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Calendar Announcement: Manila Prak, nursing education coordinator for the Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap, Cambodia, offers a free public lecture on the importance of volunteer health care programs and service, 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 13, inside Jemez Rooms 1 and 2 on the Santa Fe Community College Campus, 6401 Richards Ave. Born in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 1970, Prak spent her youth under duress from the Khmer Rouge regime, the Vietnam War and the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia. During the lecture, Prak will speak about her life and the value of volunteer health care programs, both globally and locally. The lecture is sponsored by SFCC's Department of Nursing Education. For more information, call 428-1323 or visit sfcc.edu.

Cambodian Nursing Educator to Speak at SFCC

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Prak currently serves as nursing education coordinator for Angkor Hospital for Children, which, by serving between 400 to 600 outpatients daily, is often cited as the best pediatric hospital in Cambodia. Prak graduated from nursing school as a midwife in 1989 and worked for eight years in a government health clinic before joining Angkor Hospital for Children, which is funded by donations under the sponsorship of the New York-based organization Friends Without a Border.

The Angkor Hospital for Children requires its staff to learn and use English in record-keeping and hospital communication in order to recruit top English-speaking health care workers from around the world. In her role as nursing education coordinator, Prak is in charge of a number of critical duties, including preparing and present staff education, coordinating the activities of nursing volunteers from around the world and providing curriculum to Cambodian student nurses. She also coordinates health care programs for her surrounding community and serves on a number of national and international committees.

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The visit to Santa Fe is one of seven stops for Prak, who is also lecturing in New Jersey, New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland and Indianapolis. The talks are geared toward nurses, student nurses, health care workers and community members interested in volunteer health care issues on both global and local levels.

A number of New Mexican health care professionals have visited or volunteered with Angkor Hospital for Children, including Drs. Robert Greenberg and Marvin Godner, registered nurses Maggie Greenberg, Kathleen Rowe, Emily Glasser, Joan Knecht and Kathleen Matta, who is also the director of SFCC's Department of Nursing Education.

The lecture is sponsored by SFCC's Department of Nursing Education. Light refreshment will be served. For more information, call 428-1323 or visit sfcc.edu.

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