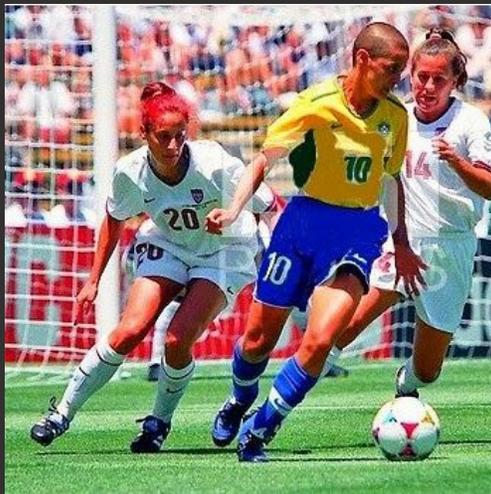




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Hall of Famer, Soccer Coach Sissi do Amor Reflects on Career



Sissi (center) displays her International Hall of Fame trophy with her Solano Community College soccer players and head coach Jeff Cardinal (back row, far left). (contributed photo — Solano Community College)

A few weeks ago, the female soccer coach of Solano Community College and former Brazilian star Sisleide "Sissi" do Amor Lima found herself flying to Pachuca, Mexico, for a very special occasion.

The midfielder was included in the International Football Hall of Fame along with ten others.

"It was overwhelming for me," she said of the induction ceremony, "being with many people I used to follow, Javier Zanetti, Gabriel Batistuta (legendary Argentine soccer players) ... I'm honored, I'm grateful."

Sissi shows her International Hall of Fame trophy with players and head coach of Solano Community College Jeff Cardinal (above right photo).

The International Hall of Fame was founded in 2011 and players are installed every year. This year, 50 journalists from 30 countries gathered in Madrid to decide the honorees of 2019.

One must ask why the committee took eight years to induce Sissi, which is a legend in Brazil, especially the young women who aspire to play soccer.

Football was introduced in Brazil in the 19th century and in the 1940s there were women's teams throughout the country. But in 1941, the Minister of Education and Health passed a law that prohibits women from playing sports contrary to their "nature." The government did not lift the ban until 1979.

Girls could play for recreation, but there was no future for them in soccer as women. Sissi, born in 1967, began practicing the sport at age 7.

"I was born in a very small town, so I didn't have the opportunity to play with girls, so I played with boys," she recalled. "My first soccer ball was the head of my wrist ... I was the one who told me:" You can't do this, "I did. Playing soccer was one of the things that people said girls shouldn't do and I said: 'I will. I don't care. " So I played with children."

By the time she was 14, the ban had been lifted and she played with her first professional team in Salvador, Brazil.

"I had to leave my family, like moving out of the Bay Area to go to Los Angeles," she recalled. "We had a place to stay, we had to go to school in the morning, trained in the afternoon. The club paid for everything ... But we couldn't get a salary. We had a per diem. "

But something special happened when her coach saw her play. He gave her No. 10, legendary by Pele and generally only handed over to the best soccer players of any team in Brazil.

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Author and Illustrator Read to Early Learning Center Children





Kyle Lukoff, author and Kaylani Juanita, illustrator of the children's book "When Aidan Became a Brother," visited Solano College this week! Kyle and Kaylani did a reading of the book to the children at the Early Learning Center, and then stopped by Rachel Smith's Art 46: Illustration 1 class to chat with the students about the process of both writing and illustrating their children's book, as well as the professional world of publishing.

"When Aidan Became a Brother" was voted one of the Best Books of 2019 by Kirkus Book Review, and tells the story of the changes the life of a young transgender boy and his family, from coming out, to becoming a big brother. This picture book sets a new standard of excellence in transgender representation by centering the feelings of Aidan, a biracial (black and South Asian) transgender boy. Juanita's digital illustrations have the look of ink and watercolor, and they bring the love in Aidan's family to life.

Kaylani Juanita is based in Fairfield, and attended Rodriguez High and Solano College for graphic design and illustration, before transferring to CCA for her BFA. She now works as a children's book illustrator, and is also working on her MFA in the Design graduate program at UC Davis. Her other titles include "Ta-Da!" (2018). Some of her clients include Chronicle Books, Cicada Magazine, and DEFY. Her work has been recognized by Society of Illustrators, The Huffington Post, as well as the BBC.

Kyle Lukoff writes books for kids and other people and is based in New York City. His other titles include "Storytelling of Ravens," and he's working on a series called "Max and Friends." Kyle is also a librarian, and does presentations on the importance of children's and youth literature all across the country.

Interested in learning about design and digital illustration?

Check out our new classes this spring: ARTD 44: Introduction to Digital Design, and the Design Bootcamp:

ARTD 44: Intro to Digital Design
CRN 10697
8 weeks (1/13-3/13)
M W F 9-12:50 pm
Fairfield

CRN 10808
16 weeks (1/13-5/21)
T TH 6:00pm- 6:50pm
Vacaville

ARTD 144A Design Bootcamp
CRN 10906
4 weeks (02/22/20-03/14/20)
Saturdays 9:30-3:20 pm

PTK Sponsors Book Drive



The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Beta Mu Gamma Chapter of Solano College is sponsoring a Better World Book Drive. The proceeds from the book drive support SCC's PTK chapter as well as nonprofit literacy organizations such as Books for Africa and the National Center for Family Literacy. The book drive will continue through Thursday, December 12th. Please donate your old books, textbooks and other books used in college classes are preferred, but all books are welcome. Book bins (green boxes) are located in the Library, in front of the bookstore and in buildings 2700 & 900. You may also contact Michael Wyly or LaNae Jaimez for pick services. PTK appreciates your support.

PTK Honors SCC Veterans



Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Beta Mu Gamma Chapter of Solano College paid tribute to veterans with holiday gift cards on last Friday. Whether in times of war or peace, veterans and their families devote their lives to the service of our country, and the ideals we hold dear.

With the highest respect, honor and esteem for our veterans, PTK would like to thank our veterans for their unrelenting service and dedication in making the world a better place

for all of us to live in. PTK Members, PTK President, Larry Bartlow, PTK Advisors, LaNae Jaimez & Michael Wyly salute our Solano College Veterans.

FT3 Cohort Celebrates End of Semester





Solano's newest cohort program, FT3 (First-time, full-time, fast track to transfer) celebrated the end of the semester on Thursday afternoon with tacos, cake, and games. Students in the program expressed appreciation for the ease of making friends within their cohorts, and for the extra support and guidance they've received in navigating their first semester of college.

FT3 guides first-time college students into cohorts aligned with Guided Pathways / P.A.C.E., and provides a range of social, academic and financial support. Of the 85 students who started in the four Fall 2019 cohorts, 55 have pre-committed to at least one cohort-supported course for Spring 2020.

College Chorus Presents Winter Concert



The Solano Community College Chorus, directed by Michael Reilly, presented its winter concert, Epiphanies, on December 6th to an enthusiastic audience.

The SCC chorus was joined by the Alamo Chorus from Alamo Elementary School in Vacaville, CA. The centerpiece of the evening was Margaret Bonds' *The Ballad of the*

Brown King with libretto by Langston Hughes which featured music majors, Meredith Kemp and Andres Alvarado as soloists.

At the end of the concert, one of our students said, “at first I didn’t think I liked the *Ballad of the Brown King*, but at some point, I fell in love with it.” With this concert, the chorus collaborated with Rachel Smith’s Art 046 Illustration I class. The chorus is grateful to Solano College Arts and Art 046 for their beautiful illustrations.

You can view our students' amazing illustrations and learn more about Margaret Bonds, Langston Hughes, and *The Ballad of the Brown King* here: <https://vimeo.com/377703184>

The SCC Chorus is open to all students and rehearses Tuesday nights from 7-9:50 pm. Register today for MUSC 020! If you have any questions, please email Michael.Reilly@solano.edu.

French Club Enjoys a Fun Evening



The French Club enjoyed a holiday dinner last week in the cafeteria. The students prepared all the dishes and decorated the room. They sang, practiced French and played a few games.

McLaughlin November Athlete of the Month

Freshman middle blocker Lindsey McLaughlin has been named the Solano Athletics November Athlete of the Month.

Co-captain of the Solano women's volleyball team and a All-Bay Valley Conference First Team selection, McLaughlin led the 2019 Falcon squad in several stat categories (hitting



percentage, solo blocks, block assists, and service aces), while leading the BVC in hitting percentage (.574) and blocks per set, while ranking second in services aces (70). She ranked third in the entire state for hitting percentage, fifth for service aces, and ninth for blocks per set. Her solid all-around play helped lead the Falcons to an undefeated BVC run and postseason appearance.

"[Lindsey] is the strongest middle that I have coached coming in as a first year player," Solano women's volleyball head coach Darla Williams said. "Her serving is very strong with her location, aces, and percentage."

McLaughlin has volunteered her time to help the Solano College Athletics Department, helping fill the goodie bags for the golf tournament and working to build more support amongst student-athletes, while also leading by example and serving as a role model for the new players on the volleyball squad.

And in the classroom, she has proven to be very diligent with a perfect progress report in her first semester at Solano.

Athletics News

Men's Basketball: The Solano men's basketball team outlasted Gavilan, 113-104, in double overtime to open the Monterey Peninsula Tournament on Thursday afternoon. Solano beat Monterey on Saturday 94-91. Solano College men's basketball wins 3rd place honors at the Monterey Peninsula College Tournament.

Games This Week



Dec. 12
Men's Basketball vs. Folsom Lake, 6pm

Dec. 13
Women's Basketball vs. Lassen, 7pm

Dec. 17
Men's Basketball vs. West Valley, 5pm

Dec. 18
Men's Basketball vs. Contra Costa, 5:30pm

See You Next Year!

This is the last *Inside Solano* of the fall semester.
We'll see you in January!



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