



Marine Diving Technology

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Exemplary Program Award

SBCC's Marine Technology recognized by California Community Colleges Board of Governors

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Santa Barbara—

The Chancellors office of the California Community Colleges has announced the selection of Santa Barbara City College's Marine Technology Program as being recognized for an Exemplary Program Award. Only two such awards are given amongst 106 colleges statewide.

The Foundation for California Community Colleges presented a check for \$4,000.00 to the program at a meeting of the Board of Governors in Sacramento.

The Marine Technician program at Santa Barbara City College was established in 1968 to meet the growing needs of the inshore, offshore marine industries that are engaged in underwater construction, research, public safety and worldwide development of marine resources.

It is recognized worldwide for its academic and vocational excellence, and is the only community college degree program in the nation which is accredited by both the Association of Commercial Diving Educators (ACDE) and NAUI the National Association of Underwater Instructors.

Don Barthelmess, Director of the Marine Technology Department said: "The College and the Marine Technology Department are indeed honored to be recognized by our peers for such a prestigious award. The program's success is the culmination of over thirty years of progressive effort from numerous tenured and adjunct faculty members, students, administrators, community members and industry personnel. These people have taken great pride in developing a one of a kind vocational program. We are surrounded by, and have access to many different human resources, which are the key for any successful vocational program. Our most important resources though are the quality groups of motivated and successful students year after year."

"We are fortunate to have a positive and supportive environment in which to train and an unsurpassed infrastructure of state- of -the- art equipment and facilities at SBCC. Central to the program's success, is the pro-active educational approach of SBCC's Administration and Board of Trustees that inspires improvement and takes leadership in pursuing opportunities and changes in Community College Education for the future."

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Excellence in Diving Career Education