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SFCC Offers Short Course in Tax Preparation

Santa Fe, NM, Dec. 22, 2008 — A two-credit accounting class at Santa Fe Community College will teach students how to prepare simple tax returns and then help them put their new skills to work in volunteer service. The class is offered in collaboration with AARP, the City of Santa Fe and TAX HELP New Mexico, an organization designed to help elderly and low-income individuals prepare their tax returns through partnerships with post-secondary educational institutions and other nonprofit agencies in the state.

Students enrolled in ACCT 140 receive training in tax-return preparation, including software use and electronic filing procedures with particular focus on Earned Income Tax Credit.

Registration for the spring session of Accounting 140 is underway. Students can enroll in any one of the following three sessions offered:

- CRN 30910 ACCT 140 03 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. – Jan. 6 to 9 (Tuesday through Friday)
- CRN 30916 ACCT 140 02 – 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. – Jan. 10, 17 and 24 (Saturdays)
- CRN 30909 ACCT 140 01 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. – Jan. 13 to 16 (Tuesday through Friday)
- CRN 30917 ACCT 140L 01 is the co-requisite tax preparation lab class.

These classes are open to anyone interested in learning how to prepare income tax returns and benefit the community by helping many low-income people, especially other students, who often don't apply for earned-income credit. After becoming certified by the IRS, students will help low-income and elderly individuals – including other SFCC students, faculty and staff – complete and file tax returns electronically, free of charge.

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Tax Help New Mexico is a statewide free tax preparation service that helps thousands of low-income families and individuals file both federal and state taxes and claim refunds. In 2009, tax help will be available to qualified individuals from Feb. 1 through April 15.

“It’s a real opportunity for people who want to gain a useful skill and give back to the community.” said Michelle Stobnicke, dean of SFCC’s business and advanced technologies department. She encourages nontraditional students, such as retired individuals, to sign up.

Registration for January classes is open now. For information or to register online, go to www.sfccnm.edu. To speak with an academic adviser, call (505) 428-1270.

About TAX HELP New Mexico

Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) founded TAX HELP New Mexico to provide free income tax preparation to its low income and elderly neighbors. The Internal Revenue Service and the New Mexico Department of Taxation and Revenue are among its affiliate partners. For more information or to register online, go to www.taxhelpsf.org.

About Santa Fe Community College

Santa Fe Community College is 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 or call (505) 428-1000.

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