Dear Colleagues:

Some of us grew up playing, coaching, watching or ignoring soccer. For those of us who got close to the game, we see it as a lot of fun, humbling and a good pastime. When one is close to a successful team, it exudes a rich level of confidence and pride in the organization with which the team is based. That pride is currently being felt at Solano Community College (SCC) for our student athletes on the soccer field.

This year’s team is on course and is an inspiration to all of our fine teams.

Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

Figure 1: Bay Valley Conference Champions  Back row left to right: Coach Andrea Salvador, Carly Dowis (Napa/San Francisco State), Natalie Loyola (Vintage), Vanessa Hollis (Vallejo), Jessica Hamister (Vallejo), Amanda Radich (Will C. Wood), Katrina Herrador (College of the Desert), Melinda Tompkins (Will C. Wood), Chelsie Johnson (Will C. Wood), Vianney Arias (Vintage), Annelise Brumley (Napa), and Coach Jeff Cardinal. Middle row left to right: RS Christa James (St. Patricks), RS Victoria Paulson (St. Patricks Rodriguez), RS Sarah Zuniga (Vintage), Romina Valle (Vallejo), Anna Nisperos (Justin Sienna), Kaitlin Kemp (Vacaville), Renee Bassett (Will C. Wood), Nicole Mello (Pinoe/Contra Costa), Brittney Cooper (Fairfield/American River), Natalie Guerrieri (Napa), RS Arielle Deleon (Armijo), and RS Sabrina Perez (Fairfield). Front row left to right: Aurora Hernandez (Rodriguez), Yedit Martinez (Napa), Cecilee Kidd (Fairfield), Magdalena Hernandez (Rodriguez), Sabrina Caires (Acalanes), Ariana Gomez (Vintage), Kirsten Jennings (Alhambra/Sonoma State), Sandy Garcia (Napa), and RS Madai Casas (Napa).
National Ranking: Number Ten (final); had been ranked up to Number 6

State Ranking: Number 2

Play Off Seeding: Number One in Northern California

Student Honors:
- Conference MVP (Most Valuable Player) – Brittney Cooper
- Defender of the Year – Jessica Hamister
- Goalkeeper of the Year – Amanda Radich

Named to First and Second Teams:

1st Team All-Conference from Solano
1. Brittney Cooper
2. Jessica Hamister
3. Amanda Radich
4. Anna Nisperos
5. Natalie Guerrieri
   Kaitlin Kemp

2nd Team All Conference from Solano
1. Melinda Tompkins
2. Yedith Martinez
3. Sabrina Caires

Coaching Honor: Jeff Cardinal Conference Coach of the Year

Wins in the Play Offs: Two as of Tuesday, November 24th

Honoring Solano Community College
Seeing the model behavior of these young women on the soccer field, I feel that we are so well represented. They just remind me of the great Kansas basketball teams that have had discipline and honor. As a sports fan, a parent, and educator, I do not count wins and losses; good grades or bad grades (those kill me); top notch students or low performing students: I look for character, toughness and performance beyond reproach. The 2009 Soccer Team honors us. So far from all the teams I have had the pleasure of watching in action, our student athletes have been outstanding.
Here are some pictures of your students and mine in action. Photos by Jesse Branch

Figure 2: Scoring Against Sierra College

Figure 3: She directs traffic her way

Figure 4: Opposing goalies’ nightmare

Figure 5: Can’t touch this

Figure 6: Thanking the opponent

Figure 7: Solano Won!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Run is Ended: When the final whistle blew last Saturday, the nice ride our soccer team was on ended. Though I was not able to be at the game (and my guts told me to disobey my wife and be at the game, but I missed the game), I am sure that our young women were as classy in defeat as they were in winning. If you know or see them, please congratulate them. Their final record was 19-3-2.

Great job, Falcons!