

Doing What Matters for Jobs in Solano County newsletter

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SOLANO COLLEGE
CAREER TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

BUILDING CAREERS



SUPPORTING LOCAL
INDUSTRY

MAKING PROGRESS!

On April 21st we held the last meeting of the school year for the Doing What Matters for Jobs in Solano County initiative where discussions continued on an SCC “Point Person”, Soft Skills, Marketing and Advanced Manufacturing.

The SCC Career Technical Education programs have made significant strides since we started with our first meeting on August 12th and participants have been an important part of the process for moving programs forward. We are pleased to post a list of our accomplishments since we began this process:

1. A new Full-time Advanced Manufacturing/Robotics instructor is being hired to teach and revitalize the program. The program will support local industries in who require a trained workforce with the current technical skills.
2. Two new Biotechnology faculty have been hired. One faculty member for lower division and one upper division bachelor’s degree program.
3. From the start, community participants outside the college expressed the need for one point of contact for CTE programs. Julene Calvo is now our CTE point person to assist the community with information and questions regarding our programs (707) 864-7000 ext.5896.
4. An internship site developer is being hired to facilitate work-based learning opportunities.
5. A new position of Strong Workforce Coordinator will be hired to help manage CTE and pathways grants.
6. For the first time this summer we will be teaching Work Experience courses so students who have summer internships are able to enroll in the program. This was in direct response to employer requests.
7. CTE faculty are now looking into requiring the current Soft Skills class in degree and certificates where it is now an elective or not part of the program.
8. This summer SCC will hold a summer Introduction to the Building Trades programs targeting high school students that will teach student skills that will prepare them for various Trades. This program is in partnership with local unions. Subjects will include topics such as applied math, blueprint reading, 3D printing, soft skills, the labor union history, and other related subjects.
9. SCC will be opening 2 new CTE buildings this fall, An 18 bay Auto Tech building in Vallejo and a 38,000 sq. Science/Biotech building in Vacaville
10. The college is creating a Maker Space on the Fairfield campus. The Maker Space will be a fun place for students to create and design, but will also support programs like Drafting/Design, Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering and other Career and Technical Programs by helping students develop interests and skills in those areas.

11. The SCC Aeronautics program has entered a partnership with Delta Airlines. Graduates will have a direct path to employment with Delta Airlines because of this agreement.
12. CTE Star award – Solano Community College is receiving a CTE Stars award from the Chancellor’s Office. This award is a direct result of significant gains in enrollment and wage gains of graduate in the Automotive Technology and Biotechnology programs.

PARTICIPANTS OF OUR APRIL 21ST MEETING



“The best way to predict the future is to design it.”
Buckminster Fuller

WHAT’S NEXT!

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in October. We will let you know more in late summer. Until then, faculty and staff at SCC will continue to work hard to create strong CTE programs for our community.

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