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Celebrating Solano Community College

More than 200 faculty, staff, Board of Trustees members, community partners and friends gathered on Friday evening for the 2016 Annual Benefit Gala, held at USA World Classics Event Center in Vallejo. The theme for the Gala was "Driven by Technology," to celebrate the groundbreaking on the 30,000 sq. ft. Automotive Technology building in Vallejo, highlight the technology in vehicles today, and emphasize the market demand for technicians with high tech skills.

The Gala also included recognition of alumni, food and wine, and many special automobiles on display.



Caught Doing Something Good

Jeanne Lorenz, who designed the "We Put Students First" logo and Rachel Smith, who suggested we put the logo on the t-shirts and have them for faculty and staff to wear the first week of school.

» Faculty and Staff

Remember to stop by the Student Life Office to get your free faculty/staff ID card. Bring your employee ID#.

SCC Creating Strong Workforce

On August 12, a first-of-its-kind community event, "Doing What Matters for Jobs in Our Community" was held at the Sheet Metal Workers Local 104 facility near the college in Cordelia. This union-management partnership event was initiated and funded by the Solano College Faculty Association (SCFA) in response to Governor Brown's allocation of \$200 million for Career Tech Education (CTE) programs and to the 25 recommendations for a Strong Workforce program initiated by the California Community College Chancellor's office.



Planning for the event began over six months ago by a steering committee comprised of the following members: Debbie Berrett and Karen Cook representing SCFA; Maire Morinec, representing the SCC District; Michael Wyly, representing the SCC faculty senate and SCFA; and off-campus steering committee members Jon Riley and Justin Bailey, from the Napa Solano Central Labor Council; Brian Hooker, from the Workforce Development Board at Solano; Anna Eng, from the Industry Areas Foundation; and Diana Lisi

and Mark DeWeerd, from the California Teachers Association.

The steering committee invited community economic drivers, community college and K-12 educators, administrators, students, labor unions, and elected representatives, State Secretary of Education Tom Torlakson, Assembly members Bill Dodd and Michael Frazier, and Congressman Garamendi's staff. More than 185 attended and participated in this high-energy event.

The day-long forum was organized into two sessions and engaged participants in discussions based on such questions as "What can Solano Community College and its stakeholders do to create a strong workforce?" Results of the sessions will be distributed electronically to all participants and the Solano Community College District and follow up events are being planned.

The success of the forum was immediately evident in the lively conversation throughout the day and in comments from participants. At the conclusion of the day, Tim Rainy, the Executive Director of the California Workforce Development Board, said, "We need to hold this kind of event and have these kinds of discussions across the state of California." Former SCFA president Jim DeKloe stated, "This event helped to raise our reputation in the community, including the local business and education community, and with federal and state politicians, including our congressman, several members of the state assembly, and candidates for assembly, senate, and local offices."