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Sandoval named director of Criminal Justice Training Center

Former Walnut Creek Police Department Lieutenant Damien Sandoval has been named the new director of the Criminal Justice Training Center at Napa Valley College. He was confirmed at the December college board of trustees meeting and started work Jan. 5. Sandoval served the Walnut Creek Police Department for 28 years before deciding to retire to assume the position as director of the training center. He brings with him experience at all levels of law enforcement including, patrol, traffic enforcement, investigations, SWAT, training, and most recently, a one year assignment as an acting captain. He also has

15 years of part-time teaching experience at the Napa Valley College CJTC. Sandoval earned his master's degree in Public Administration from Cal State Hayward, and is a graduate of the California P.O.S.T. Command College, and the F.B.I. National Academy.

Sandoval is the 4th director of the police academy, replacing Greg Miraglia who was appointed dean of Career Technical Education at Napa



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Valley College last summer. Miraglia said, "After completing a state-wide search for the best candidate, I feel so lucky to have selected someone to succeed me with such a distinguished career. Damien is the perfect choice for

the job."

Napa Valley College's Police Academy was established in 1983 under the direction of Ron Havner. The program pro-

vides training for police officers, deputy sheriffs, correctional officers, probation officers, and 9-1-1 dispatchers. The academy graduated its 73rd class last December, bringing the total number of police recruit graduates to well over 2500.

For more information about the Criminal Justice Training Center and police academy program, see www.nvccjtc.org. New full-time classes will start in April and July 2009. A part-time evening format class will start in September 2009. Spring testing dates to enter the academy are Feb. 14, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13.

Napa Valley College's Viticulture and Winery Technology Program celebrates first bonded wine

Napa Valley College's outstanding Viticulture and Winery Technology Department will host a barrel tasting of NVC's first bonded wines between 5 and 7 p.m. Jan. 27. The event is free and open to the public. (All tasters must be of 21 years of age to participate.) It will be an opportunity to see the Napa Valley Vintners' Teach-

ing Winery on campus, taste the wine and learn more about the Viticulture and Winery Technology Program.

NVC is the first California Community College able to produce and sell wine. The program combines the art, science and business of wine production in the Napa Valley.

Spring classes started Jan. 21. Late registration is now in progress. Many types of students enroll in the program, from those who are trying to gain entry or move up in the cellar to those who are looking to make wine from their own vineyard. Those



who could benefit from the classes also include servers and sommeliers looking to improve their knowledge to provide better service to their customers, winery management looking to improve knowledge and

improve communication with their staff, grape growers looking to produce their own family wines and home winemakers who need to troubleshoot problems or who want to refine their craft.

Spring classes include Fundamentals of Wine Chemistry & Microbiology, Spring

Spring Semester

Late Registration Through Jan. 27

Saturday Late Registration

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24
on main campus - Napa

See www.napavalley.edu
for information on late start classes
& late start online classes.

Inaugural Poet had strong ties to Napa Valley



Submitted Photo

Elizabeth Alexander reading at Rubicon Winery during the Napa Valley Writers' Conference of 2007.

President-elect Barack Obama selected an Inaugural Poet with strong ties to the Napa Valley.

Elizabeth Alexander, who read at the Inauguration on January 20, is a regular faculty member at the

Napa Valley College Napa Valley Writers' Conference, according to Anne Matlack Evans, managing director.

"She was a faculty poet in July 2007, and was such a success we asked her back this summer. She'll be teaching, reading and lecturing from July 26 to July 31. We're enormously pleased for her and proud that President-elect Obama picked one of our favorites."

Elizabeth Alexander's most recent collection of poems, *American Sublime*, was a finalist for the 2006 Pulitzer Prize. Her other books of poetry are *Antebel-*



Photo by Richard Bruns

As a part of the spring 2009 semester Flex Day, faculty, staff and administrators watch the CNN network's live-stream broadcast of the Inauguration of President Obama.

lum Dream Book, Body of Life and The Venus Hottentot. Also a scholar of African-American literature and culture, she has published a book of essays, *The Black Interior.*

Alexander is only the fourth poet in American history to read at an inauguration. Writing an "occasional poem" to commemorate a specific event is not precisely what Alexander does, according to an interview published in the *New York Times* on December 21, 2008. She declared herself to be ready for the challenge, however. "Writing an occasional

poem has to attend to the moment itself," the *Times* article quotes her as saying. "But what you hope for as an artist, is to create something that has integrity and life that goes beyond the moment."

Elizabeth Alexander is currently professor of African-American Studies at Yale University. Her short stories and critical prose have been widely published and her poems are widely anthologized.

For more information, see www.napawritersconf.org.

Are you interested in training for a new career?



Photo by Betty Malmgren

In December Tom Smeltzer, standing at right in white hard hat, and his welding class toured the new Library construction site to see welders in action.

In addition to day classes, Welding is offered in the evening this spring at Napa Valley College for those who want to train for a new job while they are still employed. Both certificate and degree programs are offered. Late registration is in progress.

Napa Valley College offers many technical and career programs from Machine Tool Technology to AutoCAD, from GIS to Viticulture and Winery Technology. In Digital Design Art, an

InDesignCS3 class is offered this spring. Various classes in Hospitality and Tourism Management are offered for those wanting to enter the field or advance in their career. The college also has an outstanding Engineering program.

For more information, see www.napavalley.edu for the complete spring schedule and registration information. Financial aid information is available by calling 707-253-3020.

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Winery Operations, Fundamentals of Enology, Winery Management, and Viticulture and Winery Technology work experience, among others. At the event information will be available on the options for obtaining a certificate,

AA degree or transferring to a four-year winemaking program.

See www.napavalley.edu for the complete list of spring classes and late registration information. For additional information email winery@napavalley.edu.

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