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New Public High School Offers Students High School AND College Credit

WEST COVINA, Calif. – This fall, local students have a unique opportunity to earn college credits while attending the Mt. SAC Early College Academy, a new dual enrollment public high school. The collaboration between West Covina Unified School District and Mt. San Antonio College will allow students to earn their high school diplomas and at the same time earn up to two years of transferable college credit.

DRAFT QUOTE FROM DR. HINMAN: “By working with Mt. San Antonio College, we can help our students get even more from their high school experience,” said Dr. Charles Hinman, superintendent of West Covina Unified School District. “Through the Mt. SAC Early College Academy, students get a taste of the college experience while earning college credit.”

Mt. SAC Early College Academy students enjoy numerous benefits. Because the Mt. SAC Early College Academy is a dual enrollment high school, the students are not charged for college tuition nor textbooks even when they take college-level classes. Classes that provide college credit will be taught by Mt. San Antonio College professors to ensure the high school students benefit from the same level of knowledge and information that college students receive.

DRAFT QUOTE FROM DR. SCROGGINS: “We are honored to work with West Covina Unified School District to provide this service for local students,” said Dr. William T. Scroggins, president and CEO of Mt. San Antonio College. “This is an opportunity for students to get a

head start on their college careers even if they come from disadvantaged backgrounds. And if they continue at Mt. SAC, they can earn their Associate degree in just one year.”

The Mt. SAC Early College Academy launches this August with its first cohort of high school students. The school features small classes, a later start time, tutoring during the school day, and integrates project-based learning into the curriculum.

Parents of students interested in attending Mt. SAC Early College Academy are encouraged to learn more information online at <http://mtsaceca.wcusd.org> and attend upcoming information sessions. Applications for the first cohort of students are available from March 19 through May 4.