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SFCC School of Education Receives Pair of Grants

Santa Fe, NM, April 17, 2009 — Santa Fe Community College's School of Education has received a pair of grants: one designed to help adult students simultaneously earn work experience and basic education, the other designed to help middle school students discover their path toward a college education.

The college's Adult Basic Education program received \$47,912 from the Ford Foundation and the New Mexico Higher Education Department's Adult Basic Education Division in February as part of NMHED's Adult Basic Education Transition to College and Career project. The project aims to help adult students develop work skills while learning basic education. Thirty SFCC students are currently enrolled in the project, which coordinates with programs in SFCC's School of Business and Applied Technologies, adult GED and English as a Second Language programs. Students in the program can earn a GED, complete ESL coursework and complete credits towards a degree. The program is a pilot project for NMHED.

In a separate grant, SFCC's ENLACE/GEAR UP program has been awarded \$20,000 from the Santa Fe Hestia Fund to provide tutoring and support for middle school students. The grant enables college tutors to serve twice a week in Santa Fe middle school classes. These tutors will serve as academic coaches and lead in-class tutorials in the Socratic teaching method. Tutors are part of SFCC's AVID Program, which is devoted to increasing learning and performance among students.

About Santa Fe Community College

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