



**Ford PAS Professional Development Opportunity**  
**Mini-Institute San Antonio**  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Registration Deadline: Friday, July 16, 2009**

**Ford PAS Mini-Institute**—This mini-institute focuses on Ford PAS Foundations modules: *From Concept to Consumer: Building a Foundation in Problem Solving*; *Media and Messages: Building a Foundation of Communication Skills*; and *We All Run on Energy*. These modules introduce students to key skills important for academic and workplace success. The mini-institute introduces participants to the professional development philosophy of Ford PAS.

**Goals for Participants:**

- ❖ Examine effective strategies and tools to prepare students for post-secondary education and the workplace
- ❖ Explore techniques to build students' skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and teamwork
- ❖ Explore inquiry- and problem-based approaches to teaching and learning
- ❖ Reflect on your teaching strategies and school culture
- ❖ Learn strategies for linking classroom learning with real-world applications
- ❖ Gain experience with an academically rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum
- ❖ Examine effective ways of integrating technology into the curriculum
- ❖ Become familiar with the Ford PAS program in the foundation and energy modules
- ❖ Become familiar with the skills employers seek in future employees
- ❖ Plan for the implementation of Ford PAS in your community

As business and education leaders, we want all students to succeed in the classroom and the real world. We want to actively engage students in learning so that they can develop core knowledge and skills they can bring to college or the workplace. The Ford PAS program and curriculum is designed to make these connections by providing high-quality interdisciplinary learning experiences that challenge students academically. Whether you are new to Ford PAS or have some experience with the program and curriculum, we invite you to participate in the mini-institute to explore the Ford PAS approach to teaching and learning with educators from your region who shares a common commitment to advancing student learning. We encourage P-16 educators, including professors who can align the curriculum, and welcome teachers of English language arts, business, social studies, manufacturing, engineering, technology, math, science, and other subject areas.

*Before I began Ford PAS group projects I thought that I was a follower, was not an especially good problem-solver, and did not have leadership skills. The experience of having to work in a group to solve real-world problems has taught me that I can think through the problems, determine what is needed to solve them, break down the work so each person can make a contribution, and use each person's ideas to produce workable solutions.*

—Ford PAS student (Atlanta)

**Space is limited, so register today on the Alamo Colleges home page link to Ford PAS:**  
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