Solano Community College District

First 100 Days & Beyond

Dr. Jowel Christian Laguerre
Superintendent/President

October 15, 2009
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Solano Community College

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Recognition of Elected Officials or Their Reps in Attendance

David Green, Sr. Field Rep., Assemblywoman Evans' Ofc.
Curt Johnston, Mgr. Economic Devel., City of Fairfield
Pete Sanchez, Mayor, Suisun City
Dilenna Harris, Councilwoman, Vacaville
Laura Kuhn, City Manager, City of Vacaville
Mike Palombo, Econ. Devel. Mgr., City of Vacaville
Recognition of Elected Officials or Their Reps in Attendance, cont.

Ron Rowlett, Councilmember, City of Vacaville
John Vasquez, Supervisor, Solano County
Pat Shamansky, VP Governing Bd., Fairfield-Suisun USD
Mayrene Bates, Board Member, Solano Co. Ofc. of Ed.
Veronica Nelson, Field Rep., State Sen Pat Wiggins' Office
Dawn La Bar, Sr. Field Rep., State Senator Lois Wolk
Many Thanks!
First 100 Days Committee

Mr. Ross Beck, Chair
Lillian Nelson, Student Trustee
A. Marie Young, President, SCCD Governing Bd.
Sarah Chapman, Trustee, SCCD Governing Bd.
Rosemary Thurston, Trustee, SCC Governing Bd.
Rhuenette Alums, President, SCC Foundation Bd.
Nora O’Neill, Exec. Coordinator/Special Projects
Accomplishments we can take pride in!

- We enrolled 12,269 students last spring
- In 2008, 129 Solano Community College students transferred to the UC system, the vast majority to UC Davis and the second highest to UC Berkeley
- In 2008, 361 students transferred to the CSU system, most of whom transferred to Sacramento State
In Athletics, we accomplished quite a bit!

2008-09 Conference Champions
Women’s Soccer, Women’s Basketball, Women’s Softball, and Men’s Baseball

2008-09 Conference Runners-up
Women’s Volleyball, Women’s Swimming and Diving
Solano College Alumni Testimonial

SCC Alumni
SSgt. Sean Batson,
Annapolis, MD

Vice President
Joseph Biden
SCC Makes the List

- Top 100 All Disciplines, Asian American #13
- Top 50 Communication, Journalism, Related Programs #42
- Top 50 Multidisciplinary Studies #24
- Top 50 Security & Protective Services #48
- Top 50 Science Technologies/Technicians #29
Accreditation
Then and Now

• Dr. Steinback, “We are accredited!”
• We went from Show Cause to Probation
• Probation report mailed out and due today
• Welcoming a team of three on October 29th
• We feel good about where we are
• As the quote in the paper shared: “We know what we are studying for.”
• We are not satisfied: Total improvement

“Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”
--Will Rogers
First 100 Days

• Why did it have to come and go so quickly?
• Internal acceptance: Students, faculty, and staff
• External acceptance: Mayors, City Councils, Board of Supervisors, Business Community, and C.C. & Regina Yin
• Marie-Claude and I feel at home

Thank you for your welcome!
Encouragement

Haitian saying: “Bat men ankouraje chen.”
Green Council: Grant from State of California
WIB and new partnerships
Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson Endowment Fund
Partnerships with County Government
Yins’ McDonald’s
Association of American Chinese
Community and the College

• What a County!
• Moderator at Candidates Forum: Benicia
• Keynote speaker for Conference of Mayors
• Addressing Board of Supervisors
• Huge reception at the home of C.C. and Regina Yin -- The community came out
Measure G
Construction Bond
New Vacaville Center
Completion Spring 2010
Vallejo Center’s Happy Students
Completed in 2007
One of the First Buildings Supported by Measure G

Student Services Center, Bldg. 400, Fairfield Campus
Completed Measure G Projects

Building 1800B Swing Space and Restroom Facility, Fall 2005 – Renovation

Building 300 Science, Fall 2005 – Renovation

Building 500 Business, Fall 2005 – Renovation

Building 1500 Math and Engineering, Spring 2006 – Renovation

Hydraulics Utility Upgrades Project, Spring 2006
Completed Measure G Projects, cont.

Building 700 Humanities, Spring 2007 - Renovation
Building 800 Multi-Discipline, Spring 2007 – Renovation
Building 900 Faculty/Staff Offices, Spring 2007 – New Construction
Vallejo Center Project, Fall 2007 - New Construction
Building 400 Student Services, Spring 2008 – New Construction
Completed Measure G Projects, cont.

Building 1800A Voc. Education, Fall 2008 – Renovation
Boiler Replacement Project, Fall 2008 – Renovation
Building 1700A Gymnasium, Fall 2008 – Renovation
Building 1700B Adaptive P.E., Spring 2009 – New Construction
Completed
Measure G Projects, cont.

Building 1400 Student Union, Health Center Services, ASSC, and Bookstore, Spring 2009 – Renovations

Chiller Addition Project, Spring 2009 – Renovation

Sports Complex Projects, Spring 2009 – Renovation
Future Measure G Projects

Building 100
Learning Resource Center

Building 1200
Theatre: Hope for State Funds

Building 1300 Fine Arts
Resources

- Green Education Program
- Contracts with WIB
- Contracts with Solano County Government
- Gifts from the Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson Endowment Fund
- Gift from Yins’ McDonald’s and the Association of Chinese Americans
“If you are working on an idea that will be finished during your lifetime, you may not be thinking big enough.” (Wes Jackson)
A Call to Action

- Support and enhance academic achievement
- Add to our workforce training
- Provide greater access for our students from the community and real career development choices to Solano residents
- Provide the tools for our immigrants to develop the language skills they need right here in our county
A Call to Action

- Partner with our schools to combine our resources to elevate the educational attainment of our young people
- Partner with our entire community to enhance the retraining needs of our workers
- Take care of our accreditation
- Tell our story with energy, passion and optimism
A Bright Future
Your Call to Action

• Agriculture at Vacaville Center
• A state-of-the-art homeland security Vacaville for Solano County
• Partnership with the biotech industry
• A regional higher education center for Solano County in Vallejo
Future

• A large science building at the Fairfield Campus to support the County’s goal of being a life science focus

• A state-of-the-art library and learning resource center to allow for adequate space for our students to study and for our community to gather
Future

- A renovated Theatre building to continue to provide unchallenged access to the great artists we have in the community and to welcome you

- Enhancing our partnerships with our County Office of Education and Schools for a clean pathway
"When you are inspired by some great purpose, some extraordinary project, all your thoughts break their bounds. Dormant forces, faculties and talents become alive, and you discover yourself to be a greater person by far than you ever dreamed yourself to be."

--Pantanjali
Don’t give up on us!

"You can always tell a true friend, when you make a fool of yourself, he doesn't think you've done a permanent job."

- Lawrence J. Peter
Thank you!