



ESL Student Newsletter

SWC ESL Students Lose Beloved Instructor

By Michele Weaver, ESL Student Advocate



This photo of Henry Acejo shows him interacting enthusiastically and playfully with his students at Mid City Center Adult Education Center. Perhaps this enthusiasm and playfulness is part of why since Henry

Acejo's untimely death on December 18th, 2010, students' comments to me in person as well as on a specially dedicated Facebook page illustrate how much he touched students' lives. Henry taught ESL at Southwestern College as well as courses in ESL, Filipino, Filipino heritage and computer skills at UCSD, SDSU, and Mid-City Adult Education Center. In addition, he co-authored a Filipino textbook used at San Diego State University. *The Daily Aztec*, the SDSU newspaper, published an article covering a memorial

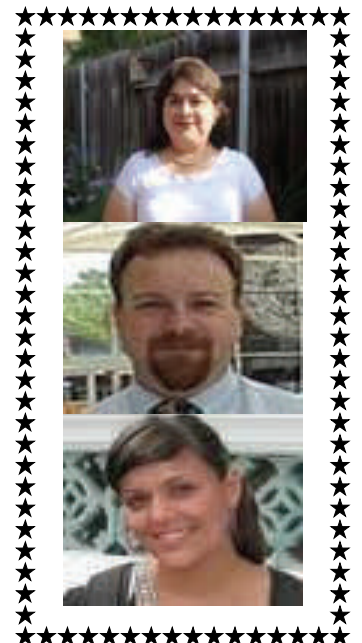
held in Henry's honor. A few lines from this article seem to compliment the photo of Henry well. They read, "Students did not cry at the memorial service honoring the life of Dr. Henry Acejo. This is not because they did not mourn his passing, but because the memories they drew on and shared in testimonials were fond ones, bringing smiles and laughter," and proving Henry did far more than just teach. (Kelly, Ruthie. "Students Remember Dr. Henry Acejo." *The Daily Aztec: at San Diego State University* 10 Feb. 2011. Web. 25 Feb. 2011.)

Three ESL Instructors Awarded for Excellence

Every year, Southwestern College faculty vote for three talented co-workers to receive Excellence in Teaching awards. This year, all three faculty who won these awards teach or have taught ESL classes, indicating the outstanding level of instruction in the ESL Department!!! ESL and Reading Instructor, Sylvia Garcia-Navarette, who started out at Southwestern College as a student over 25

years ago, and now is just one of about 700 part-time instructors, won the Adjunct Faculty Award. Also recognized, Andy MacNeill, the ESL Department Chair and President of the faculty union, won the Professional Leadership Award. As the head of the ESL Department the last few years, Andy has had a large part in the development of college readiness as a main focus in the ESL program. Finally,

a dynamic ESL and Italian instructor, Surian Figueroa received the Full-time Faculty Award. Surian works hard to link her students' learning to life off campus, often inviting students to Italian operas or other such field trips. Join the Southwestern College faculty in congratulating these great instructors!!





*Are you an ESL student
looking for more
opportunities to help you
succeed at Southwestern College?*

OPPORTUNITIES MODEL



*Can you benefit from any
of the opportunities
listed to your right?*



Opportunity	If yes, then go to this!	Where & When
Basic ESL Class CREDIT (5 units)	ESL Oral Communication 1 (ESL 295A1 01)	MTWTHF 1:30 to 3:35 pm March 14 to May 13 Room 221
	ESL Oral Communication 1 (ESL 295A1 80)	MTW 1:30 to 4:45 pm March 14 to May 13 Room 5207/San Ysidro campus
	ESL Written Communication 1 (ESL 295A2 01)	MTWTHF 7:00 am to 9:05 March 14 to May 13 Room 1680
Basic ESL Class FREE	Non-Credit ESL Class – Introduction to Academic ESL II (NC 109-61)	MW 6:00 to 7:30 pm March 14 to May 11 Room 1686A
	Non-Credit ESL Class – Introduction to Academic ESL III (NC 110-60)	TTH 6:00 to 7:30 pm March 15 to May 5 Room 1686A
	Non-Credit ESL Class – Introduction to Academic ESL III (NC 110-50)	Sat 8:00 to 11:25 am March 19 to May 7 Room 1686A
Technology Class	ESL for Technology (ESL 54-01)	TTH 12:00 to 1:05 pm March 15 to May 12 Room 425
Sentence Writing Class	Intermediate Sentence Skills (ENG 62-02)	MW 11:00 to 11:50 pm March 7 to March 30 Room 103C
	Intermediate Sentence Skills (ENG 62-B4)	TTH 8:00 to 8:50 am March 8 to March 29 Room 1601
English Conversation	Spanish – English Conversation Club	Every Monday 2:00 to 2:50 pm Room 411B
	ESL Conversation Group with Michele Weaver, ESL Student Advocate	Every Wednesday 12:00 to 1:00 pm Room 446
	ESL Conversation Group with Michele Weaver, ESL Student Advocate	Every Thursday 5:30 to 6:20 pm Room 446
ESL Tutoring	Tutoring by an ESL instructor and/or a good study location for you alone or with your group.	See schedule of the Language Learning Salon in room 446
	Tutoring by ESL tutors through the Academic Success Center (ASC)	See Spring 2011 Tutor Work Schedule
Workshop on Using a Foreign Degree in the United States	Non-Credit Workshop – Using Your Foreign Degree in the United States	Wednesday 5:30 to 8:30 pm March 2 or May 11 Room 662
Workshop on Career Options	Workshop that will introduce you to tools to get information on a career that fits your needs & interests.	Tues & Wed, March 8 & 9 5:30 to 6:20 Room 445
Workshop on Certificates and Degrees at SWC	Workshop that will give you an overview of the available certificates and degrees at SWC and a general idea about the requirements.	Tues & Wed, April 5 & 6 5:30 to 6:20 Room 445 Tuesdays 11:00 and 5:00

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Mondays 8:30 to 12:00
Tuesdays 2:00 to 5:30;6:30 to 8:00
Wednesday 1:00 to 6:30
Thursday 2:00 to 5:30;6:30 to 8:00
Friday 9:00 to 4:00



Calendar

March

4 Scholarship Application Deadline

See www.swccd.edu/ScholarshipApplication/ for more info.

5 Financial Literacy Fair 10:00 - 2:00 National City Campus

- Learn how to secure and better manage your family income, how to open a business and support your community. Also, learn how to file your taxes.
- Food stands.
- Free admission workshops in Spanish.
- Children's workshops.

Call 308-9925 for more information. Se habla espanol.

29 Open House & Career Fair 10 - 1:00 Otay Mesa Campus

See exhibits, workshops and demonstrations about the programs and services available to you on this campus. Food, music, raffle!!! Free!!! Call 619-216-6750 for more information.

Field Trip to the exhibit *Race: Are We So Different?* at the Museum of Man in Balboa Park



Your teacher can inform you of the time you are scheduled to go, or if your class is not going, contact Michele Weaver, the ESL Student Advocate, about how you can join a trip.

April

Lunch & Learning

Enjoy lunch and watch the Hollywood film *Crash* (2004) about race and social tension in Los Angeles. Then participate in a discussion led by ESL students. More details soon.

Collaborative Art Project

Look for details in the next newsletter about the opportunity to work with other students on creating an art project together.

May

ESL Certificate Ceremony

6 Plan to come to the celebration to receive a certificate of completion or to cheer on other ESL students. Followed by lunch. Time and location TBA.