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**Tuition Increase at SFCC**

**Santa Fe, NM, Nov. 5, 2009** — Santa Fe Community College will raise tuition from \$32.30 per credit hour to \$34, effective with the spring, 2010 semester. Registration for the semester begins Monday, November 16. The college offers an “Early Bird” rate of \$30 for students who register and pay their charges, or make payment arrangements, before Jan. 6, 2010.

The new rate was approved by the college’s Governing Board at its Sept. 24 meeting. The \$1.70 increase is the first since the fall, 2006 semester.

Student fees remain unchanged.

The new tuition rate applies to students who are residents of the Santa Fe Community College District. Those who live in New Mexico but outside of the district will see their tuition rise from \$43 per credit hour to \$45. An “Early Bird” discount of \$41 is also available to students who register and pay their charges by Jan. 6.

Tuition and fees at SFCC are considerably lower than the national average. According to the American Association of Community Colleges, tuition and fees for full-time attendance at public two-year colleges averages \$2,361 per year. At SFCC, tuition and fees for a full-time student average \$1,113.

According to SFCC Director of Financial Aid Scott Whitaker, students can expect their aid programs to adjust upward to cover the new tuition rate. Nearly half of all degree-seeking students at SFCC receive some form of financial aid.

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“We are very proud to offer high quality education at affordable rates,” said SFCC President Sheila Ortego. “It’s our hope that any student who wants to attend SFCC will be able to do so, regardless of economic circumstances. Each year, our financial aid staff helps thousands of students find the assistance they need in order to enroll, and we urge any student who may face difficulty to start the process early.”

**About Santa Fe Community College**

For more than 25 years, Santa Fe Community College has been the gateway to success for individuals and the community by providing affordable, high quality educational programs that serve the social, cultural, technological and economic needs of a diverse community. The college serves more than 14,500 students per year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs. For further information, visit [www.sfccnm.edu](http://www.sfccnm.edu) or call (505) 428-1000.

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