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Groundbreaking for Library Building





College officials broke ground last week on the new Library and Learning Resource Center.

Opened in 1971, the venerable Building 100 will soon be replaced by a nearly 60,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art library building that is expected to be ready in time for the fall 2021 school term.

The new library facility will be built in an open green space just west of the Building 1400 Student Center and just south of the Theater Arts building.

When the new library is finished, the current library will be demolished and an open area will be constructed in its place – essentially swapping the two parcels on the Rockville campus.

The construction of the new library will necessitate the removal of some trees that exist in the green space currently but those trees won't be going to waste, officials said.

Lumber from many of the trees will be repurposed for some construction features and benches in the new library. The building is also projected to use 15 percent less energy, officials said.

Librarian Ruth Fuller said “In one way or another, we have been working toward this my entire 18 years of being at Solano,” Fuller said. “We’re finally doing this.”

Fuller said she and the library staff are excited for the construction of the new library and look forward to the 2021 completion date.

“The great thing about it is it's a community resource,” Fuller said. “If you come in looking for help with something, we don't ask you if you're a student. These resources are available to you.”

Read full article in the [Daily Republic](#).

Detour for Library Construction



Fencing for the library construction site was installed on Monday. In order to get to Bldgs. 800 and 900, you will need to walk through Bldg. 700. The exterior classroom door of 700 will still be accessible.

Signage will be installed this

Please note that this change to the path of travel may cause students to be late to class.

SCC Alumnus and Acclaimed Author Dies



Author Ernest J. Gaines, who wrote *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, shown in his San Francisco home in 1977. His poor childhood on a small Louisiana plantation inspired eight novels.
AP

Novelist Ernest J. Gaines, acclaimed author of "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," and other novels about the struggles of African Americans in rural Louisiana, died from natural causes at his home in Oscar, La., November 5 at the age of 86.

Gaines graduated from Vallejo Junior College – now, of course, Solano Community College – in 1953 before serving in the Army and entering San Francisco State University.

The son of sharecroppers, Gaines was born on a plantation in Pointe Coupee Parish, near Baton Rouge. He attended school for little more than five months out of the year. But that was more education than his family before him had received. He would say later in life that his ear for the stories of his elders was developed as he wrote letters for adults who couldn't read or write.

In the late 1940's, at the age of 15, his family moved to the northern California city of Vallejo, about 30 miles north of San Francisco. He told interviewer Lawrence Bridges that in California he could do something that had been forbidden in the South: visit a library.

In 1993, Gaines received a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant." The same year saw the publication of his most critically acclaimed novel to date, "A Lesson Before Dying," which describes the belated education of a young man wrongly sentenced to death. The work received the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction, and a 1999 television adaptation won an Emmy Award as Best Film for Television.

Solano Speech and Debate Team Brings Home 1st Place at UOP Paul Winters Invitational



Congratulations to the Solano College Speech and Debate team for another successful tournament.

On November 2nd – 4th, the Solano speech and debate team competed at two tournaments at San Joaquin Community College and University of the Pacific. These two tournaments represent the biggest tournament weekend of the semester with over 200 combined entries. I am proud to announce that we placed 1st place overall in the small college division.

Special thanks go to our hardworking team and coaches.

Below is a list of our accomplishments from another successful tournament:

1st Place Overall Small College Division

2nd Place Novice Parliamentary Debate – Gabriella Biscocho & Sriha Srinivasan

4th Place Open Persuasive Speaking – Marin Spalding

5th Place Novice Parliamentary Debate Speaker – Sriha Srinivasa
Finalist Open Impromptu Speaking – Daniel Galal
Top Novice Informative Speaking – Talia-Sofia Gonzalez
Quarterfinalists Novice Parliamentary Debate - Nandi Loggins and Elizabeth Reed

If you are interested in joining the Speech & Debate Team or have any interested students, please contact [Dr. Mungin](#).

French Club Goes to Legion of Honor



The French club went to the Legion of Honor to see the James Tissot exhibit and then to lunch at a French bistro. For many students, it was their first time to this museum.

Academic Senate Meets at Vallejo Center



On Monday, November 4, 2019, the Academic Senate met at the Vallejo Center. The Senate received a warm welcome and tour from Dean Lewis, Simer Kaur and the Vallejo staff. Highlights of the meeting include an update on the SCC Correctional Education Program and the creation of the Correctional Education Advisory committee. There was unanimous support in favor of *RESOLUTION 11.4.2019: In Support of the Vallejo Center, our Vallejo Students, and the Vallejo Community*. The resolution is the result of

Josh Scott's research for his distinguished faculty presentation that uncovered the unjust expulsions and suspensions of students in 1969 who were members of the Black Student Union. The faculty committed to understanding our past in order to guide our current efforts to support students, the Vallejo center and the Vallejo community.

SCC Pre Med Club



For more information, contact student [Chance Bennett](#) or Dr. Cristina Young. Please share with your students that they do *not* have to be Science majors to explore medical school and that all majors are welcome.

Employment After Incarceration



LEGAL AID AT WORK

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EMPLOYMENT AFTER INCARCERTION:
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STACY VILLALOBOS

WORKER'S RIGHTS ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL AID AT WORK

A criminal record should not be a life sentence
to poverty, discrimination, and unemployment.

THURSDAY, November 21st
3:00-5:00pm

DENIS HONEYCHURCH BOARDROOM
Bldg 600, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield

Go to SOLANO.EDU for more info

Athletics News



Men's Basketball: Sophomore **Jordan Adams** paced the offense as the Falcons downed Cañada, 97-77, in the opening round of the Skyline Open on Friday evening. Adams shot 7-of-9 from three-point range, tallying 26 total points. Sophomore **Dunnell Stafford** backed him up with 21 points and a double-double. Overall the Falcons hit 14 threes, leading Cañada by as many as 32 points in the second half.

Women's Basketball: Freshman **Ashmeen Sran** scored a game-high 26 points to lead the Falcons to a dominating win over Grossmont in the teams' final game of the Riverside Earn Our Stripes Tournament on Saturday morning. Sran shot nearly 63 percent from the field and over 50 percent from beyond the arc, connecting six total times. Sophomore **Vanessa Hughes** added 12 points, while freshman **Lexi Derf** tallied 11 to round out the scorers in double figures. The Falcons jumped out to an early lead, outscoring the Griffins 30-11 in opening quarter. Solano tacked on 10 points in the second quarter to extend the margin and outscored Grossmont each quarter. Solano (2-4) heads to Siskiyou next on Tuesday, Nov. 19 for a single-game matchup at 5 p.m.

Soccer: The Solano women's soccer team won its fourth straight match with a 2-1 victory over Merritt on Friday afternoon. After a first half goal by Merritt, freshman **Jordyn Bennett** scored in the 56th minute off of a feed from sophomore **Grace Lee**. Freshman **Keana Flynn** scored her 14th goal on the season, 11th in Bay Valley Conference play, and the go-ahead score in the 80th minute off an assist by freshman **Amber Ayala**. Reigning Solano Athletics October Athlete of the month, sophomore **Kirstyn Gotschall** played the entire match in the goal. The Falcons (12-5-3, 11-1-1) close out the regular season on Friday, Nov. 15, hosting

Napa Valley in a in a makeup match at 3 p.m.

Games This Week



Nov. 13
Volleyball vs. Folsom Lake, 6pm

Nov. 15
Women's Soccer vs. Napa, 3pm
Volleyball vs. Los Medanos, 6pm

Nov. 18
Men's Basketball vs. Sac City, 6pm

Nov. 19
Women's Basketball at Siskiyou, 5pm



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