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NEWS FROM YOUR COLLEGE

ACUE program trains faculty, strengthens student success

San Jacinto College is partnering with the Association of College and University Educators to equip faculty with evidence-based teaching practices to improve student engagement, increase persistence, and close equity gaps.

Faculty who meet program requirements will become ACUE-certified – the only nationally recognized higher education teaching credential endorsed by the American Council on Education.

Faculty will participate in a 25-week course, "Effective Teaching Practices," that develops core competencies across 25 modules and is based on more than three decades of research. Faculty will gain foundational knowledge, implement evidence-based teaching practices, reflect on their implementation, and refine their practice. Many impact studies show that equity gaps close and students learn more when taught by ACUE-certified faculty.

The fall 2022 cohort will comprise math, English, technical studies, dual credit, and developmental education faculty members. ACUE courses address more than 200 evidence-based teaching practices, covering how to design an effective course, establish a productive learning environment, use active learning techniques, promote higher order thinking, and use assessments to inform instruction and promote learning.



Photo courtesy of San Jacinto College

San Jac sends 11 to SkillsUSA national competition

Eleven San Jacinto College students competed in the 2022 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 20-25.

SkillsUSA hosts state and national career competitions showcasing the best career and technical education students from postsecondary schools in 130 occupational areas. Before the national competition, the College hosted the Texas College/Postsecondary 2022 Leadership and Skills Conference in April.

Three advisors attended the national conference with the North and South Campus students.

"We are so very proud of how hard these students worked to practice and prepare for the state and national competitions," said Debra Acuff, North Campus department chair

of management and professional services. "Their dedication is reflected in their success."

The engineering design graphics program from North earned seven gold medals during the state conference. These first-place winners were invited to compete against the best of the best at the national level.

The Quiz Bowl team earned fourth place at the national conference. Team members included Natalie Blanco, Alexander Brunson, Eliodoro Dominquez, Eleanor Navarro, Faith Norwood, and advisor/coach Acuff.

Natalie Magana earned seventh place in related technical math, and Marcos Villalta earned 14th place in architectural drafting. Daryl Morse was the advisor/coach for students competing in these events.

Three students and one model, along with advisor and cosmetology program director Dana Belt, represented Texas in technical competitions. All three students were recognized

and awarded a certificate for their outstanding scores in their prospective competitions by scoring above 80% in technical skills:

- Alana Barraza placed fourth in customer service with a score of 85.78%.
- Katelyn Randall placed 13th in cosmetology with a score of 86.25%.
- Alexis Roca placed 12th in esthetics with a score of 87.52%.

Welcome Week events kick off new semester

San Jacinto College Student Engagement and Support hosted Welcome Week activities at Central, North, and South Campuses Aug. 29 to Sept. 2 to celebrate the fall 2022 semester. These events included San Jac On The Go, T-shirt Guy, Taco 'Bout Our Resources, and Glocade and Donuts with the Leaders.

The goal of Welcome Week is to educate, inform, and engage students. The events use an interactive environment to highlight some of the supports and resources available, which encourages students to learn more about the programs that will help them thrive on campus and in class. Attendees had fun while socializing and connecting with San Jac leaders and staff.

"Welcome Week is all about welcoming our students to San Jacinto College," said Ginnette Ruelas, student engagement and support specialist.

"Whether new or returning, it's important that our students get a chance to meet and connect with us on campus. Welcome Week is a great way for our students to learn about our resources on campus, connect with their peers, and learn about our upcoming events. Our goal is to get our students excited for their time here at the College!"

See photos of Welcome Week activities at bit.ly/welcome_fall2022.



Photo courtesy of Neesha Hosein, San Jacinto College

SAN JAC'S NEW POLICE CHIEF PAVES WAY FOR OTHER WOMEN TO EXCEL IN FIELD

By **Neesha Hosein**
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Sabrina Naulings knew she wanted to be a police officer since she was a teen. This August, she made San Jacinto College history by becoming its first female police chief.

In her youth, Naulings participated in official ride-alongs with neighborhood patrol officers, many of whom are still friends, fueling her passion for the career.

In 1994, she worked as a records management clerk and benefits coordinator for the Houston Independent School District Police Department, her first foray into law enforcement.

In 2006, Naulings became a peace officer and was promoted to sergeant in 2012. During her tenure with HISD's police department, she earned her

associate degree in 2007. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from the University of Houston-Downtown in 2010, but that still didn't feel like enough.

"Desiring for more, I continued on this path and earned my Master of Arts in criminology from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 2013," Naulings said. "Upon completion, I was an adjunct professor in the criminology department at UHCL. During my tenure as a police officer, my desire to be the very best me possible led to several certifications."

Pathway to San Jac

Naulings' quest for career growth led her to the San Jac police department in October 2018, filling a vacancy for police lieutenant. Four years later, she was named police chief.

"I am very honored for the

opportunity to serve the community, bridging gaps between the community and law enforcement and helping others to achieve their goals," Naulings said. "I have always had a positive role model, and I just want to be that for others who desire it."

As for being the College's first female police chief, Naulings feels honored but focuses more on being "effective and efficient" in her duties.

"I've worked very hard since Day One to achieve this goal, and I'm elated to be recognized for the work I've put into my personal growth," she said.

Career motivation

Naulings credits her family as her greatest motivation — namely, honoring the memory and legacy of her late mother. She aims to "pave the way for women to succeed in this profession and to purposely support the achievement of qualified women within the law enforcement culture throughout their careers."

According to Naulings, the best part of the job is interacting with people and helping individuals who are in bad situations get on their feet and ultimately turn their lives around.

"Just the possibility that they may someday remember the second chance they were given and pass it on to others whose paths they may cross means a lot," Naulings said. "I still receive messages from women who reveal that something I've said or done has helped them on their journey. The request to be a mentor for others is the ultimate reward."

Beyond the job

When it's time to relax and unwind, Naulings likes to do cardio exercises and has made coloring part of her daily routine. She also enjoys family time, shopping, roller skating, and reading poetry, romance novels, and material related to leadership and law enforcement.



Photos courtesy of Melissa Trevizo, San Jacinto College

Naulings wants to be known as someone who moves with integrity, accepts accountability, and is firm but fair.

"I strive for excellence and remain open to learning and gaining new knowledge and skills," Naulings said. "I believe in being a 360-degree leader — one who leads from the back, providing others the opportunity to perform and excel; one who leads from the front, assisting and guiding; and one who will work beside an individual and teach the way."

Sabrina Naulings' Certifications:

- Special Investigator
- Dignitary Protection
- Master Peace Officer
- Field Training Officer
- Mental Health Officer
- Property/Evidence Technician
- Instructor Proficiency Leadership Command College
- Special Weapons and Tactics
- Leadership Inventory for Female Executives
- Developing Leaders for Texas Law Enforcement
- FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award



MASS TIMBER BUILDING BOASTS OLD-SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION WITH MODERN TWIST

By Courtney Morris
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Photographers call the time around sunrise or sunset the golden hour, when warm, soft light bathes everything. Stepping inside San Jacinto College's new Anderson-Ball Classroom Building is like experiencing an all-day golden hour.

Laminated black spruce columns climb 40 feet to support double beams spanning a planked ceiling. Taking up one-third of the lobby's visible envelope, all this timber gleams amber-gold.

Besides catching the eye, this 122,000-square-foot building, which celebrated its grand opening Aug. 16, for now claims fame as the nation's largest mass timber instructional building.

Accidental champion

Part of the 2015 bond program, Anderson-Ball sits on the foundations of the former Anderson and Ball technical

buildings on the Central Campus quadrangle. It houses math, pre-engineering, college prep, English, and humanities classes.

While its brick exterior ties it to the campus' other legacy buildings, its inside is a different matter. Instead of steel, mass timber — wood layers laminated together in cross-pattern — supports the structure.

Throughout the building, the organic timber is exposed where possible. Visible or hidden, it provides structural strength. The College chose mass timber because of its environmental sustainability and cost stability amid Houston's escalating steel prices and labor shortage.

Charles Smith, associate vice chancellor of fiscal initiatives and capital projects, calls San Jac an "almost accidental environmental champion": Commercial development, building codes, and certification processes matured at the right moment to pursue mass timber.

"The market was ready for

someone to do what we did, and we just happened to be there first," Smith said.

Series of firsts

The original Anderson and Ball buildings came down in fall 2020. Weather, pandemic, and supply chain issues added only a month to the 16-month timeline.

Like Legos, the entire building was pre-designed, pre-manufactured, and pre-packaged, arriving in a kit. San Jac, Kirksey Architecture, Tellepsen Builders, and city code officials shared in the process from pre-modeling to punch list.

"We had a lot of firsts for us and for our subcontractors," Smith said.

Besides using old-school but now vogue timber construction, Anderson-Ball showcases innovative technology. Electrochromic windows tint automatically to regulate glare and temperature. Solar tubes and panels make an appearance.



Photos courtesy of Courtney Morris, San Jacinto College

Graywater and rainwater harvesting systems will reduce water needs for the Central Campus.

The building also rolls out collaborative faculty and student spaces. In the faculty suite, adjunct and full-time faculty share all amenities, with work and lounge areas to mingle. Side hallways feature "sticky spaces," private glass-walled areas where students can drop backpacks, study, and talk.

Thanks to its innovative design, Engineering News-Record Texas & Louisiana named Anderson-Ball the 2022 "Best Project, Higher Education/Research."

Past meets present

Although it smells of fresh lumber and showcases cutting-edge technology, Anderson-Ball still nods to the past. At the end of its two-story lobby is a stone bas-relief salvaged from Anderson. The carving — which features land survey equipment, a chemical plant, and a compass — tells the story of local industries in the College's early years.

Mass timber is experiencing a rebirth. For now, San Jac is the trendsetter with the nation's largest mass timber instructional building, but other schools are taking note.

"I fully expect to lose that title fairly quickly," Smith said.

Bond Update

San Jac continues to build and update facilities thanks to the 2015 capital improvements bond program. Projects completed in 2021-2022 include:

Central Campus

- Welcome Center roundabout entry off Luella Boulevard
- McCollum Building renovation with updated classrooms and entrances and improved courtyards

South Campus

- Jones Building renovation with new entrances and student meeting spaces
- Domestic water service upgrade
- New central plant
- Maintenance building renovation

Maritime Campus

- New lifeboat davits

Generation Park Campus

- Additional parking on south side of campus

Learn more at sanjac.edu/bond.



VALEDICTORIAN, ASSOCIATE DEGREE, AND A&M FULL RIDE: ZAMBRANO IS 'HIGH SCHOOL KID' WHO COULD

By Courtney Morris
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

“Where’s the math tutor?”

At a table inside the San Jacinto College Student Success Center, Anthony Zambrano lifted his head from his Calculus III textbook. The tutoring center assistant pointed at him, and the student who had asked the question started.

“Oh, my gosh! I thought he was a high school kid.”

Truth be told, Zambrano was still in high school, tutoring students up to five decades older.

Today — polite, quiet, and well-spoken — the La Porte High School valedictorian and National Merit Scholar shows maturity far beyond his 18 years. With a San Jac associate degree and full-ride scholarship to Texas A&M University, he is also making fast strides toward an electrical engineering career.

Be prepared

Zambrano credits his career inspiration to his dad, a former Air Force plane technician and NASA pyrotechnic who worked alongside engineers.

“With my dad pointing me in the right direction, I got to be a part of programs and events that allowed me to see what electrical engineering was more about,” he said. “Those opportunities only served to make my desire for the career even greater.”

The summer after his sophomore year, Zambrano began attending San Jac as an accelerated dual credit student. The first in his family to attend college, he welcomed the chance to get ahead at San Jac while easing his parents’ financial load.

An even bigger perk was the training ground for a university. Already a top student, Zambrano stepped up his study skills even more. Each syllabus was different, and so were each professor’s expectations.

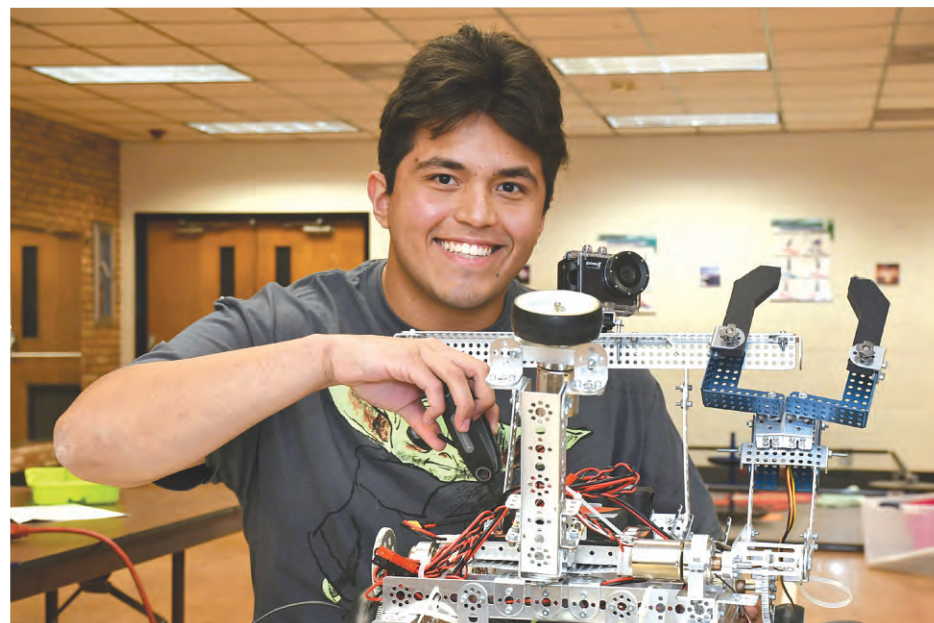


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Some professors shared all he needed to know during their class lectures. Others expected him to have mastered the textbook chapters before class. In scouting lingo, Zambrano had to be prepared.

“It made me into a better student,” he said. “I had to know how to use textbooks and resources.”

Of course, another San Jac perk was that college credits boosted his GPA, and with a 5.9 GPA, he easily snagged the valedictorian seat.

Be engaged

Although pursuing a general studies degree to transfer, Zambrano took advanced math classes to prepare for engineering. Other students tapped him when they had questions, piquing math professor Sharon Sledge’s curiosity.

“I started calling on him and checking on him during class, and he did know the answers,” Sledge said.

Zambrano strived to earn good grades and understand the concepts backward and forward.

“I have seen him grow into a leadership role,” Sledge said. “He’s still humble and reserved, but he’s willing to help others and offer very good suggestions for problem solving.”

Zambrano became a tutor, and this past summer, Sledge mentored him in the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Bridge to Baccalaureate robotics program. During the eight-week paid internship at the Central Campus, he dove into coding, JavaScript, CAD, 3D printing, and more. He and other interns ran the weeklong Roboteers Start Here summer camp, teaching kids about circuits and 3D modeling.

Best of all, he got to troubleshoot, rewire, and resolder a life-sized BB-8 droid.

“I want to become an engineer, and I got to put it into action,” he said.

Be focused

This fall, Zambrano is laser-focused on excelling at Texas A&M. But don’t think he’s all work and no play.

He is eyeing a Formula 1 racing club and playing double bass for A&M’s orchestra. Running and fishing are also part of his “arsenal of hobbies.”

The secret to his success? Beyond his parents, who are his biggest supporters, he points to his single-minded focus.

“Life has lots of hiccups,” he said. “Keeping your focus, not procrastinating, and knowing what you want to accomplish can take you far.”



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Q&A WITH STUDENT REBECCA PARKER, GRANDMA, BUSINESS OWNER, 'WORKAHOLIC'

By **Melissa Trevizo**
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

As San Jacinto College refines its online certificate and degree programs, many students are already taking advantage of the current selection. One of these students, Beaumont resident Rebecca Parker, is returning to college to reskill with a second degree in entrepreneurship/business after a successful career in the nonprofit world.

Q: What brought you to San Jac?

A: My daughter, Haley, bought a food delivery service and asked for my help. Although I had computer knowledge, there was so much I did not know about running my own business. My

husband suggested I go back to school. San Jac had all the classes I needed for a certificate and a degree available online. It was perfect for me.

Q: Why pursue the business management entrepreneurship program?

A: When I was looking at going back to school, I wanted to find classes that would help me run our business more effectively. The entrepreneurship certificate had a wide range of classes that covered all the basics of owning your own business. So far, I have benefited from every class and incorporated skills directly back into the business.

Q: Your daughter bought Gubers of

Southeast Texas in July 2019, and you became a partner that October. What is it like being a new business owner and student?

A: At first it was incredibly scary, and although I always wanted to work for myself, it was intimidating. Owning a business consumes your life, and there are zero days off. I have to be dedicated to both and manage my time well. Thankfully, I love what I do.

Q: What's next for your business?

A: We want to continue to grow and be the best and only restaurant delivery service in Southeast Texas. The more I learn about how the big corporate companies treat our local mom-and-pop restaurants, the more I

wanted to chase them out of this little corner. Beaumont is small and strongly supports local. Our business model is set up to support those businesses.

Q: Do you plan to slow down anytime soon?

A: I'm a little bit of a workaholic. How can I not be? I am blessed to wake up every day and do something I love and with one of my kids. It's a great feeling. I keep threatening to retire in nine years, but no one believes me.

Q: You have three children and eight grandchildren. What does your family think about your returning to school?

A: I have always told my kids and grandchildren



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Parker

about the importance of education. They have heard the words come out of my mouth a million times. Now they are seeing me back in school. My grandkids find it hilarious that their "Nina" has homework just like them. Children may forget the words you say, but they

never forget your actions. If I am not here by the time they reach college, I want them to remember that they can do it – just like I did.

To learn more about the business management entrepreneurship program at San Jac, visit sanjac.edu/program/entrepreneur.

SAN JAC HAPPENINGS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	SITE
Oct. 4	San Jac Police National Night Out	3-7 p.m.	Food, games, and fun/Central Campus, Parking Lot 27b (in front of Welcome Center)
	Pathways to Your Future - Health Sciences	4-7 p.m.	Free/North Campus N.17 (contact stephanie.funderburg@sjcd.edu)
Oct. 6	Skywarn Weather Spotter Workshop	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Free/Central Campus, C16.1013 (register at lpskywarn.eventbrite.com)
	A Chat with Tilman Fertitta	6:45 p.m.	Free/North Campus N.1 (register at sanjac.edu/tilman)
Oct. 12	Medicare 101: What's New for 2023	12-1 p.m.	Free/Central Campus (register at community.engagement@sjcd.edu or 281-476-1893)
Oct. 20	Artist Tiffany Nesbit Sculpture Exhibit Reception	6-8 p.m.	Free/North Campus Gallery, N1.106 (contact joe.clark@sjcd.edu)
Oct. 20 – Nov. 17	Artist Tiffany Nesbit: New Sculpture Exhibit	8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Mon-Thurs, or Friday by appointment	Free/North Campus Gallery, N1.106 (contact joe.clark@sjcd.edu)
Oct. 22	South Campus Dance Spring 2023 Scholarship Auditions	10 a.m.	South Campus Dance Studio, S15.168 (register at sanjac.edu/dance)
Oct. 25	Hose + Coupling World Conference & Expo	All day	Central Campus, CPET, C45 (register at hosecouplingworldexpoamericas.com)
Oct. 31 – Dec. 8	Redux: The San Jac Fine Arts Alumni Show	9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Mon-Thurs, or by appointment	Free/South Campus Gallery, S15.143 (contact bradly.brown@sjcd.edu)
Nov. 1	Pathways to Your Future - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math	4-7 p.m.	Free/South Campus S1 (contact stephanie.funderburg@sjcd.edu)
Nov. 3	Redux Exhibit Reception	2-5 p.m.	South Campus Gallery, S15.143 (contact bradly.brown@sjcd.edu)

All times and event schedules listed are subject to change. For more information, visit sanjac.edu.



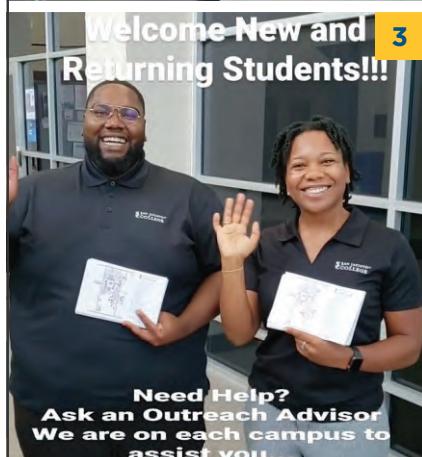


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Welcome New and
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Happy National Dog Day 4



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1 The San Jac community celebrated the grand opening of the Anderson-Ball Classroom Building — the nation's largest mass timber instructional building — at Central Campus.

2 San Jac joined TikTok! Be sure to follow @sanjaccollege.

3 Orientation and campus tours advisors were out on campus and ready to assist students on the first day of the semester.

4 Students sent us pictures of their pets for National Dog Day!

5 The Central Campus Library welcomed students back to campus.

6 Sabrina Naulings was sworn in as San Jac's 10th chief of police. She brings with her more than 25 years of law enforcement and public safety experience.

7 The campus bookstores showed off new San Jac gear available for fall.

8 Students shared photos and videos from their first day of class.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT



Surrounded by monuments of history, evolving industries, maritime enterprises of today, and the space age of tomorrow, San Jacinto College has served the people of East Harris County, Texas, since 1961. San Jacinto College is among the top five community colleges in the nation as designated by the Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence in 2021 and was named an Achieving the Dream Leader College of Distinction in 2020. The College spans five campuses, serving approximately 41,000 credit and non-credit students annually, and offers more than 200 degrees and certificates across eight major areas of study that put students on a path to transfer to four-year institutions or enter the workforce. San Jacinto College's impact on the region totals \$1.3 billion in added income, which supports 13,044 jobs. The College is fiscally sound, holding bond ratings of AA and Aa2 by Standard & Poor's and Moody's.