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### Alumni Spotlight: Where Are They Now?

Timothy Perez (2002) Assistant Professor for Information Systems Management at Brandman University of the Chapman University System. Timothy recently earned his Doctorate of Science in Information Systems from Dakota State University. We connected with Timothy and asked him a few questions about his endeavor after he graduated SCC.

### What have you accomplished after graduating from SCC?

Timothy:

After graduating from SCC, I transferred to Chapman University where I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems in 2006. Later, I continued my studies at

National University and completed a Master of Science degree in Information Systems in 2007. Most recently I completed a post-graduate program at Dakota State University and earned my Doctor of Science in Information Systems in May of 2013. I am currently serving as an Assistant Professor of Information Systems Management for Brandman University of the Chapman University System.

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### What is your favorite memory about SCC?

Timothy: I greatly enjoyed my experience with faculty at SCC. Faculty were committed to helping students achieve real world experience and be successful in both future academic or career goals.

### What changes would you like to see at SCC?

Timothy: When I attended SCC, the campus was relatively small. Since then the campus has seen significant growth and construction. Nonetheless, the computer science/computer information systems course offerings are still limited when compared to SCC's sister college SAC. I would like to see an enhanced focus on technology based courses in the computer information systems discipline.

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## Send Silence Packing Provides Dramatic Impact

Melissa Campitelli-Smith (Psychologist) and the Student Mental Health Program (SMHP) coordinated Send Silence Packing on the Humanities lawn, Tuesday, September 17. *Send Silence Packing* is an Active Minds public education display of 1,100 backpacks representing the 1,100 college students who die by suicide each year. This acclaimed Active Minds program aims to promote positive dialogue about mental health on college campuses and raise awareness about the incidence and impact of student suicide and encourages students to seek help when feeling depressed. *Send Silence Packing* was widely attended by students, faculty, staff, and administrators to help improve the conversation about mental health.



## Fall 2013 Campus Updates

At SCC we now have an enrollment of nearly 9,000 students from our area and beyond – and we are proud to be getting people ready for their futures. Our college offers the most comprehensive water utilities program in Orange County, and graduates work at water districts and agencies throughout the region. We direct the state's largest trades apprenticeship program, providing skilled workers in many fields. In the past five years, SCC has increased the number of certificates awarded from 344 to 1575, and the number of associates degrees awarded has nearly doubled (from 595 to

1174.) We have one of the state's largest continuing education programs. And, we are home to award-winning sports teams that compete in the Orange Empire League.

Last year Santiago Canyon College Foundation supported the new on-campus Coastkeeper's California-friendly Demonstration Garden (and Natural Play Garden, open to the public) and helped to launch the expanded International Student Program (to bring in additional funding and classroom offerings while broadening the student experience on campus).

## Upcoming Events:

### 2013

- November 14-21: Online Auction - for more information visit: [www.sccollege.edu/auction](http://www.sccollege.edu/auction) or call Julie Restivo at 714-628-4884 or Brenda Hohnstein at 714-628- 4963.

### 2014

- March 14: Community Science Night 6:00 p.m. Science Center
- April 25: Hawks 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament – 10:00 a.m., Tustin Ranch Golf Club



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