

STAYING COMMITTED AND CONNECTED 2018

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Scholarships for TRIO Students



The TRIO-SSS-STEM Program is proud to congratulate the 17 TRIO students who were honored on Tuesday, October 16th at the Fall 2018 Scholarship Awards Ceremony, collectively totaling more than \$10,000.

One of the TRIO Program's core services is to provide students with resources for obtaining financial aid and scholarships. As such, all TRIO students were encouraged to apply for the AcademicWorks scholarships, and TRIO Academic Success Specialist Mary Cubbison offered students help with scholarship essays and completing applications.

TRIO student Jessie Gadbury was appreciative that the TRIO staff pushed her to apply for these scholarships and made it easier for her to navigate the process. Gadbury expressed her appreciation in an email: "I was awarded 2 scholarships and would not have received them without [TRIO's] help. Thank you so much!!! It means so much to my family!"

TRIO Student Bianca Preciado-Ramos received one of the largest scholarships: the prestigious ZMAN Scholarship for aspiring medical professionals. Preciado-Ramos, who wants to go into dentistry, recalled TRIO Director Robert Payawal telling her about the ZMAN scholarship. Preciado-Ramos recalled: "I wasn't fake. I just applied for ones I thought I deserved. But Robert was the one like, 'You should do this one because you're

Pre-Dental.' That's why I looked it up and applied for that scholarship." As a result of her efforts, she was awarded \$2,500.

The TRIO Student Support Services SSS-STEM Program is a federally funded program through the Department of Education. Solano received TRIO SSS-STEM grant funding in 2015. The Program supports students in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) and pre-health fields who are primarily first-generation and/or low income or who have a documented disability. Eligible program participants must meet those qualifications and be enrolled at Solano, cannot yet have an associate's degree or higher, and must meet the residency requirements for federal financial aid.

For those students interested in joining the program, please visit the TRIO Center and speak to our friendly staff in room 434, located above counseling in the 400 Building.

ASSC Board Returns From General Assembly



General Assembly for all community college representatives was held October 26 through October 28 in Ontario California.

Representing Solano Community College: Daniom Ghebriemichael, Legislative Advocate, Jacob Hinkle, Student Trustee, Erin Jones, Vice-President and Estefanny Saenz, President. They were accompanied by their Advisor Dr. Rischa Slade.

Legislative Advocates from

69 registered colleges pored over and voted on 14 resolutions ranging from advocating for on campus lactation stations, providing a week of Mental Health Awareness activities, health services for all students to extended drop without a W for students affected by natural disasters and more.

SCC Engineering Students visit the John C. Stennis Space Center as Part of the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars Program



NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi in October 2018. Jered Bell is marked by A; Heath Muskat is marked by B.

Two Solano Community College engineering students, Heath Muskat and Jered Bell, attended the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars program in October at the John C. Stennis Space Center in Mississippi – NASA's largest rocket testing facility. To take part in the on-site visit, they first had to pass a twenty-hour online course involving lectures and quizzes on the history of NASA and space exploration, culminating with a final project. Choosing from the three options for the final project, both Heath and Jered opted to design and model a custom rover for Mars, from scratch with real-world hardware, and write a ten-page report on its functions and capabilities. Based on their success in this online portion of the program, they were invited to visit the Stennis Space Center.

The five-day visit was comprised of tours, networking, and a two-day Lego robotics competition, in which the forty participants were split into four teams. Each team had to keep track of the expenses for their "rover", and competed at the end of each day by attempting to retrieve target objects from an uneven terrain. The robots had to be programmed to run autonomously, with each member on the team being responsible for a different aspect of the robot, such as design, manufacturing, testing, and programming. At the end of the week, each team gave a ten-minute presentation detailing their experiences.

One of the days of the visit was spent touring two facilities at Stennis – the rocket engine construction plant at Aerojet Rocketdyne, and the engine test stand A-2 (pictured in the photo). At Aerojet Rocketdyne, they were shown several flight-ready engines, including the repurposed space shuttle main engine, also known as the RS-25. This is the engine that will, along with three other RS-25s, propel NASA's new Space Launch System rocket in 2020 to the International Space Station, the Moon, and beyond. The tour of engine test stand A-2 provided incredible sights, a towering eleven-story tall testing stand with the capacity to pump 300,000 gallons of water per minute during testing to cool the engine exhaust.

Heath is a Mechanical Engineering major, and Jered is a Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering major; both are hoping to transfer to UC Davis in Fall 2019. Both of them found the entire program to be a fantastic experience, and thank Dr. Melanie Lutz for helping them to apply for it and get accepted.



Halloween Fun











Athletics Last Week...

<u>Volleyball:</u> Game 1: Sophomore **Mia Pimentel** counted five kills, 11 digs, and two aces, but the Solano women's volleyball team fell to Sierra (25-17, 25-17, 25-21) on Wednesday evening. Sophomore **Destiny Greenwood** reached double-figures with 10 kills to pace the offense, while freshman **Kailyn Kaiser** led the defense with 12 digs. Game 2: Freshman **Allora Somontan** led the Solano women's volleyball team back to its conference winning ways as the Falcons flew past the Contra Costa Comets in straight sets on Friday evening.

Set scores were 25-8, 25-14, 25-12.

Somontan earned 10 digs and seven service aces, while freshman **Tiarra Fukuda**tallied nine digs and four aces.

Offensively, sophomore **Destiny Greenwood** counted 16 kills, and freshman **Kolby Pardini** added three blocks.

The Solano women's volleyball team (16-10, 11-1) hosts Marin next on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.

<u>Women's Soccer:</u> Freshman Jaylynn DelRosario scored in the 55th minute on a penalty kick, but the Solano women's soccer team dropped a 2-1 contest to Marin on Tuesday afternoon. Freshman **Kirstyn Gottschall** recorded seven saves in the goal in the compete-match effort.

<u>Women's Basketball</u>: Three Falcon women's basketball players scored in double-figures to lead Solano as it edged Merritt, 56-54, on Saturday afternoon in the second round of the Jocelyn Mancebo Classic, hosted by San Joaquin Delta.

Freshman **Jada Scott** led all scorers with 19 points, adding eight rebounds, two assists, and seven steals. Sophomore **Sierra Chapman** backed her up with 14 points, six boards, and two steals, while sophomore **Kameron Hatcher** posted an 11 point, eight rebound, and three steal performance. Sophomore **Elizabeth Martinez** also added eight rebounds.

The women's basketball team (1-1) will face Sacramento City on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 12 p.m. in the consolation championship title.

Read a preview of the SCC women's basketball season from the **Daily Republic**.

<u>Men's Basketball:</u> Despite three Falcons scoring in double-figures, the Solano men's basketball team fell 78-70 to Feather River in its season opener at the Sierra Tournament on Saturday afternoon.

Freshman **Jordan Adams** led the way with 20 points, while sophomore **Isaiah Duplechan** and **Alex Stepney** added 16 and 12 points, respectively.

The Falcons (0-1) face tournament host, Sierra, in the consolation championship game on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 12 p.m.

SCC Athletics This Week



Volleyball

11/9/18 6:00 pm vs. Marin HOME

Women's Soccer

11/6/18 1:00 pm vs. Merritt AWAY 11/9/18 3:00 pm vs. Los Medanos AWAY

Men's Basketball

11/9/18 5 pm vs. Canada HOME 11/10/18 5 pm vs. Skyline AWAY

Women's Basketball

11/9/18 8 pm vs. Victor Valley AWAY



FYI: If your polling place in the past was the Fairfield campus, you will need to look up where you should go to vote this time as the campus is not a polling place for mid-terms.



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