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## Solano Professor Wins Hayward Award



Congratulations to History Professor Rachel Purdie, who will receive the Hayward Award from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges!

The Hayward Award is conferred upon four faculty members annually who have been nominated by peers from their college. Named for former California Community College Chancellor Gerald C. Hayward, the award honors outstanding community college faculty who have a track record of excellence both in teaching and in professional activities and have demonstrated commitment to their students, profession, and college. Recipients of the Hayward Award receive a plaque and a \$1,250 cash award.

*"I guess my initial reaction was overwhelming shock and gratitude lol. To me, the prospect of actually winning this award seemed like a long shot, not only because I'm a PT faculty member but because the area this award represents (ASCCC Area B) includes all the community colleges in the Bay Area; it seems like SCC is sometimes overlooked due to our location and campus size. I hope one takeaway here is that SCC can compete with the larger districts!*

*That said, I'm feeling extraordinarily proud to be able to represent Solano College at this level. I see this award as a reflection of the SCC campus culture as a whole, since commitments to teaching and service must be fostered at all institutional levels of the college, not just in the classroom. There are some amazing and dedicated SCC faculty/staff members who work tirelessly to support student success, and it's pretty cool to be considered one of them," Purdie said.*

It is believed that Rachel is the first faculty member from SCC to receive this honor! Congratulations, Rachel!

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## Black History Month-Author Steve Phillips

Feb 25  
President's Closing Program  
4pm-6pm  
Theater (Bldg. 1200)



Program and reception featuring *New York Times* best-selling author, Steve Phillips

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## Deaf Activist to Promote New ASL Program



Nyle DiMarco is pictured at a "GQ" event in Los Angeles, California. (Photo: Michael Kovac/Getty Images for GQ)

Nyle DiMarco, a deaf activist and "Dancing With The Stars" and "America's Next Top Model" winner, is slated for an upcoming appearance in Fairfield to help promote Solano Community College's new American Sign Language Interpreter Training Program.

DiMarco, who views his deafness as an asset rather than a limitation, will entertain audiences with his inspirational story in two performances on Saturday, March 9 — the second of which is open to the public. Tickets are already selling fast and may be

purchased at [Solano.edu/theater](https://solano.edu/theater), according to a news release from SCC.

"Nyle is great at building bridges between the Deaf and hearing communities, and he's a strong advocate for teaching ASL to Deaf children," said SCC ASL instructor Gwen Gallagher. "While Solano has offered ASL classes for almost two decades, our ASL Interpreter Training Program is new. We want to become known as an important resource for the Deaf community and their allies in Solano County."

[Read more here.](#)

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## Matt Borchert Named BVC Coach of the Year



Solano head women's basketball coach **Matt Borchert** was named the Bay Valley Conference Coach of the Year, and four Falcons were named to the All-Conference team, announced Sunday.

Joining Borchert with All-Conference honors are sophomores **Sierra Chapman**, **Sunmi Da Silva**, **Kameron Hatcher**, and **Lexi Hines**. Hines and Chapman were the team's leading scorers, averaging 11.9 and 11.7 points per game, respectively. Da Silva and Hatcher were close behind with 9.0 points per game.

Hines also averaged 6.5 rebounds per game with Chapman and Hatcher adding 6.0 and 5.0 per game. And Da Silva averaged 4.6 assists per game.

Borchert led the Falcons to a nearly undefeated conference campaign, finishing 9-1, 17-8 overall.

The Falcons await their postseason fate to be announced on Monday, Feb. 25.

## Athletics Update



Sophomore **Sabrina Zerbey** has been named to the California Community College Women's Basketball Coaches Association (CCWBCA) Academic All-State Team, announced Friday. Zerbey joins 84 women's basketball players from 39 other colleges on the largest Academic All-State team to date. She will be recognized at the CCCWBCA's Banquet of Champions on Thursday, Mar. 14.

To qualify for Academic All-State recognition, the student-athletes must have completed a year of play on their teams, earn at least 24 units, and maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA. Zerbey and the rest of the Solano women's basketball team await their fate for postseason play after winning the Bay Valley Conference title. Seedings for playoffs will be announced on Monday, Feb. 25.

Solano Athletics hosted a successful "Recruiting Saturday" attended by approximately 50 prospective students and their parents .

In addition to Orientation and Financial aid presentations by Jenny Gonzales, ED plans were developed by counselors Nick Cittadino and Michelle Mack.



**Softball:** Sophomore **Courtney McGraw** racked up three RBI with two hits and a sacrifice fly, but the Solano softball team came up short against Sierra, 6-5, on Thursday afternoon.

McGraw went 2-of-3 on the day, scoring the first run of the game on a double. Sophomore **Alaena Selden** led all Falcon batters with a 3-of-4 performance, scoring a pair of runs. And sophomore **Aleya Turner** went 2-of-4 with a double, run, and RBI.

In the circle, sophomore **Adriana Montuya** (1-1) was charged with the complete-game loss, allowing only three earned runs in the outing.

Solano (2-4) heads to San Joaquin Delta next on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m.

**Men's Basketball:** The Solano Community College men's basketball team wrapped up its season on a three-game winning streak with an 88-72 victory over Napa Valley, Friday.

The Falcons wound up seventh in the Bay Valley Conference at 5-11, 7-20 overall.

**Baseball:** **Danny Zaldivar** hurled seven shutout innings, **Alex Peppard** homered and **Bryce Prybylinski** doubled twice to power the Solano Community College baseball team to a 10-1 win over American River at Billy and Louise Yarbrough Stadium, Friday. Solano (4-8) hosts Fresno City on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

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## Athletics This Week...

### **Softball:**

Feb. 28, 3pm vs. Delta AWAY

Mar. 1, 12pm vs. Butte AWAY

### **Baseball:**

Feb. 26, 2pm vs. Fresno HOME

Feb. 28, 1pm vs. Cuesta AWAY

Mar. 1, 1pm vs. Cuesta AWAY

### **Men's Tennis:**

Feb. 26, 1pm vs. Diablo Valley HOME

Mar. 1, 1pm vs. American River HOME



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