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**Internationally Recognized Educator to Highlight SFCC Diversity Summit**

**Santa Fe, NM, Nov. 12, 2008** - Santa Fe Community College hosts a free diversity workshop with Jane Elliott, creator of the groundbreaking “Brown Eyes/Blue Eyes” educational video and group exercise, Nov. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the SFCC Jemez Rooms, 6401 Richards Ave. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Titled “Power, Perception and Prejudice,” Elliott’s presentation uses audience members and visual aids to discuss how we recognize, identify and appreciate differences on which power is assigned. She also discusses some of the ways in which we are conditioned to develop our perceptions of other people.

A lifelong teacher and anti-racism activist, Elliott came into international recognition in education and civil rights circles more than 30 years-ago after devising the controversial and poignant “Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes” exercise, which she formulated for her third-grade class in response to the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This, now famous, exercise labels participants as inferior or superior based solely upon the color of their eyes and exposes them to the experience of being a minority, according to Elliott’s official Web site, JaneElliott.com.

Elliott’s lecture is sponsored by SFCC’s Office of Student Development and the Student Government Association.

For more information about the lecture, call 428-1266 or visit [sfccnm.edu](http://sfccnm.edu).

**About Santa Fe Community College**

Now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year, 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](http://www.sfccnm.edu) or call (505) 428-1000.

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