SAN DIEGO – March 21, 2016 – San Diego City College (SDCC) is proud to announce that two of its students — Issanna Loughman and Jennifer Yonker — have been named to the 2016 All-California Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Team. Yonker was named to the 3rd Team and Loughman to the 1st Team.

Loughman was also named a 2016 New Century Scholar for receiving the highest application score in the state.

The New Century Scholars Program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges, and the All-USA Community College Academic Team Program to recognize outstanding community college students. Loughman will receive a $2,000 scholarship and certificate at the annual Presidents Breakfast at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention in Chicago on April 12.

“We are so proud of Issanna and Jennifer, as they exemplify the excellence that all our students strive to achieve,” said Dr. Anthony Beebe, SDCC president. “Issanna receiving top honors in the state is reflective of the quality of our faculty and academic programs at San Diego City College.”

Loughman, a psychology major, is on the dean’s list and has been inducted into two national honor societies: Psi Beta and PTK. A dedicated community volunteer, Loughman has created multiple outreach programs including the Hart Healing Art Project for therapeutic art activities, the Vida Joven Preschool Program to help orphaned preschoolers in Mexico, and a college Psychology and AODS Tutoring Program. She plans to earn a B.A. in developmental psychology and a doctorate in clinical psychology so she can offer therapy to children with mental illness and conduct research to support positive policy change concerning the treatment of children in residential psychiatric care.
Yonker, a nursing education major, is also a dean’s list student and member of the PTK National Honor Society. She volunteers for Nursing Department health promotions; works as an EMT for the TriCity Medical Center Emergency Department; and is looking forward to working in critical care, obstetrics or a combination of the two after graduating from Cal State San Marcos with a B.S. in nursing.

Four other San Diego Community College District students join Loughman and Yonker on the All-California PTK Team: two from San Diego Mesa College, Carisa Jaimes Flores and Tinh-Tanh Pham-Tran; and two from San Diego Miramar College Randall Dexter and Thaimae Le. All award recipients will be recognized as outstanding scholars at the Community College League of California’s awards luncheon in Sacramento on March 24.

About San Diego City College
Established in 1914, San Diego City College serves as the educational cornerstone of downtown San Diego. A 60-acre urban campus, City College serves more than 16,000 students, offering nearly 200 majors and degrees, 500 certificates, and 1,800 classes. City College is part of the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), the second largest of California’s 72 community college districts, which also includes Mesa College, Miramar College and Continuing Education. For more information, visit www.sdcity.edu.

About Phi Theta Kappa
Headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in higher education with 1,285 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, U.S. territorial possessions and eight sovereign nations. More than 3 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 134,000 students inducted annually.