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Soroptimists Honor Two SCC Students



Four women are presented with awards at the Soroptimist Women Making a Difference Awards Luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Fairfield, Tuesday, March 12, 2019. From left to right are award recipient Cassandra Berry; Doriss Panduro of Assemblyman Jim Frazier's office; and award recipients Arianna Mestas, Nancy Meadows Trigueiro and Amber Jones. (Robinson Kuntz/Daily Republic)

From the Daily Republic

Four women earned praise Tuesday for their drive to be the best they can be and to serve others along the way.

The recognition came from members of Soroptimist International of Central Solano County, who for the 17th year hosted the Women Making a Difference awards luncheon. Two women were singled out for how they approach the challenges of life and were given the Live Your Dream Award, which is designed to help women who have primary responsibility for their families and are obtaining education and skills to improve their employment status and the lives of their families.

The first recipient, Amber Jones, captivated the audience at the Hilton Garden Inn with her story of motherhood, raising a child with special needs, overcoming addiction,

surviving her sister's suicide a decade ago and charting a course that will see her working in the aviation field and becoming a certified pilot.

She's enrolled in the aeronautics airframe and power plant program at Solano Community College.

"I knew I had to keep going," she said in describing the obstacles she has faced. "I couldn't give up."

This year's other Live Your Dream Award recipient, Cassandra Berry, has an equally compelling life story. Berry hopes to become a teacher.

"I've wanted to be a kindergarten teacher since I was little," she said. "I feel a calling to work with kids, one way or another."

Berry's path forward sees her working full time, attending school full time and doing all that a single mother must do to make a safe home. She's done all that while being treated for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Her final treatment is in two weeks.

"Sometimes I don't know how I pushed through things," she said.

Read the rest of the [Daily Republic article here](#).

It's exciting to note that the past three Central Solano Soroptimist LYD awardees were Solano Community College students who've all graduated and are doing good work in our community. And this year's Vacaville, Vallejo and Davis awardees are also three of our current or former student parents: Jokia McCall – Vallejo, Amanda Claudel – Vacaville, & Rebecca Baldrige – Davis.

M.E.N of SCC Attend Statewide A2MEND Conference



Dean Dwayne Hunt, staff member Bryan Stewart, and ten students from the SCC M.E.N. (Motivated, Educated and Noble) Program attended the A2MEND conference held in Los Angeles March 7-8. About 1,000 community college students, faculty, and staff committed to the academic and social success of African American men across the state attended the conference. This year's conference theme, "Protecting our Throne: Building on Black Identity To Create Academic Success," served as the foundation for more than 50 workshops. The A2MEND conference provides for moments of engagement, reflection, and action among students, faculty, and staff. Following the conference, the SCC team will continue to meet in an effort to increase mentorship, in-reach, and outreach to the community. M.E.N. meets regularly and has a number of programs planned. For more information, contact Dwayne Hunt or Bryan Stewart.

SCC Grads Complete BSN Degree

Professor Scott Parrish received good news from SCC grad Elizabeth Pinto who recently completed her BSN degree at CSU East Bay. Elizabeth was a member of the SCC Swim Team and was the student commencement speaker in 2016.

Solano Community College has 4 other students who graduated from CSUEB with a Bachelor's in Nursing.

They are:
Alexandra Arana
Ramiel Ramos
G Louise Ash
Ramiel Nacpil
Zak Bailey



Women's History Month Celebrates Women in Local Politics



From left to right: Mayor Lori Wilson of Suisun, Councilmember Wanda Williams, also of Suisun, Councilmember Rozzana Verden-Aliga of Vallejo and Vice-Mayor Pam Bertani of Fairfield responded to questions from students for two hours on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

The panelists responded to questions, such as, "What can you do as an individual to work towards creating peace and non-violence in your communities?" and, "What is your leadership style." There are more events scheduled throughout March to recognize "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence."

Early Learning Center Welcomes Mayor Price



Left pic: Classroom instructor, Joti Takhar welcomes Fairfield Mayor Harry Price to her classroom



Right pic: Mayor Price reads to the children

Friday was a very special day at the Early Learning Center at Solano Community College! Mayor Harry T. Price and Superintendent-President Celia Esposito-Noy visited Specialist Joti Takhar's class of 3 and 4 year olds. Mayor Price read stories to the twelve children who settled in to listen to selections from Dr. Seuss after they had "shaken their sillies out" with their student teachers. Mayor Price was playful and engaged the preschoolers with developmentally appropriate questions relating the story to their own lives. Reading to young children provides bonding time, builds confidence and vocabulary skills, which are important for school success.

A scholarship has been set up in Mayor Price's late wife's honor through Soroptimist for a Solano Community College Child Development Family Studies major that will be transferring to a 4 year university in the Fall. The scholarship application is available in Bldg 200.

Theatre Students Answer Call For Unique Opportunity



This past semester, SCC Theatre students were given the opportunity to apply to I.A.T.S.E (International Association of Stage Employees) local 16 in San Francisco. I.A.T.S.E. is the major employer for professional Technical Theatre Employees. You'll see the 'IA' logo attached to every major motion picture, touring Broadway show and entertainment event.

Currently, five Solano Theatre Majors answered the call and have been issued their official punch cards. These cards, when punched, signify completion of advanced technical training classes. Students then apply these skills working on local professional shows and events. The goal is to offer employment experience in San Francisco while continuing their schooling here at Solano.

Congratulations!!

IT Staffer Completes Leadership Program



At the February State CISOA (Chief Information System Officers Association) conference, Network and Systems Engineer, Justin Howell was recognized for completion of the CIOA leadership training program.

This program was designed to develop qualified existing community college IT staff to assume technology leadership roles in the community college system. The course is a year-long rigorous program requiring participants to attend regular 2-day weekend trainings at locations around the State. The training sessions were led by experienced Chief Technology Officers from community colleges. Justin was a top performer in the program. We look forward to Justin applying his leadership training here at Solano.

Photos of DiMarco Event Available Now

Candid and Meet & Greet Photos from the March 9 Nyle DiMarco presentation at Solano Community College are now available and [accessible here](#). Photos taken by Toshiro Jara and Tazamisha Alexander.



Athletics Update



Tennis: The Solano women's tennis team captured a second place finish in regular season competition with a 6-3 win over Shasta on Friday afternoon in the first round of the Big 8 Playoffs.

The Falcons managed to clench a record of 5-1 despite being one player short all season.

Freshman **Melanie Fisher** led things off for Solano with a near perfect defeat of Mary DiMaggio in

the top singles matchup. She followed up with another win over DiMaggio and Sarah Weatherby by partnering with sophomore **Jyne Velono** in doubles, winning 8-3.

The Falcons advance to the second round of the Big 8 Playoffs on Tuesday, Mar. 19.

Final Results

S1: **Melanie Fisher** (SOL) def. Mary DiMaggio (SHA) 6-0, 6-1

S2: Sarah Weatherby (SHA) def. **Jyne Velono** (SOL) 6-4, Ret. (injury)

S3: **Yanci Yanez** (SOL) def. Sierra Carnegie (SHA) 6-0, 6-0

S4: **Yasmeen Awad** (SOL) def. Abigail Davis (SHA) 6-1, 6-0

S5: **Anastasia Anguiano** (SOL) def. Jules Garcia (SHA) 6-2, 6-1

D1: Fisher/Velono (SOL) def. DiMaggio/Weatherby (SHA) 8-3

D2: Yanez/Awad (SOL) def Espinoza/Carnegie (SHA) 8-3

Baseball: Seven Falcons had multi-hit games as the Solano baseball team took its second-straight conference series with a dominating 18-4 win over Contra Costa on Saturday.

Freshmen **Brandon Herter** and **Alex Peppard** both recorded two-hit games, including a triple and three RBI each. Sophomores **Cameron Michael** and **Gannon Goldensoph** both scored three runs each with a pair of RBI.

On the mound, freshman lefty **Nick Roach** (1-3) earned his first win of the season, going seven complete innings and fanning eight.

Solano (8-13, 4-2) begins its next Bay Valley Conference series on Tuesday, Mar. 19 at Napa Valley at 2:30 p.m.

Softball: The Solano softball team split a Saturday non-conference doubleheader, defeating Cosumnes River, 7-3, and falling to Shasta, 7-1.

Against Cosumnes River, sophomore **Alaena Selden** went 2-of-2 with a run and three RBI, while freshman **Larissa Raymond** also counted a perfect outing with a 2-of-2 performance with a run and RBI.

Despite the loss to Shasta, sophomore **Aleya Turner** batted a perfect 4-of-4 with two doubles.

Sophomore **Adriana Montuya** (4-2) earned the complete-game win, allowing only one earned run.

The Falcons (9-7, 3-0) continue their homestand by hosting Los Medanos on Thursday, Mar. 21 in a doubleheader beginning at 12 p.m.

Athletics This Week...

Softball:

March 23, 11am & 1pm vs. Cabrillo HOME

Baseball:

March 19 BVC Solano vs Napa at 2.30 pm

March 21 BVC Solano vs Napa at 2.30 pm

Friday 22 BVC Solano vs Napa at 2.30 pm



Tennis:

March 19 : Big Conference Playoff Women vs ARC, 1pm

March 21: Non Conference Dual Match Men & Women vs Chabot, 2pm

March 23: Non Conference Dual Match Men & Women vs Bakersfield, 2pm



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