

# SACMEN NEWS

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## Event Highlight

The San Antonio College Men Empowerment Network recently hosted their monthly Plática, featuring Richard Farias, Director of Student Success. He presented Grit: *Con Ganas* and the latest research on indicators of succeeding in life. SACMEN demonstrated grit by participating in an activity involving teamwork, time management and communication. Afterwards they reflected on their efforts on juggling competing priorities while achieving their educational goals.



January 29, 2018: SACMEN participants apply grit and ganas to complete the task.

## Upcoming Events

### February Plática

*Designing Your Path to Success: What It takes!*

Featuring Charlie Boyd  
2018 Texas Mentor of the Year

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
NAHC 218 at 12:00 to 2:00 pm  
Refreshments and door prizes

**SAVE THE DATE**  
2018 Young Men's Conference  
March 9, 2018  
San Antonio College

## Mentor Spotlight



This month we highlight the mentoring relationship between new SACMEN Steve Torres and his mentor Geraldo Guerra.

Q: What have you learned in your approach to mentoring a new male student of color?  
Geraldo: *Mentoring is very difficult because it is a two way street. What I learned and continue to learn is to be honest-- openly honest. This is very important because you have to be able to sit back, listen to the student and not be judgmental or condescending. Yet, you have to maintain trust. It can be a complex approach resolved by taking the time to meet with the student regularly and develop a trusting relationship.*

Q: How has your mentor affected your life?  
Steve: *He's impacted my life in a positive way. He made me feel like I could do it. My mother and father did not go to college; they dropped out of high school. So for me to see someone who has been through it gives me motivation that I can do it.*

Thank you, Steve and Geraldo, for making us  
SAC PROUD!



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