Dear Colleagues:

Spring break is upon us, both faculty and staff will take time off for renewal. Students will be studying, writing their term papers and catching up on missed assignments, and if there is any time left they’ll relax with their family members. We wish you plenty of rest and renewal. Just remember that the last stretch of the semester and the year are around the corner. Be safe and return in good shape and good spirits.

Thank you to the College community for your contribution to the Night for Haiti. Many of you contributed your time, talent and resources for Haiti. One of our wine makers, Josh Stein, contributed his own wine as well as the proceeds. Others will continue to contribute to WEI so we can support schools rebuilding efforts in Port-au-Prince.

The Vacaville Center building is slated to be dedicated on Saturday, May 8. We invite you to visit the center on or after May 8th and to participate in the ceremonies of the opening. It is a fine facility and a sound investment into the future of SCC and the communities we serve.

Best regards and plenty of rest,

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

Benefit for Haiti – Thank you!
The student organizations SACNAS (Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) and MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement) hosted an event at the college on March 26th at 7:00 p.m. with all proceeds going to efforts of Water and Education International (WEI). WEI is a not-for-profit organization based in Vallejo with whom we will cooperate to help rebuild schools in Haiti. The event drew a modest but enthusiastic crowd. It is difficult to name everyone who was involved, but the faculty, staff and students did their very best to support Haiti. Several local Haitians, as well as others, came and were touched by the generosity of our institution. Robert Desprato, Maria Santiago and Jim DeKloe were among those who honored the victims of the Port-au-Prince earthquake. Contact Maria Santiago, 864-7214.
Board Update for March 31st Meeting

- The Board of Trustees enjoyed a pleasant meal and conversation with faculty members
- Approved the Banner contracts

April 4-11: Spring Break

All Solano Community College offices will be closed for Spring Break starting Sunday, April 4 through Saturday, April 11. Faculty and staff are asked to update voicemail, email and web pages that we will be closed for Spring Break and we will reopen to serve our students and the public on Monday, April 12th.

April 14: The Clothesline Project

The Student Health Center is sponsoring The Clothesline Project at the Fairfield campus on Wed., April 14, 2010 from 11 am to 2 pm in the 1400 Building. The Clothesline Project was started on Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. It is a vehicle for affected individuals to express their emotions by decorating a shirt to hang on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence against women. Violence takes the form of battery, sexual assault, and murder everyday with alarming frequency. The Clothesline Project honors women survivors, as well as victims of violence. Anyone who has experienced such violence at any time in her life is encouraged to come forward and design a shirt. It is the very process of designing a shirt that gives a new voice with which to expose an often horrific and unspeakable experience of life. Shirts and art supplies will be available for those who wish to participate in decorating a shirt. A representative from Safe Quest Solano will attend the event to offer counseling, advocacy, education, and referrals for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence survivors. For more information, please contact the Student Health Center, Room 1409, (707) 864-7163.

May 8: Vacaville Center Dedication and Building Naming Ceremony

Soon you will receive an electronic invitation to attend the Vacaville Center Dedication and Building Naming on Saturday, May 8. The Dedication and Building Naming Ceremony are 10:00-11:00 am, with tours from 11:00 am – 12:00 noon. There will be a public Open House from 1:00-3:00 pm. Please join us for this special event.

Helping Our Youth

We were approached by the Vallejo Today group to co-sponsor a youth summit on April 24th and an adult summit in May at the Vallejo Center. This is partially in response to some of the unfortunate events that took place in Vallejo over the past couple of months and as a means to bring young people together in a productive way. We shared this information with the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce as well as Mayor Price. We will seek similar activities with Fairfield and Vacaville leaders in the coming months and gauge the level of interest.
SCC Student Receives All-California Academic Team Honors

Solano Community College student and Vacaville resident, Alayna Eaton, has the prestigious honor of being selected to the All-California Community College Academic Team.

Every year, colleges across the nation nominate outstanding students to the All-USA Academic Team competition. The team is sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa — the international honor society representing community colleges. The All-USA Academic Team program recognizes scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in community colleges. Solano Community College nominees automatically qualify for consideration for the All-California Academic Team, which provides recognition at the state level for top community college students.

(Eaton, a biology major, was among only twenty-two community college students in California selected for this year’s All-California Academic Second Team. Making this achievement even more remarkable is that there are over two million community college students in the state. Forty-four additional students were selected for the First and Third All-California Academic Teams.

Eaton was awarded a medallion of honor and a certificate recognizing her accomplishments at a ceremony held March 22 by the Community College League of California. The students were also recently recognized for their achievements on the floor of the State Assembly and the State Senate.

“This is an incredible honor for Alayna as well as the College. She is exceptionally hard-working and dedicated to personal growth and achievement. Alayna represents the best and brightest of our student body,” said Solano Community College Superintendent/President Jowel C. Laguerre. “Her selection by the All-USA Academic Team is recognition of her outstanding academic achievements.”

Grades, leadership and community service all determine selection to the All-California Academic Team. The selection for the All-California team was determined by the scores nominees received from Phi Theta Kappa judges at the national level selecting winner for the national academic teams.

SCC student Alayna Eaton recently received recognition at the state level for her community service and academic achievement. She is biology major at the college with a very high GPA. She intends to transfer to UC Davis. Dr. Dorothy Hawkes joined me to see Alayna receive the award. Chancellor Scott and Dr. Lay from the CCLC as well as several chancellors and superintendent/ presidents were in attendance.
Puente Mentor Night Held March 24
“I was thrilled to share several comments and provide encouragement to the students in the Puente program led by Dr. Alena Hairston,” state Dr. Laguerre. “Having these close interactions with the students has encouraged a closer relationship for them with my office.” Marivel Gomez, legislative aide to State Senator Lois Wolk, was in attendance at this event.

Energy Ideas with Mark Berrett
Dr. Laguerre met with Professor Berrett to discuss our alternative energy efforts. He gave me an update and helped me understand the challenges we have faced in our career and technical education programs. They will meet again to discuss what we should do to ensure that our programs receive sufficient support. Dr Laguerre will meet with Lou Franchimon and Supervisor Linda Seifert this Friday to discuss training programs in wind energy.

Athletics Department Open House and Recruitment Day
This was a very successful event at the college on Saturday, March 20, in which new student athletes attended with their parents. The Division Open House included SCC Hall of Fame members, Alumni, Booster Club members and Community leaders. Dr. Laguerre welcomed everyone and Dean Robert Myers thanked everyone for their support leading to the passage of Measure G Bond. Tours were provided and the day ended with a lunch in Building 1700. Dean Myers spoke about our Division and our Athletics program; Barbara Fountain spoke about registration and admissions; Marcie McDaniels spoke about Counseling, and Maureen Mason-Muyco spoke about Financial Aid. The coaches met with students by team and gave facility tours. The event ended with a luncheon. We give a big "thank you" to Dean Myers for his efforts.

MESA Saluting Our Heroes Awards Dinner
The MESA/NSBE program recently recognized Dr. Shirley Lewis, Dean of Student Development and Outreach, and Mr. Mostafa Ghous, Director of MESA, for their outstanding work supporting our students. Thanks to Trustee Chapman who took Dr. Laguerre’s place to provide the greetings in his absence.

Honoring Our Faculty
IOTA Sorority is honoring Dr. Ella Tollliver for her contribution to the field of education. The event will take place on April 10th at the Airport Holiday Inn in San Francisco. Because of the contribution she has made to SCC, we are very proud of this recognition for one of our finest teachers and administrators.

Have a safe and rejuvenating spring break!