

November / December 2021

ASSC / STUDENT LIFE NEWSLETTER



The latest for students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Solano Community College

FALCONS-

We've made it through midterms and are now fighting on through the last few weeks of the semester. As fall starts, we enter the fall and winter holidays. Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanza, and around the corner, New Years. These are all times to give thanks and spend time with those we love. Remember to take regular breaks to put your mental and physical health first. Wash your hands, wear your mask, be responsible, and be respectful of family and friends. Staying healthy has never been more important than it is today. Be there for your friends and family, but most importantly, be there for yourself.

The end of the semester also sparks planning and preparation for spring semester. Creating your educational goals and personal goals now can better prepare you for a fresh start next January. These decisions don't come easy sometimes, so make sure to utilize the resources here at Solano such as our Counseling Department to help with everything from creating an academic plan to wellness counseling to career counseling and more. Find out more at solano.edu/counseling/index.php.

We need YOU! Join the Associated Students of Solano Community College (ASSC)

Become a student leader and be a voice for your classmates.

Available ASSC Positions:

- Legislative Advocate
- Public Relations Officer
- Vocational Curriculum Senator
- Business Services Senator
- Liberal Arts Senator
- Applied Tech and Business Senator

Contact Dr. Rischa Slade (Rischa.Slade@solano.edu) and President Abigail Olvera (abbsolvera12@gmail.com) with questions and find the ASSC application on solano.edu/assc.

Follow **@assc.solano** on Instagram for up-to-date SCC events and activities.

COVID-19 UPDATES

The most recent and accurate information about Solano's Covid-19 protocols and regulations can be found on their Coronavirus Homepage at welcome.solano.edu/coronavirus/.

" Students will be required to either get vaccinated, get tested, or take online classes and use online student services exclusively.

- Students who are already fully vaccinated with both shots of either Pfizer or Moderna or the one shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will upload a photo of their vaccination record to Canvas.
- If you are not yet vaccinated, but wish to be before Oct. 15, you have options. You can find free vaccination clinics in the community. See the schedule. Also, most pharmacies and supermarkets now offer walk-in vaccinations.
- If you prefer not to get vaccinated, you must undergo COVID testing twice a week, and upload a negative result for each test to be allowed on campus. The college will offer free testing 5 days a week (M-F), including some evening hours. The PCR test is a non-invasive saliva test that requires you to spit in a cup.
- Employees and volunteers will also be required to be fully vaccinated by October 15th or submit negative COVID test results before coming to campus. For more information, click here.

**MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED INDOORS AT ALL TIMES
(regardless of vaccination status) "**

Refer to the Coronavirus Homepage for more information on providing proof of vaccination status, testing results, Course Key FAQs, and what to do if you test positive.

IMPORTANT DATES

Don't wait before it's too late!
Write it down now.

NOVEMBER 1-Spring Schedule is available for viewing on Class Finder

NOVEMBER 11-No classes, campus closed due to Veteran's Day.

NOVEMBER 15-Priority Registration Begins for Spring Semester of 2022.

NOVEMBER 17-22-Registration Opens for Continuing SCC Students

NOVEMBER 23-Registration Opens for New Students who HAVE Completed Education Plan and Orientation

NOVEMBER 24-Registration Opens for Returning Students

NOVEMBER 25-28-Thanksgiving Weekend

NOVEMBER 29-Registration Opens for Transfer Students

NOVEMBER 30-Registration Opens for New Students who HAVE NOT completed Education Plan and Orientation.

NOVEMBER 30-UC and CSU Applications for Transfer close

DECEMBER 1-Registration Open to K-12/Dual Enrollment Students

DECEMBER 2-Registration Open to ALL Students

DECEMBER 11-17-Finals Week

DECEMBER 17-Last Day to File for Pass/No Pass, Last Day of Fall 2021 Semester

EARLY ALERT

Early alert is a program to identify, reach out, and provide support and resource referrals to Solano Community College students who are at risk due to academic difficulties and/or from experiencing personal hardships. Their goal is to increase retention and reduce the number of students on academic probation and/or suspension as well as to assist with basic needs when appropriate.

When may a student reach out to Early Alert?

- **Emergency financial assistance**
- **Housing insecurity**
- **Food resources**
- **Chromebook loaner program**

Contact early.alert@solano.edu or Dr. Rischa Slade at 707.864.7000 ext. 4440

TAP

What is TAP? TAP, Targeted Academic Persistence, is one of many programs offered by the Academic Support Services Department that helps to improve a student's educational journey. TAP is designed to provide support and retention assistance to students experiencing academic difficulties.

When should I contact TAP?

- **When my GPA falls below 2.0**
- **When I'm placed on academic probation**
- **When I haven't completed 50% of attempted units**

Contact a TAP Counselor to plan and select courses prior to their registration deadline for the beginning of next semester. Their virtual office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00-5:00. Email TAP@solano.edu or call 707.864.7000 ext. 4752 now to get on TAP for Spring of 2022.

STUDENT RESOURCES

Academic Success and Tutoring Center

For the remainder of 2021, the Academic Success and Tutoring Center (ASTC) will be open on the Fairfield campus for in-person hours on a limited basis. To learn more about COVID-19 protocols for **in-person tutoring** as well as how to book a tutoring appointment, visit the ATSC website at solano.edu/academic_success_center for more in-depth details.

Online tutoring is available to all students by self-registration through the Canvas solano.instructure.com/enroll/EKEA7Y

Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid health care program. They serve low-income individuals including families, seniors, persons with disabilities, children in foster care, pregnant women, and more.

Find out more information and if you qualify for Medi-Cal through the Solano County Health and Social Services Medi-Cal and County Medical Services Program. You can reach their Fairfield office at 707.784.8050 or solanocounty.com/depts/hss/ees/medical/default.asp

Play a sport and want to compete at a higher level? Join one of the Falcon's seven different athletic teams today.

Prospective athletes can fill out recruit questionnaires and get coach contact information through the Solano Athletics webpage at solanoathletics.com/landing/index

Free Drive-Thru Food Distribution

Date and Time: November 18 1:00pm-3:00pm and December 9 1:00pm-3:00pm
Drive up to pick up bags of groceries outside of the 400 Building in the parking lot next to the flagpole.

Masks ARE required.

Questions? **Contact** early.alert@solano.edu

Safety Packs will be distributed in January of 2022.

Contents include one drawstring bag, one cloth mask and ear saver, hand sanitizer, greeting card, and a safety and resource brochure. They will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. Check the events page regularly on the Solano homepage for distribution dates and times.

Free Tele-health for Students is now available. Solano College and Instant Urgent Care (IUC) are now offering free tele-health for students, including mental health services. To make an appointment for a virtual visit, please go to practicecrown.com/d/instant-urgent-care-fairfield-ca-so70547.

Soon, we expect to also offer free health services at the IUC Clinic in Fairfield on Travis BLVD. across from the Solano Mall. We will let you know when and how you can access services that are covered by your student health center fee.

**HAVING TROUBLE
VIEWING THE
NEWSLETTER?
USE CTRL+ TO ZOOM IN.**

STUDENT RESOURCES

The Educational Foundation is working to help students receive a large array of financial assistance for educational goals.

Their dream is to help every person in our community strive to achieve a college education and improve their life.

To receive assistance or to donate to the Educational Foundation, visit foundation.solano.edu/about-solano-community-college-educational-foundation-a-helping-hand-up-for-higher-education

How to Order New or Replacement Student IDs

Step 1: Check that your current mailing address on MySolano is correct.

Step 2: Pay \$5 through cash, money order, check, Visa, MasterCard, or through MySolano.

Step 3: Make arrangements for an ID photo by emailing the Cashier's Office OR sending the Cashier's Office a picture ID* in .jpg format.

Step 4: Use your SCC ID for free transit on Fast, CityCoach, SolTrans, or SolanoExpress.

Contact the Cashier's Office at solano.edu/cashier/student.php or CashierOffice@solano.edu.

*Valid IDs include passport front page, CA ID, birth certificate high school ID.

Scholarship Opportunities at Solano

There are hundreds of scholarships available here at Solano Community College. Each year many of these scholarships go unclaimed and each year students that qualify for these scholarships do not apply.

Current scholarships and their applications can be found [here](#), or you can refer to the Solano Scholarship webpage at solano.edu/scholarships/.

From cosmetology to foreign language and everything in between, there may be a scholarship waiting for YOU!

Why wait? Find out today if you qualify for one or more scholarships and apply, apply, apply!

How to Get a New ID Term Sticker

Step 1: Check that your current mailing address on MySolano is correct.

Step 2: Check that you are registered for the term.

Step 3: Email Cashier's Office and include your full name on record, student ID number, and mailing address.

Contact the Cashier's Office at solano.edu/cashier/student.php or CashierOffice@solano.edu.

BTW Keep your eyes open for information regarding our May 26, 2022 Graduation.

CURRENT STUDENT CLUBS

The Rotaract Club

The Rotaract Club brings together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service.

Contact: Dr. Lavonne Slaton
(lavonne.slaton@solano.edu)

Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Due to the nature of what is discussed and for transparency in sharing/connecting, the club is open to women only.

Contact: Amy Dauffenbach
(amy.dauffenbach@solano.edu)

STEM Club

The STEM Club aims to create a helpful and welcoming community of students interested in and studying in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Contact: Vice President Andrea Solis Olguin
(andreasolis2307@gmail.com)

Clothes4Hope

Clothes4Hope is a homegrown club at SCC whose aim is to raise money through fundraisers and clothing drives to give back to the homeless this holiday season.

Contact: President Amany Saeed
(aasaeed@ucdavis.edu)

Inter-Club Council (ICC)

Chair: Kelvin Chan (kelvinchan651@gmail.com)

Zoom Meeting ID: Email Kelvin Chan for Zoom ID information

Date and Time: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM PST

All clubs and interested students are invited to join, listen, and meet new clubs on campus.

The Entrepreneur Club

The Entrepreneur Club supports students with entrepreneurial interests. Members will participate in organizational talks, workshops, networking events, and field trips to allow interaction with entrepreneurs in the Community and Small Business Development Center.

Contact: Dr. Lavonne Slaton
(lavonne.slaton@solano.edu)

The Human Collective

Promote and encourage the professional development of psychology and human services students through the promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service.

Contact: Dr. Saki Cabrera
(saki.cabrera@solano.edu)

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the international honor society of two-year colleges. Students must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.5 to apply. Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has four hallmarks: Scholarship, Leadership, Fellowship, and Service.

Contact: LaNae Jaimez
(Lanae.jaimez@solano.edu) and Michael Wyly
(Michael.Wyly@solano.edu)

If you are interested in starting a club or would like more information, email the Student Life Office at Rischa.Slade@solano.edu or ASSC VP Kelvin Chan (kelvinchan651@gmail.com).



MEET YOUR ASSC

Dr. Rischa Slade

Advisor

B.A. in Political Science,
Stanford University
J.D. from UC Hastings
College of Law

FUN FACT!

**I love to binge watch
Project Runway and
Queen Sugar!**



Abigail Olvera

ASSC President

Majoring in Mathematics and
Business Administration. My goal
is to get my Bachelor's in both
degrees and Minor in Accounting
and Comp Science, while
continuing to get hands on
experience with small business

owners. In the long run, I will work
to open up my own business in a
nearby state.

FUN FACT!

My room is covered in plants!



Kelvin Chan

ASSC Vice President

Majoring in Biological Sciences and
Legal Studies.

My short term goals are to get
Bachelor's Degrees in Molecular and
Cell Biology and in Legal Studies and
continue on advocacy work.

My long term goals are to get
admitted into a MD/JD program, travel
across the world, start my own
LGBTQIA+ organization that brings
awareness on health and social issues
that disproportionately affect the
LGBTQIA+ community.

FUN FACT!

I am left handed and queer!



Ashley Tighe

ASSC Treasurer

Majoring in Biomedical
Engineering.

My goal is to be working on
and creating new designs
for prosthetics.

FUN FACT!

**I am double-jointed in
my hands!**



Colleen Aquiningoc

ASSC Secretary

Majoring in Political Science. My
goal is to earn a Bachelor's in
Political Science and work in
public service. I would like to
return to my home, Tinian (CNMI),
and work to improve our
community there. It is a very small
community that doesn't have the
resources and opportunities that
many schools in the U.S. have, so
I'd like to bring that to the CNMI.

FUN FACT!

My favorite food is curry!



Jack Flynn

Student Trustee

Majoring in History. My goal is
to graduate SCC with an
Associates in History in Spring
of 2022 and transfer to a four
year university (UC or CSU)
and pursue a Bachelor's and
Master's in History.

FUN FACT!

**I love traveling and seeing
new places!**



Andrew McLarty

Diversity Affairs Senator

Majoring in Business
Administration.

My goal is to graduate with
a Bachelor's Degree and
also pursue accounting on
the side.

FUN FACT!

**I can solve a Rubix cube
in one minute!**



Krechona Ngomba-Westbrook

Student Services Senator

Majoring in Biomanufacturing.

My short term goals are to use my
Bachelor's Degree in
Biomanufacturing to work in the
biopharmaceutical industry and
take prerequisites for future
degrees part-time at Solano. My
long term goal is to earn a Ph.D in
Chemistry and an N.D. in
Women's Health.

FUN FACT!

I am a student parent!



Zaddock Katschke

Governing Board Senator

Majoring in Business
Administration. My goal is
to transfer to a four year
and receive a Bachelor's
Degree.

FUN FACT!

I was born in Palo Alto!



Patrick Moe

Math and Sciences Senator

Majoring in Civil Engineering.
My goal is to graduate SCC in
Spring of 2022 with an
Associates in Civil
Engineering and go to a four
year university and graduate
with a Bachelor's.

FUN FACT!

**I am a HUGE Captain
America fan!**



Find new opportunities, pathways, and
experiences by becoming a part of the
Associated Students of Solano Community
College.

Join us for a meeting and meet the
members behind the ASSC highlights and
find out all that Solano has to offer!

We meet every Tuesday from 3:00-5:00pm.
Zoom ID: 321 5364 386

Abigail Seaman

Academic Curriculum Senator

I'm currently undeclared.
My goals at Solano are to
help students be informed
on programs that will help
them, figure out what I want
to major in, and be my best
self!

FUN FACT!

**I was born in Vallejo but
spent my whole
childhood in Utah!**

