

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMUNITY REPORT

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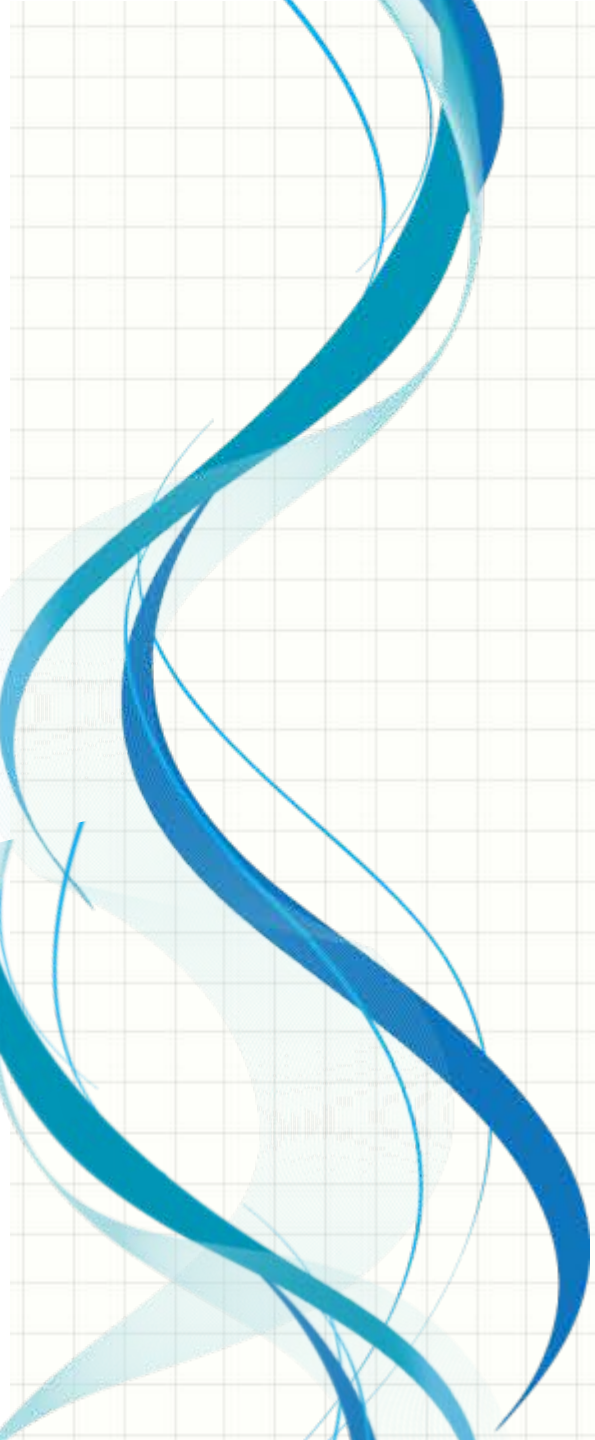


Preparing Local Students





with High Quality
Education



for
High Quality
Jobs

Serving Our Region's Needs

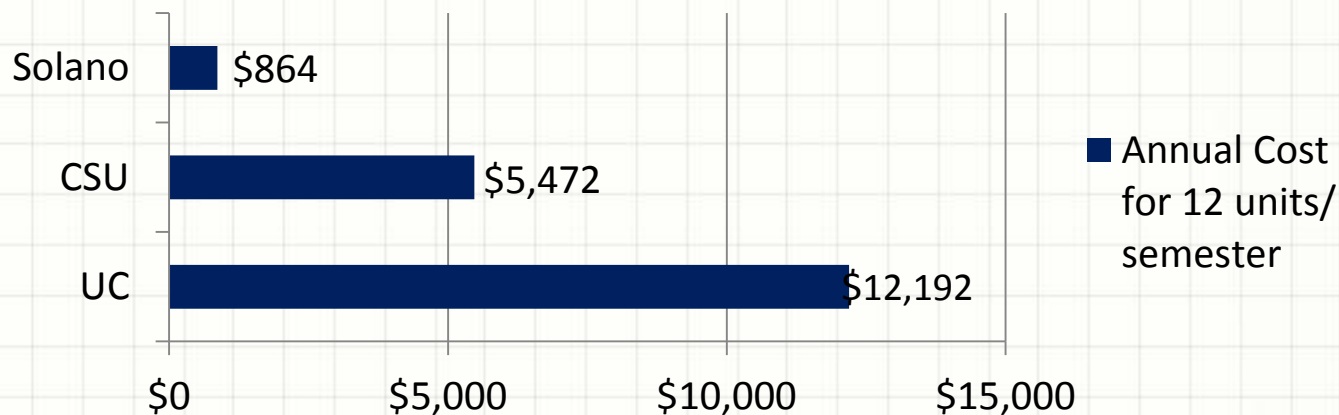
- Providing access to affordable, high-quality, college education close to home
- Providing job training and education for people entering the workforce or training for new professions



Rising Cost of College Education

- The costs of attending a public university have risen as much as six times that of attending a community college.

Tuition and Fee Comparisons 2011-12



- Solano Community College needs additional facilities funding to continue to provide high-quality, affordable college options for students transferring to 4-year colleges.

Providing High-Quality College Education

- By establishing academic partnerships, Solano College can provide access to a college education, close to home
 - Sonoma State (courses at Vallejo Center)
 - California Maritime Academy
 - Sacramento State
 - UC – Davis
 - UC – Berkeley
- Allows students to take university courses at Solano College



Education Needs

- We need additional funding for the technology and infrastructure necessary to:
 - Expand Academic Partnership programs
 - Increase the number of satellite locations where our faculty teach
 - Expand online courses available
- We need to upgrade science and technology classrooms/laboratories to equip students with the advanced skills they need
 - Our students must be able to compete in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Medicine



Preparing Students For Universities

- Middle College
 - With additional funds Solano College can begin to offer Middle College options to high school students
 - Start college work while in high school and earn an Associate's degree or transfer credits to 4-year university
 - Upon graduation, they are better prepared for college
- Saves time & money on the way to a 4-year degree



Needs for Job Preparation



- It is hard to get a job in the current economy
- We provide job training and workforce preparation so that students will be competitive for the high-skill jobs they need to drive our local economy.
- Additional funding will support training and education programs in:

Nursing

Aeronautics

Welding

Cosmetology

Vocational Engineering

Automotive Technology

Health Services

Computer-Aided Design

Fire-Fighting

Clean Energy

Law Enforcement

Biotechnology



Urgent Need to Expand Access to Career Technical Education

- Nursing
 - Need for facilities to support high demand for registered nursing program
- Biotech/Bioscience
 - Local and regional employment opportunities
 - Strengthening workforce development partnerships including Kaiser, Alza, Genentech, and Novartis.
 - Need to modernize, upgrade, and equip classrooms to help students develop skills to be competitive for high-skill positions at local firms



Career Technical Education (contin.)

- Firefighting
 - Primary local source for educating/training local firefighters, but needs updated equipment and facilities
 - We no longer have fire engines because they were so old we couldn't afford to maintain them



- Automotive Technology
 - Local Auto Dealer Association has expressed strong demand to bring back program to meet growing needs
 - Updated facilities needed to better tie into ASE certification programs



- Clean Energy
 - Must expand program offerings to educate students for the new green jobs of the 21st century economy

Needs Are Urgent

- Years of state budget cuts have reduced money available for education.
- In 2011-12, the State took \$4.7 million from Solano College.
- Sacramento is proposing to take another \$2 million from us next year.
- In our current economy, with recent Solano College budget cuts, additional funding is needed to ensure facilities can meet demand.

We need to have the funds necessary for updated facilities to continue to provide quality job training and affordable alternatives to four-year universities.



Specifically we need to...



- Ensure facilities meet earthquake safety standards
- Increase collaborations and partnerships with private and public employers to fulfill local job training and placement needs
- Prepare Solano County and Winters students for universities
- Upgrade facilities to prepare Solano County and Winters students for jobs

Additional Needs

- Upgrade facilities to provide ADA access for individuals with disabilities
- Provide career technical education in fields such as engineering technology, biotechnology, cosmetology, welding, automotive technology, and clean energy
- Expand opportunities for students to take university courses at local community college sites



Working to Address These Needs

- We are in the process of getting input from the community on their priorities.
- Together with stakeholders, the Board of Trustees, residents and local businesses, we will develop a fiscally responsible plan to present to the community.



At this time, Solano College does not have the funds necessary to address our infrastructure needs.

How You Can Help

- Let us know your priorities!
- Fill out a feedback form today and hand back in after the presentation.
- Do you belong to other organizations that need this information? Let us know!
- For more information, visit **www.solano.edu**





QUESTIONS?