



STAYING COMMITTED AND CONNECTED January 13, 2020

## Welcome to a New Year, a New Semester, and a New Decade



2020 will mark the College's 75th birthday. The years pass quickly when we are in the business of serving students and helping them succeed. Solano Community College was established in 1945 as Vallejo Junior College. In 1967, we became a separate district, serving all of Solano County and the City of Winters. In 1971, the Fairfield campus was established and opened with 5,000 students. While we look pretty good for 75 years old, we have some sprucing up to do, especially on our Fairfield campus. Throughout the semester, you will see improvements made to the exterior and interior of our buildings. As we add new buildings, the age of our older buildings becomes

more apparent, so we will attend to those with the greatest need. We also plan to improve campus lighting and signage and identify more gathering spaces for students. This semester, we will also complete our new Facilities Master Plan, which will inform how we will spend facility resources over the next ten years. The 2020 Plan has been in development since last semester when we hosted visioning sessions at all three campuses, developed online surveys for students and the community, and received input from various college governance groups. We received some great ideas that will improve existing space and help us develop new projects. No doubt you have seen the Library building construction underway. The 59,000-square foot, two-story building is scheduled to open in fall 2021. This new space is long overdue and will house the two-story library, the Academic Support and Tutoring Center (ASTC), the TV Studio, and IT, as well as other programs and services. Despite our age, we are beginning to look like a new campus, so our marketing efforts will highlight that SCC is offering something new and fresh. We are not the college of 1945, 1971, or 2000. We are becoming more responsive to changing needs in the workforce and the community, and we are focused on helping our students through community college and beyond.

Below is our new logo that was voted on at convocation to recognize our 75<sup>th</sup> year. Happy birthday to us and here's to the next 75 years!



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## First Week Activities and Spring Important Dates

First week of classes: Jan 13-17, 2020:

Monday and Tuesday: Lost? Need Help? Go to the "Ask Me" table, located in 400 Bldg.

Monday and Tuesday: WARM HAND-OFF in the 400 Bldg. Students will be able to get Solano gloves while supplies last (half will be given out on Monday and half on Tuesday).

Wednesday: Community Cocoa and Coffee Cakes. Students will meet Solano College leadership to talk to them, get some cocoa and coffee cakes in Bldg. 1400. These services will be available at Vallejo and Vacaville centers as well.



# Spring 2020 Important Dates

January 13	Semester Begins!!!
January 13-March 13	8 Week Session I
January 13	First Day to Submit Degree/Certificate Petitions for Spring 2020
January 13-31	Late Registration (with Add Code)
January 20	M.L.K. Jr. Day- No Classes
January 24	Last Day to Drop with Refund & No Record
January 31	Last Day to Add a Full Term Class
January 31	Last Day to Drop a Full Term Class with No Refund & No Record
February 7	Last Day to Apply for Credit by Exam
February 13	No Classes
February 14-17	President's Day Weekend- No Classes
February 18	Last Day to File for Pass/No Pass For Full Term Classes
February 28	Last Day to Submit Degree Petitions for Spring 2020
March 10	No Classes
March 14- May 14	8 Week Session II
March 27	Last day to Drop a Full Term Class with a W
April 6-12	Spring Break!!!- No Classes
May 14	Evening Class Finals Begin
May 15-21	Finals Week
May 21	Last Day of the Semester
May 21	Commencement!!!

## A Simple Reminder



Thanks to faculty member Janene Whitesell who reminded us during flex how important it is to cherish the simple things. She started off the professional flex day stating that she went to a happy place over the break - Disneyland. She has a wonderful and fun spirit and her message was a simple reminder to enjoy the little things in life.

# Students Earn Robotics Certification



Congratulations to the eleven Solano College students who earned their Fanuc Robotics Certification at the end of the fall semester. These students demonstrated their ability to operate, configure, and program industrial robotic arms that are commonly used for material handling, packaging, welding, painting, and machining. Fanuc is a global leader in industrial robotics and are found in many local industries such as Anheuser Busch, Meyer, Tesla, and Jelly Belly. Solano College is a Certified Education Center for Fanuc Robotics.

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## Student Profile | Robert Rincon



Robert Rincon is a hardworking and dedicated student majoring in Broadcast Journalism. He enjoys reporting current events and using technology to inform others. In high school, he met with his counselor and decided news reporting was his dream job. He took his first Journalism class during the 2015-2016 school year and was a sports reporter for the Vanden High School newspaper before graduating from Vanden High in June 2017. Currently, Robert is taking general education courses at Solano Community College (SCC) with hopes of obtaining an A.A degree and transferring to the University of Nevada, Reno to study Broadcast Journalism. In 2019, after completing 24 units at SCC, he was inducted into

the Honor Society with [honorsociety.org](http://honorsociety.org) based in Washington D.C. Congratulations, Robert and we look forward to your continued success.

*Above photo: L to R- Sylvia Dorsey-Robinson and Robert Rincon*

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## Geology Students Paddle Around Point Reyes



Twelve Geology students paddling Point Reyes while learning some Geology. Thank you to the National Science Foundation!

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## Math Professor Awarded Teaching Excellence



Congratulations to Mathematics Professor Sarah Donovan who was one of three instructors to be awarded a Teaching Excellence Award for 2019.

The 47<sup>th</sup> annual California Mathematics Council Community Colleges (aka CMC<sup>3</sup>) Monterey conference was held in December when Donovan received her award.

Pictured with Donovan (left) is CMC<sup>3</sup> president (and former Solano adjunct professor) Katia Fuchs of City College of San Francisco.

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## Welding Class Provides Opportunity for Better Life



Rocky Stanley said he was "excited" to graduate from Weld Class 130 at the Rourk Vocational Training Center, a stone's throw from the Claybank Detention Center of the Solano County Sheriff in Fairfield.

"I never graduated from anything," the 42-year-old Oregon native added during an interview moments after the 15-minute graduation ceremony that not only celebrated the achievement of five other inmates but also marked the end of the first welding class that is a collaboration between Solano Community College and the Sheriff's Office. "I have a sense of accomplishment."

Standing in the welding classroom area, with its cubicles full of equipment a few meters away, Stanley, father of three adult children, noted that he was waiting for "the next step" in his life: "A career other than jail ". He joked and praised the eight-week program "as the best I've seen, the best resources I've seen" of all the jail facilities he is familiar with.

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## Welcome Deputy Alexander Lee to SCC



Please welcome Deputy Sheriff Alexander Lee to the SCC family. Deputy Lee has been with the Solano County Sheriff's Office since 2016, where he has been assigned to patrol and court services in both Fairfield and Vallejo. Deputy Lee is also a member of the Solano County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard.

Prior to the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Lee worked for the San Jose Police Department, where he held a variety of assignments, including patrol and crisis intervention. Deputy Lee is a veteran of the United States Marines, where he traveled abroad extensively. Deputy Lee holds a bachelor's degree from the Art Institute of California, San Francisco.

Deputy Lee grew up in Massachusetts. He lives in the local area with his wife and daughter. Deputy Lee says he looks forward to working with the students, faculty and staff at Solano Community College.

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## Horticulture Students Create Beautiful Wreath



Horticulture students Alora Perrin and Marc Sillanpaa created the holiday wreath located in the S-P Office.

They are both Horticulture majors and work in the Horticulture industry. Alora is a floral designer for Green Valley Floral and Marc works as a grounds technician for a local golf course.

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## DeKloe to Talk About Biotech on KDRT

On the latest edition of the KDRT program "Davisville," host Bill Buchanan talks about the subject with Jim DeKloe, one of the region's biotech leaders.

DeKloe, a professor of biological sciences and biotech at Solano Community College, is the founder and director of the college's Industrial biotechnology program. In the interview they talk about the program in Vacaville, its unusual (for a community college) bachelor's degree, biotech, the creation of a "life sciences corridor" between Sacramento and the Bay Area, the role Davis has, and the need for ethics and laws to keep up.

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## Athletics News



### December Athlete of the Month:

Sophomore men's basketball guard **Dunnell Stafford** has earned the Solano Athletics December Athlete of the Month honor.

In December, Stafford led the Falcons all around, averaging 21 points, 10 rebounds, and five assists per game. He shot over 50 percent from three-point range, and he was rewarded with Most Valuable Player honors at the Monterey Classic

Tournament.

Academically, Stafford continues to excel in the classroom, posting a top GPA.

**Women's Basketball:** Six Falcons reached double figures in the Solano women's basketball 101-47 rout of Los Medanos to open 2020.

The Falcons jumped out to a quick 30-14 lead in the first quarter before extending their 31-point halftime lead.

Freshman **Lexi Derf** paced all players with 22 points and 14 rebounds, counting five threes. Freshman **Ashmeen Sran** was close behind with 20 points, four boards, six assists, and four steals.

Sophomore **Vanessa Hughes** led all scorers with 19 points in the Solano women's basketball victory over Marin, 59-48, on Friday evening.

The Falcons (9-8, 4-1) edged Marin 14-12 in the first quarter and never looked back, outscoring Marin in each quarter.

Hughes added eight rebounds to her points with freshmen **Ashmeen**

**Sran** and **Savannah Lopez** backing her up in the points column with nine each, respectively. Sophomore **Jada Scott** posted a complete all-around game with eight points, nine boards, six assists, and six steals. Solano heads to Alameda next on Wednesday, Jan. 15 for a 7:30 p.m. matchup.

**Men's Basketball:** Sophomore **Armon Economou** counted a team-high 22 points, but the Falcons men's basketball team dropped its 2020 opener to Los Medanos, 90-76. Economou shot over 50 percent from the field with six rebounds, while sophomore **Berry Roseborough** earned 19 points and three assists. Sophomore **Dunnell Stafford** rounded out the Falcons in double figures with 15 points, seven rebounds, three steals, and a pair of blocked shots.

The Solano men's basketball team bounced back in Bay Valley Conference play with a 98-84 win over Marin on Friday evening.

Each of the starting five reached double-figures led by sophomore **Armon Economou's** 27 points and 10 boards. Sophomore **Jordan Adams** counted 18 points, flawless from beyond the arc on his five attempts.

Economou, Adams, and sophomores **Anthony Jones** and **Dunnell Stafford** all joined the team's Tough Club.

Solano (7-10, 2-3) heads back out on the road to Alameda on Wednesday, Jan. 15 for a 5:30 p.m. tip.

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## Games This Week



Jan. 15  
Men's Basketball at Alameda, 5:30pm

Women's Basketball at Laney, 6pm

Jan. 17  
Men's Basketball vs. Mendocino, 5:30pm

Women's Basketball vs. Mendocino, 7:30pm



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