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Women's basketball in SCC Hall of Fame

- Michelle Neely** (1981-82), inducted in 1995
- Gretchen Seely** (1990-92), inducted in 1997
- Melynee Bass-Hart** (1990-91), inducted in 1997
- Shamone Warren** (1992-94), inducted in 1999
- Marisa Von Bromssen** (1994-95), inducted in 2000
- Vonetta Huddleston** (1992-94), inducted in 2001
- Maria Lara** (1994-96), inducted in 2002
- Jamie Maher** (1995-97), inducted in 2002
- Maria Perez-Barris Healy** (1996-98), inducted in 2003
- Niesha Whitman** (1997-99), inducted in 2004
- Leah Whatley** (1998-2000), inducted in 2005
- Spring Steed** (1994-96), inducted in 2007
- Erica Morrow** (1998-2000), inducted in 2008
- Sara Gordon** (1997-99), inducted in 2008
- Robin Williams** (1999-2000, 2001-02), inducted in 2009
- Coach Kim (Mitchell) Gervasoni** (1992-2000), inducted in 2010
- Joyce (Robinson) Martinez** (1993-95), inducted 2011

Solano set to induct another Falcon into Hall of Fame

Joyce (Robinson) Martinez thought someone was pulling a scam, trying to get her personal information through a text message.

Turns out, Solano women's basketball coach Matt Borchert was trying to get in touch with her to tell her she was going to be inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

"I called (former teammate) Christine (Mimms Little) to ask her if it sounded funny because I didn't know who the text was coming from," said Joyce. "I was elated though. It's an absolute blessing. As an athlete, this is the ultimate accomplishment - to know that all the blood, sweat and tears was worth it."

Joyce will become the 16th former women's basketball player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Five of Joyce's former teammates, and her former coach, Kim (Mitchell) Gervasoni, are in the Hall of Fame.

"Joyce was one of the key players on the team that catapulted the Solano women's basketball program onto the state level," said Coach Matt. "She was one of the leaders on that team and was very instrumental in how that team played. At the time when she graduated, Joyce was one of the top scorers, rebounders and assist makers at the guard spot for Solano. She's very deserving of this honor and fits the mold of who should be in the Hall of Fame."

Joyce played at Solano from 1993-95 after a prep career at Vanden High in Fairfield. As a sophomore, she was the point guard who led the Falcons to the program's first Bay Valley Conference championship. Joyce was an all-BVC selection as a sophomore. She finished her career with 211 assists, good for ninth all-time.

"I recruited Joyce as a two-guard and when

our point guard got injured, we didn't know who was going to play point," recalled Gervasoni. "Joyce had to play point guard for us. She adapted to the situation and did what she needed to do to help the team."

Joyce went on to play at University of South Florida on scholarship.

"I loved coaching Joyce because she worked so hard," said Gervasoni. "She worked on her game and became dangerous. When she finished her career at Solano, she did everything well. USF was looking for a combination guard and she was a perfect fit for them."

The Hall of Fame banquet will be held October 3 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield. Joyce will be surrounded by loved ones at the event, just as she was when she was a Falcon.

"I have a huge support system," she said. "My parents, brothers and sisters, my in-laws. Then there's my gang."

Joyce will also be joined by four of her five children, including one that's on the way, and her husband of nine years, Matthew.

Joyce said there isn't a game or a moment from her time at Solano that stands out the most.

"I was surrounded by good people at Solano," she said. "To be so close to those women was awesome. I have never experienced that again - not at work, nothing."

Christine (Mimms) Little will induct Joyce into the Hall of Fame.

"We had such a close-knit team and I never thought that us being polar opposites on the court - me being a point guard and Christine being a post - that we would develop such a close bond," said Joyce. "We have stayed in touch over the years, we call each other sisters and are very close friends."

For more information about the banquet or to secure tickets to the event, contact women's basketball coach Matt Borchert at (707) 863-7837.

Looking for up-to-the minute information about the Solano women's basketball team? Read the team's blog, www.solanowbb.wordpress.com and get behind-the-scenes updates from the players and coaches! **Check it out today!**

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There's still time to adopt a Falcon

The Solano women's basketball team is ready to hit the hardwood in anticipation of another championship season. The Falcons are very grateful for the support they receive from fans, friends, family and alumni every year. The team knows that without the support - both financially and by showing up at every game - success would come at a minimum.

Coach Matt and his staff are excited to offer a fun way that fans from far and wide can support the program - the team's tax-deductible Adopt-A-Player fundraising program.

This program has been very successful in helping the team raise money necessary to pay for equipment and travel expenses. It's very rewarding for the sponsor who gets so much in return for

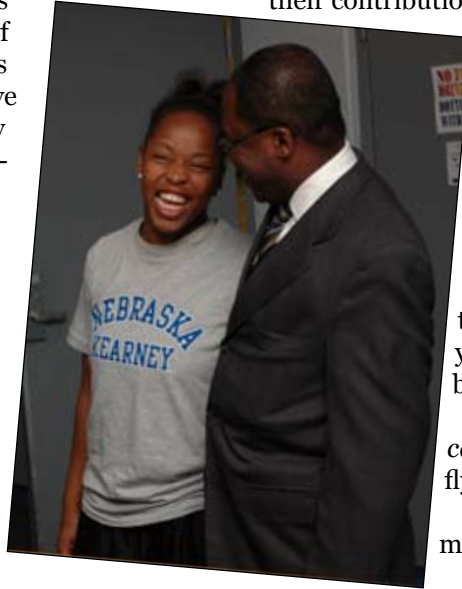
their contribution — big or small. Depending on the donation, supporters can get official Solano gear, access to home games and more!

"Our fans love to 'adopt' a player every season," said Coach Matt Borchert. "We have faculty and staff on campus who get involved and the players' family members and friends are very supportive as well."

In order for your name to appear in the 2011-12 media guide as an "adoptee," you must submit an Adopt-A-Player form by **October 15**.

Visit www.solano.edu/physical_education/wbasketball.html to download the flyer and learn more about the program.

Call Coach Matt at (707) 863-7837 for more information.



2011-12 schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 12	Fresno City	5:00
Nov. 17-19	Santa Barbara Tourney	TBA
Nov. 22	Skyline	6:00
Nov. 26	San Jose City	6:00
Dec. 1-4	Tom Gilcrest Invitational	TBA
Dec. 9-11	Solano Showdown	TBA
Dec. 17	Cosumnes River	6:00
Dec. 28-30	Mike Gervasoni Memorial	TBA
Jan. 4	Napa Valley*	5:30
Jan. 6	Yuba*	5:30
Jan. 11	Merritt*	5:30
Jan. 13	Mendocino*	5:30
Jan. 18	Los Medanos*	5:30
Jan. 25	Marin*	5:30
Jan. 27	Contra Costa*	5:30
Feb. 1	Laney*	5:30
Feb. 3	Napa Valley*	5:30
Feb. 8	Yuba*	5:30
Feb. 10	Los Medanos*	5:30
Feb. 14,15,17	BVC Tournament	TBA

Bold indicates home games
* indicates BVC game

Sit Down... with Coach Matt

You've got some great talent coming back this season - a returning all-BVC player and two impact players. How has fall conditioning been going and what leadership roles are the sophomores taking?



Fall conditioning is going well and we are off to a great start. The team has been working very hard and the players coming back have been very good in their leadership roles. All three returning players Ruby (Leon), Tara (Cooley) and Shannon (Rankin) have stepped up and been vocal - not only on the court, but even more so off the court. They have everybody ready to go and the freshmen are asking them questions before they get to me. Dejatnai (Johnson) is redshirting but she's been good in a leadership role as well. The four of them have done well. I am very pleased with their efforts so far. Everyone has their books and is attending class.

Upcoming Dates

September 5 Labor Day - No School	October 1 First Official Day of Practice
September 8 Happy Birthday Ariella Harper!	October 3 Hall of Fame Banquet
September 16 Happy Birthday Ruby Leon!	October 15 First Mile Run for Uniform
September 21 Happy Birthday Cheyenne Shepherd!	October 31 Halloween

Time out with Kandace Perez



Kandace Perez is a freshman from Vanden High School. The coaching staff is excited to have “KP,” as she’s more commonly known, on board. Not only does she bring a winning attitude, having played four successful seasons as a Viking, but she’s a solid offensive and defensive player.

As a senior last year, Kandace averaged 3.2 points, 3.9 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.3 steals per game. Her size will be a great fit for this year’s team and the style of play that the Falcons use.

Kandace is majoring in criminal justice at Solano and hopes to serve as a police officer someday. She was born in Eugene, Ore., but lives in Vacaville.

We spent some time with Kandace away from the court to get to know her better.

Falcon Flyer: You played an instrumental role on a successful high school team. How is that success going to help you at Solano?

Kandace Perez: Hopefully my ability to talk and be a leader. Even though I am a freshman, I have no fear so I think I have a pretty good placement here.

FF: Who yells more - Coach J (Vanden coach Allison Johnson, a former Solano point guard) or Coach Matt?

KP: Coach J (no explanation was given.)

FF: What’s your favorite class at Solano so far?

KP: Speech with Mr. Poff

FF: What are your strengths on the basketball court?

KP: My defense - I anticipate the lanes well.

FF: What do you want to improve on this season?

KP: Defensively, I can always improve. I also want to develop a good jump shot.

FF: Who is the toughest player to guard on the team?

KP: (Sophomore guard) Presley Neufeld.

FF: Who challenges you/pushes you the most every day?

KP: The whole team, really. We have already established ourselves as a unit and push each other every day. It’s great.

