



President's Report to the Governing Board
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Students

The Santa Fe Home Show on March 12 and 13 at the Convention Center featured the work of 24 SFCC Students. The students will compete in three categories: Fine Woodworking, Wood Turning/Carving and Sculpture. The Design Competition is hosted by the Santa Fe Area Home Builders Association and sponsored by the Public Service Company of New Mexico.

Native American Week is being celebrated this week. Earlier this week, events included dances from several tribes and guest speaker Rosalita Whitehair on the topic of "Disasters and Resilience in Indian Country." She is the Diné National Domestic Preparedness Consortium Tribal Adviser and Disaster Response & Recovery Emergency Manager and one of the first Native Americans inducted into the International Women in Homeland Security and Emergency Management Hall of Fame. Also during Native American Week, we welcomed tribal leaders and hosted a Native American scholarship luncheon this afternoon and Marcos Maez led tours for visiting students. We invite everyone to attend the arts and crafts fair tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the courtyard

Art students exhibited their work at the New Mexico History Museum through March 26. The show was "The Book's the Thing: Shakespeare from Stage to Page." Our three students, Will Karp, Gary Shallcross and Julie Nocent-Vigil, were among 15 selected to show their contemporary handmade books based on the works of Shakespeare.

We had a very successful **Transfer Day on March 1** on campus, with 10 institutions participating.

A student leadership conference, "**Difference: I Am**" was held on March 4 and attracted about 150 students from high schools and colleges across the state. The student Ambassadors, PTK, and SGA are all involved in this annual conference

On March 11, **Culinary Arts students** once again partnered with the **SFCC Foundation** to put on a great feast to raise funds for their educational trip to Italy. The meal was a four-course, mouth-watering Napolitano themed dinner, with wine, and was a tremendous success.

The upcoming **Career Fair** on April 21 will be another great opportunity for students, especially those who are graduating and seeking employment. Our **Career Services** office, headed by Patty Armstrong, does an excellent job of attracting local and even regional and national employers to come and talk to our students.

Congratulations to Our Winners of the LANL Foundation's Regional College/Returning Scholarships. The LANL Foundation's Regional College Returning Student Scholarships are \$1,000 awards that help nontraditional students return to formal education to expand job opportunities or pursue new careers with a certification or two-year degree from a local, accredited college or university. We had 11 winners from a variety of academic areas.

On February 26, two film students – Adriel Takashi Soloway and Regina Nein – received \$1,000 awards for film capstone projects and two faculty members – Diana de Aguinaga Pettersson and Jonathan Mugford – each received \$2,000 awards for fellowship work and professional development. All four are recipients of funds from **New Mexico Film Office's Give Back Fund**. In partnership with New Mexico Film Resource and the Santa Fe Community College Foundation, cash awards are given to students for exceptional academic work and entrepreneurial skills. Fellowship award funds are given to faculty members to gain additional skills for their professional careers and then to translate those skills back into the classroom to benefit students.

Community Engagement

The college and our Foundation are partnering with the City's Outdoor Recreation Department to put on the benefit **SFCC Bootcamp Ultrathon** on Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Registration for that event is \$20 and proceeds benefit our food pantry, the **Campus Cupboard**.

The **Certified Nursing Assistant test** is now available in our own **Testing Center** on campus. The process to become a testing center is a rigorous one, but sets a standard that can only help our SFCC students studying nursing assisting be successful, because now they can get both the program and the certification test right here on campus.

Faculty & Staff News

Author Natalie Goldberg read along with SFCC students on Tues., March 22 at 3 p.m. in the library. Her newest book is *"The Great Spring."* This event was part of the series "Readings at the Library" put on by our Library and the School of Liberal Arts. February's reading featured faculty members from across the curriculum and attracted a standing-room only crowd.



Phyllis Baca featured in STEM calendar. Phyllis Baca is featured in the New Mexico Women of STEM calendar, honoring excellence and inspiration in Science, Technology and Engineering. The text of Phyllis' page boasted that that Baca graduated from NMSU with a master's degree in Industrial Engineering and, of course, is our Director of STEM Initiatives as well as an Assistant Professor of Engineering. She is an eighteenth generation New Mexican and notes that while she was in elementary school, she read every dinosaur and Jacques Cousteau book in the library.

We're proud to share that once again, **Dean Jenny Landen** spoke nationally on the topic of Academic Progression in Nursing. This particular conference on nursing was in Santa Monica, CA in late February. Dean Landen is becoming a much-sought-after speaker on the topic of helping states achieve the goal of seamless academic progression and increasing the number of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020.

Associate Professor Miriam Sagan has published a new book titled "Geographic: A Memoir of Time and Space."

Continuing Education **Instructor Lauren Camp** has published a new book of poetry titled "One Hundred Hungers."