



STAYING COMMITTED AND CONNECTED

January 14, 2019

Welcome to Spring Semester



Welcome back, and Happy New Year. Some of us spend the start of a new year reflecting on the past and planning for the coming year. Last semester while participating in the eight week Compassionate Skills Training (CST) course, I had weekly opportunities to reflect on my work and relationships and how I might approach the coming year. The CST course provided topics for my colleague and I to reflect on including how to experience and demonstrate compassion and kindness towards others and ourselves. I noticed throughout each week that I was more mindful of the need to think and act compassionately and acknowledged that some days, I just wasn't up to the task. By

taking a moment to recognize when I was tired or frustrated and needed the proverbial "time out," I realized that moment was an opportunity for compassion- for myself and for others. My goal is to continue the work of becoming a more compassionate and thoughtful leader, one who can take better care of others and of myself.

During the first week of this semester all three campuses will welcome students with activities and events. While students will expect staff and faculty to assist them with college business, they will also expect us to be kind. I know we can meet students' needs because we are a place that cares deeply about our students and each other. This was evident at Convocation with the student panel, and during Flex Day sessions. Many of you spent hours preparing for and presenting workshops on Thursday and Friday that highlight what we value and how we want to develop as an organization.

This January marks the beginning of my fourth year at SCC and as I reflect on the previous three, I am pleased with all we have accomplished together. The changes have not always been easy and there is still much to do. I hope you feel that SCC has become more compassionate, more trusting, and that we recognize when we need to step back, refresh, and start differently. I hope that we continue to cultivate a climate of care and compassion for our students and for each other and that we will continue to challenge ourselves to be better educators, leaders, and colleagues. Thank you for your continued commitment to this important enterprise.

Here's to a great semester.

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**SCC's Social Justice Studies ADT approved by
Chancellor's Office**

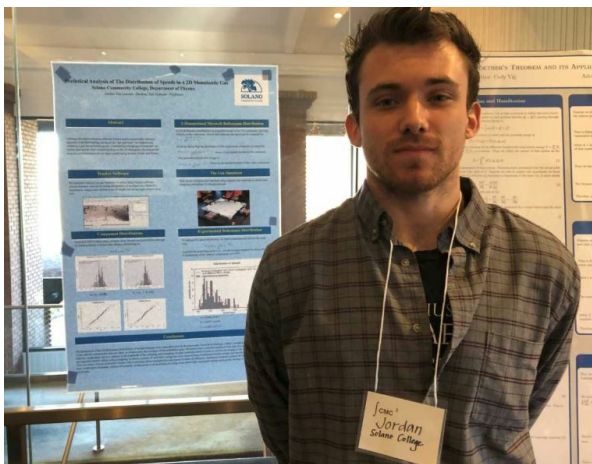


Photo of a group of students from SCC's first-ever Intro to Social Justice Studies class, Fall 2018

SCC's new Social Justice Studies ADT program was approved by the state Chancellor's office in October and is now included in the 2018-2019 Catalog Addendum. This interdisciplinary program includes three core courses, as well as course electives in a variety of other disciplines- psychology, English, art, communications, political science, statistics, and more. Please help to spread the word about SCC's dynamic and timely new degree offering to students interested in academic preparation for transfer into related programs in the UC/CSU systems or careers in a variety of community leadership roles/sectors.

Many thanks to Maria X. Isip-Bautista, adjunct faculty in Social Justice / Sociology, who developed the Associate Degree for Transfer in Social Justice Studies in the fall semester. The new ADT was designed to meet students' interests in Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies, and Peace Studies, to name a few.

SCC Students Do Well at Math Contest



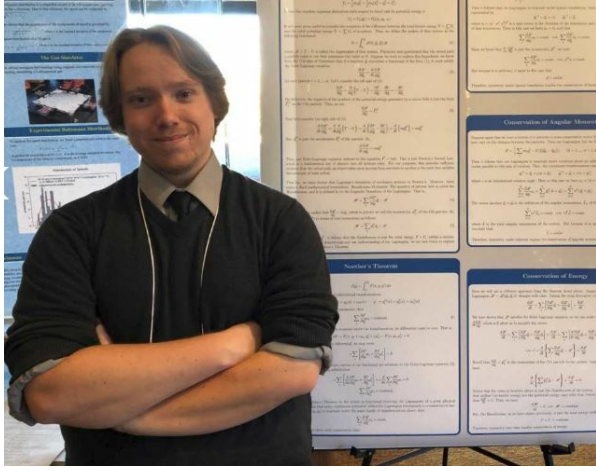
Congratulations to SCC students Cody Vig (*bottom photo*) and Jordan Van Leuven (*top photo*), who participated and won in the annual Student Poster Contest at the CMC'3 Monterey conference in December.

Cody won first place and Jordan tied for second! This continues a tradition of SCC students doing well.

Of the eight years the contest has existed, Solano students have won four times.

Cody's faculty advisor was Darryl Allen and Jordan's was Zak Hannan.

Congratulations to you both!



100% of SCC Robotics Students Pass Certification



Congratulations to the 15 Solano students who received their Certification in Material Handling from Fanuc Robotics last month. Every single one of the students who took the certification test, passed!

Race, Punishment & the Afterlife of Mass

Incarceration



All are invited to a special presentation by nationally renowned expert in the field of criminal justice, Dr. Reuben Miller of the University of Chicago.

More people are incarcerated in the U.S. than in any other nation in the western world. But prisons are only part of a vast criminal justice system. Upon release, formerly incarcerated people are confronted with laws, policies and sanctions that impact their ability to find jobs and housing and to fully participate in civic, cultural and family life. This presentation explores what it

means to live in this “supervised society” and, more importantly, how we might find our way out.

Dr. Miller’s work has been published in journals of criminology, human rights, law, psychology, sociology, social work, psychology and public health and he is frequently called upon to give media commentary on issues of crime, punishment, race and poverty. Like Michelle Obama, Dr. Miller is a native of Chicago’s South Side.

January 15, 2019
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Lander Hall B
Touro University California
1557 Azuar Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592
publichealth@tu.edu

Reception immediately following presentation

Limited seating! Free & open to the public with prior registration at:
[EVENTBRITE!](#)

Gift Card Donations for Veterans



On December 12, 2018, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) presented twelve \$25 Gift Cards for Food Maxx to Amy Kennedy, Veterans Affairs Coordinator, of the SCC Veterans Affairs Center. Larry Bartlow, PTK President, stated the club wanted to help support student Veterans and to give back to those that have done so much for our country. “We love our Vets”, Bartlow said. Amy Kennedy, expressed her deepest gratitude for the gift

cards. Amy stated, “These Gift Cards will truly help those student Veterans who may be financially challenged during the holiday season.” Those present at the PTK Veterans Gift Ceremony were members of PTK, student Veterans, Veterans Affairs Center Staff, George Brooks and Dr. Shirley Lewis.

Professional Development Days



Facilitated by Counselor Rebecca LaCount, six current and former SCC students shared their experiences and offered suggestions for improvements. The panel was part of Friday morning's Convocation.

New Program Videos to Check Out

Check out some of the SCC program videos done by SCC alumni, Tom Gachis of ThomasJames Media. More videos to come!

<https://vimeo.com/album/5610801>

Athletics Update



Women's Basketball: The Solano women's basketball team scored a season-high 99 points en route to a 99-68 victory over Merritt on Wednesday evening to remain perfect in Bay Valley Conference play.

Sophomore **Stella Havea** led the Falcons with a career-high 17 points off of the bench with a team-high nine boards, adding three assists. Freshman **Vanessa Hughes** added 15 off the bench

on 4-of-6 shooting from beyond the three-point arc.

The Falcons outscored the T-Birds 38-13 in the second quarter before 28-19 in the fourth to secure the win. Solano (11-7, 4-0) remains home to host Laney on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Athletics This Week...

Women's Basketball:

Jan. 16, 5:30pm vs. Laney HOME

Men's Basketball:

Jan. 16, 7:30pm vs. Alameda HOME

Jan. 18, 6pm vs. Mendocino AWAY



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