

Accreditation Updates

Solano College, Academic Affairs

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We thought this would be a good time to begin sharing small portions of the accreditation standards with you, so you can better understand the purpose of accreditation and how you contribute. Our college mission statement is, in fact, guided by an accreditation standard, so what better place to start? Here's a color-coded version our mission statement, showing how it reflects what is required in the standard:

Standard I: Mission, Academic Quality, and Institutional Effectiveness

I.A.1. The mission describes the institution's **broad educational purposes**, its **intended student population**, the **types of degrees and other credentials it offers**, and its **commitment to student learning and achievement**.

Our (color coded) Mission Statement:

Solano Community College's mission is **to educate** a **culturally and academically diverse student population drawn from our local communities and beyond**. **We are committed to helping our students achieve their educational, professional, and personal goals**. **Solano transforms students' lives with undergraduate education, transfer courses, career-and-technical education, certificate programs, workforce development and training, basic-skills education, and lifelong-learning opportunities**.

(This was last revised in June 2016 to include "undergraduate education" to reflect the upcoming Baccalaureate degree in Biomanufacturing)



Wanna Win Donuts for Your School?

The old college mission statement (dated 2013) still adorns many walls at our college. We need your help to **find them** and **tear them down!** If you see one of the old mission statements, tear it down and give it to your school Dean. *The Dean who collects the most outdated mission statements by April 7 wins a special prize: donuts and coffee for their school!* During Spring Break, the new Mission Statements will magically appear across campus!

Guess Who's Coming to Solano?

DO YOU KNOW WHEN OUR SITE VISIT IS?

The most exciting part of the accreditation process is the **site visit**. This is the time when a team of external evaluators – a peer group made up of academics and administrators from our sister community colleges – comes to our campus to seek evidence supporting the college's assertions in our self-evaluation report. By the time the evaluation team arrives, much of the college's work will have already been completed. Led by Melissa Reeve, self-evaluation report writer, and Saki Cabrera, data collection designer, our team has done a tremendous job telling the story of Solano Community College.

**Our site visit is
October 2-5, 2017.
Let's be ready!**

Self-Evaluation Timeline:

Week of Mar 27	<i>Writing Continues</i>
April 5	<i>Self-Evaluation Session with Governing Board</i>
April 24-May 7	<i>Draft available for Constituent Groups to Review for Feedback</i>
May 24	<i>Final Version due to Superintendent-President Esposito-Noy</i>
June 2	<i>1st Read by the Governing Board</i>
June 28	<i>Governing Board Approval</i>
August 1	<i>Submittal to ACCJC (90 days prior to Site Visit)</i>
October 2-5	<i>Accreditation Site Visit!</i>

Did you Know...

... Solano College offers **73** A.A. and A.S. degrees, **19** Associate Degrees for Transfer, and **39** different Certificates. Plus **1** brand new 4-year Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomanufacturing!

For a brief online course (one-two hours) on accreditation basics, go to www.trainingway.com/accjc/

Flex credit eligible!

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