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PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

# Community colleges

Discover a future full of unlimited possibilities.

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**T**oday's Woman in South Orange County has featured inspiring and informative profiles of women who are achieving their goals and dreams through education. Women such as Kathryn Lee and Farzaneh Farhand have overcome great odds to go to school; and younger students like Vanessa Dominguez and Sally Lorenz are using education as a stepping stone to greater things. In the months ahead, there will be even more stories of women of all ages and backgrounds who share how community colleges have helped them achieve their lifelong ambitions.

Obtaining an education for many women is more than just registering for classes. They face obstacles such as money, time, and, sometimes, just basic skills. Student services are the lifeline for those women, whose education would otherwise be just a dream. Saddleback College in Mission Viejo and Irvine Valley College in Irvine can help.

For those who lack money, scholarships and financial aid are available. At graduation,

the colleges even give away scholarships to help students who transfer to universities and four year colleges. Many students need childcare in order to attend classes. Both colleges offer professionally staffed childcare facilities for students. Both colleges also provide career counseling, transfer workshops, English as Second Language (ESL) programs, and many others.

The colleges' have a motto: "Our schedule fits yours." Classes are available nights, weekends and online. Saddleback and Irvine Valley Colleges offer an excellent value for an excellent education with a caring faculty and staff who are committed to student success. With an education, you can get a better job, earn more money, and meet other people who will help you achieve your goals.

An education can deliver a future full of unlimited possibilities. To schedule a visit or to talk with someone at Saddleback or Irvine Valley Colleges, contact Erin Marshall at (949) 582-4347 or e-mail: [emarshall@socccd.org](mailto:emarshall@socccd.org). **tw**

