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2017

MAY 8,

## Theatre Students Receive Summer Scholarships



Congratulations to Trish Armstrong and Miguel Solano, two of our theatre students who have been awarded summer internship scholarships at Summer Repertory Theatre (SRT) in Santa Rosa.

This will be the second SRT scholarship for Miguel and the first for Trish. Both students took part in an interview process that saw them competing with technical theatre students from across the state.

At SRT they will work as Scenic Technicians. Miguel is interested in stage lighting and scenic construction as well as running his own DJ business, while Trish enjoys many different backstage areas, including stage management, costuming, scenic construction, and running shows, particularly musicals.

SRT is an intensive summer repertory theatre training ground for students who have decided on a theatre career. The session is approximately 10 weeks long, lasting from May 27th thru August 7th 2017.

During this time students will work alongside industry professionals while constructing, painting, and running six shows in rep. The scholarship pays tuition, room and board, and a weekly expense stipend.

Congratulations!

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## Letter to Editor Sent to *Daily Republic*

Many of you may have read the [article in the Daily Republic](#) on University of California President Janet Napolitano's visit to Armijo High School in Fairfield. A letter to the editor was sent to the newspaper in hopes that we could bring some awareness to our baccalaureate program here at SCC, something Ms. Napolitano was unaware of. Below is the letter:

May 4, 2017  
TheEditor  
Daily Republic  
Fairfield, CA

Dear Editor:

I read with interest your article in the April 29, 2017 paper on University of California President Janet Napolitano's visit to Armijo High School in Fairfield.



The article stated that Ms. Napolitano took questions from the students, with one asking what his chances were of getting into a University of California graduate school after getting a four-year degree in biotechnology from Solano Community College (SCC).

To which Ms. Napolitano expressed surprise that community colleges were even granting four-year degrees. She replied "that is new."

Actually, it's not. The California Community College Board of Governors approved 15 community colleges to offer bachelor degrees in March 2015.

Solano Community College will officially begin offering a baccalaureate degree in bio-manufacturing this fall and is currently accepting applications. Many students began taking prerequisites for the program at least one year ago.

Additionally, the college has offered an associate degree in industrial biotechnology for 20 years and our graduates have been transferring to UC campuses, as well as working in the bio-manufacturing field for years. Our associate degree program has been academically rigorous as will be our baccalaureate degree.

Ms. Napolitano stated to the student in the article that a lot of graduate school admissions depend on the faculty and that "they're not going to know a lot about Solano Community College." I'm glad that statement did not appear to discourage the student as he said he still plans on attending Solano Community College where many of our faculty are well-known and well-connected to the UC campuses, including UC Davis.

I can assure this young man and anyone else considering our Baccalaureate Degree or other degrees or certificates that the quality of instruction he will receive at SCC will be of the highest standard and I know that he will leave with the knowledge needed to continue at a graduate school, whether it's a UC or otherwise.

I also want to invite the community to visit our college. I think they will find a place that truly cares about its students, their success, and maintains high academic standards.

Sincerely,  
Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D.  
Superintendent-President  
Solano Community College District

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## New Fairfield Science Building – Getting Ready for Construction!



Very soon you will see construction fencing go up around the site of the new Science Building on the Fairfield Campus, between B1400 and B1500. The Contractors will be doing some work in May to confirm the location of underground utilities. In June and July those utilities will be relocated, and in August the construction of the building will begin. The 44,000 square foot, \$37.6 million Measure Q funded building will be completed and ready for occupancy Spring semester 2019.

Over the last six months, Contractor DPR, Architects HGA and sub-discipline engineers, and Construction Manager Swinerton Management and Consulting have been working with District staff and faculty to refine the design and construction documents. These site work plans were submitted to Division of the State Architect (DSA) in April; the building plans will be submitted to DSA June 1.

We hope you will enjoy watching this exciting new state of the art facility become a reality on our campus.

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## Picture Day for CSO's



Students in the OCED 90 class gather on campus for a team photo!

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