



This week's clip doesn't go back too far....2008, to be exact. But it seemed a fitting story to bring back this week, as SMCC's longtime Director of Admissions and Records, Angie Montaño, take her retirement effective this Friday. Angie, along with Aico Abercrombie and Cecilia Soto, were named SMCC's Women of Distinction that year for their leadership in implementing the college's new Student Information System. So let's re-visit that story again this week as we bid a fond farewell to someone that embodies all that South Mountain stands for....thank you for everything, Angie, and we wish you a happy, fruitful (and meeting-free) retirement!

Three Who Led SIS Implementation Selected 2008 SMCC Women of Distinction



Three SMCC women who comprised an outstanding team that implemented the new SIS system are a team again - as the 2008 SMCC Women of Distinction. While this top honor has always been awarded to a single person, "this year, these three women were equally important in implementing this long-awaited and complex system - and did so beautifully," notes President Ken Atwater.

The Women of Distinction are: Angie Montaño, Director of Admissions, Registration and Records; AiCo Abercrombie, Coordinator of Enrollment Services; and Cecilia Soto, Bursar.

"This project has been ongoing for several years and it takes a great deal of effort from everyone involved to have a successful outcome," notes Angie. "The SMCC team that worked on this project is truly wonderful and I'm very fortunate to have had this group to assist with this huge project."

As lead on the SMCC SIS implementation team, Angie oversaw the multi-year efforts of a college-wide committee, and was responsible for coordinating the many details involved in bringing the long-awaited system to life.

Angie has worked at SMCC for 24 years. More than seven years ago, former SMCC President John Cordova asked her to served on the SIS Committee. The project's I timeline "has been a challenge and at the same time...I'm glad the initial phase is over and we can go on with learning and using the new system," she adds.

Angie is honored to be selected a 2008 Woman of Distinction. "I was out on FMLA when I found out about this nomination, and this was a great honor that has been bestowed on me. I have always loved working at SMCC not only because I enjoy the work I do but also because of the familial atmosphere that exists at SMCC."