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**President's Report to the Governing Board**  
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As you know, SFCC was center stage on March 20 when House Minority Leader **Nancy Pelosi** visited campus last week with Congressman Ben Ray Luján. They toured four stops in the TATC. We often hear how SFCC is a community treasure, and it came across loud and clear as our students and faculty members spoke, and Congressman Luján recalled his father's key role in founding the college. Every single student was articulate and compelling in telling the story about how education transforms lives and community. Our employer/partners added comments that completed the circle. I know the Board joins me in expressing appreciation to the Congressman and Leader Pelosi for coming to campus and putting our work in the spotlight at that level.

Last month, services were held for **Dr. James Miller, Sr.**, one of SFCC's founders. He and his wife continued to be supporters of SFCC through the years, and have a James and Mildred Miller Presidential Title V Endowed Scholarship Fund through the SFCC Foundation.

**Native American Week** starts April 13 with events planned for each day, culminating with signing MOUs for new scholarships established to support students from the Eight Northern Pueblos and the Navajo Nation. Deans will be on hand to promote their school programs.

**Dual Credit:** Private schools, Santa Fe Prep, Desert Academy and St. Michael's High School are anxious to implement Dual Credit programs. Agreements are anticipated for Fall 2015.

**YouthBuild:** Students in the YouthBuild program at SFCC completed a 1,200 square-foot, energy-efficient home, which was moved to its permanent location and will be sold according to the city's affordable housing program. Funds to construct the house were provided by the Building Trades Advisory Corporation. YouthBuild serves at-risk youth between the ages of 16 and 24 with free classes and skills training to work toward a high school equivalency and a certificate. The college is recruiting for the next cohort, and one of our instructors – Tony Eagan – worked with Janet to get a nice column in the paper, which is resulting in a lot of inquiries into the program.

**Food Trucks:** The SFCC Foundation and Culinary Arts Program have a new partnership with the Simon Foundation to provide eligible students experience with food trucks. Students will enhance their culinary expertise while learning business and entrepreneurial skills. The Simon Foundation is donating the food truck as well as funding for scholarships. The food truck did a soft launch on campus, and was featured in the *New Mexican*. The food truck will be stationed at the Higher Education Center as well as other locations.

**Student Winners of Home Show.** Students showcased their talents at the [2015 Santa Fe Home Show's SFCC Design Competition](#) March 14-15. Thanks to the support from the [Santa Fe Area Homebuilders Association](#) and PNM. These are the winners:

- Interior Design: 1<sup>st</sup> Roksanda Nikolic, 2<sup>nd</sup> Arjun Bhakta, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynn Loya
- Architecture: 1<sup>st</sup> Charlotte McKeman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ronald E. James Jr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Design Team Arjun Bhakta, Clara Khalsa, Rachel Patty, Antonio A. Rael, Danny Valdez and Chris Vigil
- Wood Carving/Wood Turning: 1<sup>st</sup> Alex Meyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Norma Evans, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alex Reinhardt

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- Fine Woodworking: 1<sup>st</sup> Viola Lechner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Klosterman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anastasia Docherty
  - Sculpture: 1<sup>st</sup> Colin Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Hoffer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Doug Hall
  - People's Choice Award: Michael Klosterman (Fine Woodworking Project)

**Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Kappa Xi** members and attended the Spring Convention recently and picked up no fewer than nine awards, including the Shining Star Award for excellence, which is given for making a difference in regional programs.