life.

Today’s Thanksgiving is celebrated by gathering as a family to be thankful for what they have. Thanksgiving is mostly celebrated by the T.V. watching the Cowboys play the Redskins with a turkey leg in one hand, and a soda in the other. Doesn’t matter how you spend your Thanksgiving as long as you know you’re in a loved environment. Where you spend your thanksgiving is a place where you feel most comfortable at.

Happy Thanksgiving from the staff of the SFCC Student Voice

大晦日は、特に日本では世界中で祝われる。新年は、最も重要な日本の休日、1月3日まで1月1日からの最後です。大晦日にすべてのビジネスが停止に来て、すべての業務のために今年の終わりに終わりに来ているとしている。締約国は、今年の終わりを祝って日本全国に移動し、新年に歓迎する。新年もの人々が新年に歓迎を助けるために、すべての自分の好きな食べ物を作る、日本の感謝祭として検索されます。代わりに花火を見に行こうと、それは神社を訪問する伝統があり、訪問する有名な神社は、京都、日本の黄金寺院です。
What is Veteran’s Day in the United States, and what is the Veteran’s Resource Center at the Santa Fe, Community College?

By Matthew Moody

According to Timeanddate.com (http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/veterans-day), “In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked for their services to the United States on Veterans Day.”

On Monday November 1 I stopped by the office of Gregory Scargall at the Veteran’s Resource Center at SFCC to say hello, and to see if I could interview him for a quick article and introduction to our followers. I smiled as I watched him running out the door. I was able to touch base with him, one the fly. As usual, Greg was on his way to another awesome event or meeting for our vets. In my opinion, this is one of the busiest and most efficient programs at SFCC. From the SFCC website page, where you can read all about our veteran resources, the page states just how impactful this office is for our veterans here in Santa Fe, “Santa Fe Community College, Named Best for Vets in 2015 Military Jobs and Training, can provide service members with in-depth technical expertise — but how to convert that knowledge into success in the civilian world isn’t always obvious. “They have that technical experience, but they really don’t know where to plug that in,” said Gregory Scargall, veteran’s resource specialist at Santa Fe Community College.”

Our college is part of a network of VA schools throughout the United States. We are also considered the top school in the state for Veterans, organizing, and preparing for private jobs. Greg and the staff at our Veteran’s Resource Center are here to help you if you are a vet, a friend of a vet, or family. “The Veterans Resource Center at SFCC is a centralized resource, easily accessible and available to all veterans who would like to explore their educational goals at SFCC. A place where SFCC student veterans can feel welcome and supported with: Information about veterans services in Santa Fe and New Mexico, One on one academic and financial advising, Tutoring and small group instruction, Computer and Wi-Fi access, Assistance with VA Educational and Health benefit enrollment, Peer to peer mentoring, Advocacy for veterans benefits and claims, Mental health support and crisis intervention, Transportation information,
Family support, Volunteer opportunities, and Special events, and a small conference room to meet in.” This is a great group of guys that I have come to respect a lot. The center is located in the west wing, lower level, room LL312N. For more information, please contact Gregory Scargall, Veterans Resource Specialist, 505-428-1305, greg.scargall@sfcc.edu. More reading on the Resource Center can be seen at http://www.sfcc.edu/veterans.

**World AIDS Day, the 26th Anniversary**
**By Robert Burnett**

First observed in 1988, World AIDS Day was initiated by the United Nations General Assembly officially recognized that the World Health Organization. In addition, ministers from around the world who called for a spirit of social tolerance and a greater awareness of HIV/AIDS on an international scale.

When is World AIDS Day? This year, Monday, December 1, 2014 is when World AIDS Day urges people around the world to educate themselves about the reality of HIV/AIDS. World AIDS Day is a global observance but not a public holiday.

The theme for this year's observance is "Getting to Zero": meaning zero new HIV infections. The special theme, which will be repeated until 2015, focuses on "Zero AIDS Related Deaths" and signifies a push towards greater access to treatment for all. Perhaps more importantly, it also calls upon governments to keep the commitments they have made to fight the deadly disease.

In observance of the day, the Santa Fe Community College Pride Club is hosting a World AIDS Day event on Monday, December 1, 2014 with a variety of events and activities scheduled. However, the main event kicks off at 3:00p.m. and goes until roughly 7:00p.m. in the Jemez Rooms. So, come and learn more about World AIDS Day. Free HIV testing and refreshments will be available.
Annual Scholarship Luncheon
By Robert Burnett

On Friday, November 14, student scholarship winners were given a chance to meet their donators during the Annual Scholarship Luncheon. The yearly event hosted by the Santa Fe Community College Foundation. Nearly 135 individuals and/or families and corporation sponsors filled the Jemez Rooms as students were given the chance to meet their sponsor and thank them for their generous donation. Students, Monica Andujo and Kevin Silva shared their testimonials which not reflected their appreciation but for all the students in attendance.

Our own President Randy W. Grissom opened luncheon with welcoming and offered acknowledgements to the nearly standing room only crowd. Keynote speakers included, the Honorable Justice, Patricio M. Serna and the class of 1996 alumni Doctor Bobby O. Perea.

Welcoming entertainment (songs) was provided by SFCC Students Ambassadors and International Students, Diane Kinha (Benin) and Nziki Tadfor (Cameroon). Lunch was prepared by the SFCC Culinary Arts Students and under the direction of Chef Michelle Roetzer and Chef Patrick Mares.

In great time was had by all.
The Student’s Voice
By Robert Burnett

With Christmas rapidly approaching it seems appropriate that we here at The Student Voice that we ask other students and the faculty and staff about their Christmas wish. Many of the wishes were simply to have a safe and happy holiday season surrounded by loved ones. However, these people had others wishes in mind:

• Monica A.: “My two front teeth. (LOL)"
• Robert B.: “Lots and lots of sleep.”
• Michelle B.: “A vacation away the winters break.”
• Marlon G.: “The day after – cannot wait for Christmas is over.”
• Deborah B.: “A rich boyfriend.”
• Samuel C.: “To pass all my classes with at least a C average or better.”

Student Ambassadors of the Month: November 2014
By Robert Burnett

Student Ambassador must meet certain requirements and be nominated by their Team Leader or a Teaching Assistant to be considered as Student Ambassador of the Month. Nominations are then reviewed and winners are selected by a committee.

The winners for the month of November are: Dinah Acosta, Michelle Bennett, Paul Clark, Alex Flores, Marlon Guite, Ivanna Hernandez, Christopher Pacheco, Fernando Placios, and Yazil Rodriguez.

Congradulations, to all the Student Ambassadors of the month.
Out and About
By Robert Burnett

Around Campus

Halloween

2014 Annual Scholarship Dinner
Row 1: (1) Valerie R., and Christopher P. (2) Gregory S. (3) Jonathan H. and Danny S.
Row 2: (1) Nora V. and Maylea G. (2) Juliana H. and Miguel D. (3) Michelle B.
Upcoming Events: November 25 through January 25, 2015

Thursday, November 27
• Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27 – Sunday, November 30
• Thanksgiving Break – school closed

Monday, December 1 & Tuesday, December 2
• SFCC Student Holiday Gift-Away
11: am – 2: pm Main Hallway by the stairwell
This event is sponsored by SFCC employees for students to find treasures, necessities, gifts, and decorations

Monday, December 8
• Deadline to petition to graduate spring 2015

Monday, December 8 – Saturday, December 13
• Final Examinations

Tuesday, December 16
• Hanukkah begins at sundown

Saturday, December 20 – Sunday, January 4, 2015
• Winter Break/College closed

Thursday, December 21
• First Day of Winter

Thursday, December 25
• Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 31
• New Year’s Day

Thursday, January 1
• New Year’s Day

Monday, January 19
• Martin Luther (College closed)

Tuesday, January 20
• Classes Begin
• Late Registration

Wednesday, January 21
• Late Registration

Thursday, January 22 & Friday, January 23
• Schedule changes only (drop/add)

Friday, January 23
• Open registration – open to all
Campus wide collection of food for the SFCC Campus Cupboard

• Thursday, November 13
America Recycles Day
10: am – 2: pm Main Hallway

• Thursday, November 27 - 30
Thanksgiving Break

• Thursday, November 27
Thanksgiving Day

Ongoing Academic and Events:
- G.A.M.E. I-room every other Thursday 12:noon - 1:pm
- Student Government Association: Jemez room 3 Wednesdays 12:noon – 1:pm

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