Dear Colleagues:

Once again, I want to welcome you to the new academic year. By all counts and informal polling, we have met the expectations of many students with our planning and execution of the new academic year. It was not without some anxiety for several of our deans who had to scramble at the last minute to find replacements for faculty who became ill, who retired suddenly, or dealt with life’s unexpected situations. The well known philosopher Yogi Bera said it best, in case he really said it, “Don’t leave serendipity to chance.”

Our appreciation goes to our faculty and staff: counselors, admissions/records, placement testing, IT, finance, financial aid, deans’ assistants, our facilities’ colleagues, our staff in Institutional Advancement, Human Resources, etc. The folks at the centers saw a higher volume of traffic as they start to pick up more work as part of being a full-service center. Of course, our students come to us because of the strengths of our faculty. We thank you, full-time and adjunct faculty.

This S/P Direct is the means we use to keep you all informed and share with you what is happening. In that sense, I want to let you know that this is the time for us to submit our five-year facilities plans to the Chancellor’s Office. I am not sure of the process we have used in the past, but I want to invite you to a couple of open forums to gather input and share our preliminary thoughts into the facilities needs for our different areas of the college. Please watch for the announcements. We have needs in several areas, and we should strategically think of what we want the College to be in the next few years. Our conversations about facilities will help us move closer to investing heavily in quality facilities to match our programs and quality faculty. This will be a yearly occurrence. Your input will help us for the next few years.

Over the summer we engaged both FaBPAC and Shared Governance in some conversations around several issues. The implementation of the reorganization, as well as the restructuring of the Centers, brought about some new opportunities to effectuate some minor changes. As we made final decisions on certain positions, we adjusted some assignments. We strategically looked at the strengths of the individuals and the needs of the College. If you have questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Vice President Arturo Reyes. In a summary table below, we list several of the changes that took place.

Last year we had discussions with two of our colleagues, Melissa Reeve and Jane Berger, in regard to international students and the cultural richness they would bring to the county without diminishing our commitment to educate our share of the additional 1.5 M citizens California needs by 2025. We look forward to productive discussions on this matter. This summer we hosted a group of high school students from Akisha, Japan, as part of the Vallejo Sister City program. I was approached by a Technical College in Haiti, Haiti Tec, for cooperation with the College, including faculty exchange. To that end, I will be seeking Board approval for such a relationship. Extra funding through such activities could allow us to attend to several issues to enhance Solano Community College.

Best regards and hope for a great academic year,

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

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Changes at the College

Changes in staffing effective July 1 or shortly thereafter.

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An applaud to our Student Health Center

8/10/10

Jan M. McElroy wrote to Dr. Shirley Lewis to share her appreciation for the help she received from the Student Health Center. Ms. McElroy wrote: “Please tell them ‘Thank you’ for me. And please let the College administration know how special they are and how much having the center to go to means to students like myself.”

Thank you to the staff and nurses who every day are an example of the positive work that is done at the Student Health Center.

Meeting with Rexicology

Several administrators met with Rexicology, a company that provides recycling and waste management for the two Centers. They discussed ways to facilitate recycling at the Centers and how it can support the College to help it meet the goals of a green campus. Further discussions and a plan will be developed in the near future.
Legislative Update

Board Vice President A. Marie Young, several administrators, and I joined in a meeting with representatives from the office of State Senator Pat Wiggins. We shared the message of community colleges in regards to the budget, and the local difficulties it presents. We also asked for support of SB 1440, the transfer bill. At the same time, we shared our concerns with the attendance areas that will be delineated in the bill; although the System does not want to fight that provision. An EOPS student, Joy, attended the meeting with us and shared her opinion about the situation and its impact on her peers.

A group of college employees, Executive Vice President Arturo Reyes; Executive Director, Peter Bostic; Student Trustee John M. Glidden, and Stacy Berger from the Community College League of California met with State Senator Wolk and Assemblywoman Yamada. They were pleased to have Trustees A. Marie Young and Rosemary Thurston with them. They advocated for the passing of a budget. This replaced an advocacy day they were planning to have in July in Sacramento. The legislators could not give an indication of when they will have a budget.

Budget: Nothing good can be said about the budget. No real action has been reported, and most believe that there will be some movement at the beginning of September. Most institutions have done what we did and received an advance of their property taxes from their county. There is a real urgency waiting for us at the end of September when the resources will be dried up. Our Cabinet is exploring all options to ensure that we can continue to meet our obligations until the budget is passed.

Bills of Interest: These are extracts of communications from Community College League of California (CCLC) CEO Scott Lay.

“I want to take a moment to update you on historic legislation to create more seamless transfer pathways for students to the California State University, SB 1440 (Padilla), which would provide the framework for locally adopted transfer degrees that would be no more than 60 units, while preserving degree integrity with 18 units of an area of emphasis. Local districts, with the professional expertise of Academic Senates, would be able to determine the areas of emphasis for the locally adopted degrees.

Campuses of the California State University would be required to accept students for priority admission who complete such degree with a 2.0 GPA to a local campus and major or area of emphasis. Students will be able to know, upon entering what they need to do to get both an associate's degree and professional expertise of Academic Senates, would be able to determine the areas of emphasis for the locally adopted degrees.

This will likely result in 25,000 more associate degrees per year being awarded in community colleges, and for those students who transfer, but do not complete a baccalaureate, a meaningful educational achievement that is currently not being measured.

- AB 194 - caps salary for the purposes of retirement calculation for employees hired after January 1, 2011 under either the State Teachers Retirement System or Public Employees Retirement System for any employee at 125% of the compensation of the Governor in 2009 ($173,987)
- AB 827 - requires a performance review for specified employees* to be conducted and the results summarized in an open session of the governing board before a compensation increase greater than the consumer price index is approved (any raise after January 1, 2011)
- AB 1955 - requires contracts for specified employees* to be posted in a conspicuous public place and on the local agency Web site at least seven days prior to ratification in open session
- AB 2064 - requires the posting on the Web site of compensation received from the agency for all elected officials of the agency and "designated employees" (language not available yet)
- SB 501 - would require employees currently required to complete Form 700 conflict-of-interest forms to complete a disclosure of compensation, benefits and expense reimbursements

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Benicia City Visit

Executive Vice President Arturo Reyes, Deans Kea and Lamb joined Trustee Thurston and Dr. Laguerre in a very good discussion, facilitated by Dean Jerry Kea at the Vallejo Center, with Benicia Mayor Elizabeth Patterson and her staff, as well as Benicia Superintendent of Schools Janice Adams, and the Executive Director of the Chamber. We discussed several opportunities for the College and Benicia to cooperate with all entities in the county.

Recent Accreditation Report Action

By Dr. Jeffrey Lamb, Dean, Academic Success and Learning Resources

In a presentation to the Board of Trustees Accreditation Sub-Committee Tracy Schneider and Dean Lamb reviewed accreditation standards, demonstrated how to access the accreditation Wiki, and gave an update on the Special Report. The subcommittee members asked many questions and provided some good input to the process.

During our fall Flex Cal, the College continued to work on the Comprehensive Self-Study Report that is due in summer of 2011. In general, the organizational structure was productive and groups did have a chance to begin brainstorming, collecting evidence, and writing to the standards. They also were given an explanation on how to use the accreditation Wiki.

In a conversation with Jack Pond from the ACCJC, Dean Lamb was able to clarify a few points: The date of the Self-Study visit and the date when we would need to turn in the Self-Study Report. They visit in October and the report is due eight weeks prior. This puts us in a difficult spot. Tracy Schneider and Dean Lamb have come up with an alternative timeline that we will share with you when I have a moment to finalize the document. Additionally, the scope of the evidence required for the fiscal addendum in response to the Perry-Smith, LLP 2009 audit. They want us to include mention of the addendum in the introduction to the report. We need to maintain the same rigor for evidence that the rest of the report will need. In the rest of the conversation, Jack Pond was interested in hearing how the Special Report was shaping up. The College is taking steps in the right direction to comply with ACCJC standards.

The first draft of recommendations 1, 8 and 6 of our Special Report was planned to be ready for campus consideration on Monday, August 23rd. Electronic versions will be posted on the accreditation Wiki (http://techlr.pbworks.com).

Finally, in order to have a complete and comprehensive Self-Study Report, the College needs to get more participation from Human Resources, Facilities and Fiscal Services. While there are a handful of faculty and staff working in these areas, they lack the in-depth expertise to fully address the standards.
Planning Meeting with Administrators

Interim Research and Planning Director, Dr. Chris Myers, and Executive Vice President, Arturo Reyes, worked with our administrative staff to provide information and training for our administrators in the areas of statement of goals, what enrollment management is, and how to ensure that we continue to make progress toward ongoing planning and assessment. We discussed at length our current planning process and the strategic goals and outcomes for the 2010-2013 plan.

Solano Community College’s Integrated Planning Process

Our Integrated Planning Process is not complicated. At its most fundamental level it entails the following:

1. Plan (SLO/SAO, Program Review, 3-Yr Plans, District Plans, etc…)
2. Propose (Operational or Strategic Proposal forms)
3. Review (by Review Groups then Shared Governance and finally FaBPAC) and
4. Approval (by the President’s Cabinet and the Superintendent-President)

Want more details... go to http://www.metadatamaven.com/ipp .

Visit from Fairfield-Suisun Public Schools

The Superintendent of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Pat Shamansky, Acting President of the District’s Governing Board, together with other staff members visited the District to discuss areas where the College and the schools could cooperate. We agreed to continue our dialog, to find areas we have in common, and to share resources to elevate both the College and the schools of Fairfield and Suisun.

Haitian-Creole Book Published

The phrase book Dr. Accilien and Dr. Laguerre co-wrote was just published by McGraw-Hill. This book is intended to support English-speaking individuals who are helping rebuild Haiti.

Meeting with SunGard Team

Interim Chief Information Systems Officer, Jim Ennis, held some discussions with SunGard representatives. Jim shared with them the performance issues and everyone agreed that we are making progress and that performance in several areas should improve.

Water and Education International (WEI) Honor

During its golf luncheon, WEI presented Dr. Laguerre with a lifetime achievement award for his educational achievement. Several Solano Community College staff members and his family attended the event. Dr. Laguerre was very honored to receive the recognition. He commented that “lifetime” is showing his age.
Western Association of Schools and Colleges Approves Sonoma and SCC Partnership

This was a great email for me to end the week, and I hope that it is a great one for you. It details the excitement of Solano County, Vallejo, and Sonoma State University. It is the culmination of patient work and the determination of our leadership team to make things happen:

"Jerry,

Good to hear from you. It has been a long process to get WASC approval for the SSU degree completion program to run on the Solano campus. I am pleased to inform you and President Laguerre on behalf of Dean Leeder and President Amiñana, that WASC has now given final approval for the proposed program and partnership. This is great news, and we are looking forward to working with you and others at Solano Community College to provide SSU degree completion programs on your campus. This is certainly a win for SSU, a win for Solano Community College, and a win for the students we all serve.

We now have the permission to move ahead with both the formal signings between President Amiñana and President Laguerre. Dean Leeder and I will put these wheels in motion to schedule this celebratory signing when calendars will allow it. Sandra Feldman, Robert Rosen, and Julie Bames will be the lead folks from SSU that will work with you and your staff on the program logistics.

Although now is when the real work starts, this is what we had set as our first phase goal. That has now been achieved. Now we need to dedicate both institutions to ensuring that this partnership delivers on offering excellent degree completion programs at Solano.

Thanks for all your work and thanks to President Laguerre for believing that this partnership could and should be started and CONGRATULATIONS!

Please contact me or Robert Rosen if you have thoughts about next steps. Let’s keep this moving toward our second phase goal (program start at Solano).

My best regards,

Mark

Mark Merickel, Ph.D., Dean
School of Extended Education ..."
Suisun City
The College and Suisun City are exploring how to develop a lease that meets the needs of the College without any ongoing charge to either party. More information will be forthcoming.

Meeting with City of Vacaville
Dean Shirley Lewis, J.D., Director David Froehlich, and Dr. Laguerre met with the city of Vacaville representatives and agreed to cooperate on several fronts. One of the most exciting is the possibility of having the different training sessions occur at the Vacaville Center. Dean Lewis and Dr. Laguerre are exploring ways to make the process smoother.

Planned Parenthood
Dr. Laguerre and Peter Bostic met with some staff members from Planned Parenthood. They discussed cooperation with the College in various areas, including education for students as part of a wellness initiative.

Benicia Chamber Networking Event at Valero Refinery
Dr. Laguerre, Dean Jeffrey Lamb, Executive Director Peter Bostic, Program Developer Deborah Mann, and Dean Jerry Kea benefited from the interaction they had with several members of the business community at the networking event.

349 Air Mobility Wing Employer Appreciation Day at Travis Air Force Base
Dr. Laguerre had an opportunity to interact with the Commander in charge of maintenance at Travis. They discussed cooperation in terms of the College’s School of Aeronautics.

Faculty and Students Return
Classes have now begun. With the new Vacaville Center, we are seeing some growth there; however, the most difficult part may be that students are enrolling in fewer courses because of availability. We did trim down our enrollment to be closer to the 8,900 FTES we are currently funded for, but with a cushion to meet the 2.2% growth if the legislature approves it.

Glimpse at Enrollment
The FTES is down, but the head count is higher by almost 200. The Vacaville Center enrollment is ahead in both FTES and headcount while Vallejo is over in student headcount by almost 300, but down almost 200 FTES. According to the figures from August 10, Vallejo’s number is at 2,800, inching toward the building capacity. Vacaville has experienced an increase of almost 300 students bringing its number of students to almost 1,700 from over 1,300. I have asked the administrators to be ready to present a complete report at the second Board meeting in September.
Contra Costa Community College Support

The College received a very supportive letter from Chancellor Helen Benjamin for the establishment of the Vallejo Center. The initial letter Solano Community College received in 2004 prior to Dr. Benjamin's tenure as chancellor was not very supportive of the Center. In the recent letter, Dr. Benjamin congratulated the College for establishing the Center and expressed her satisfaction with the services it will provide to Bay Area residents. This is the kind of support we should all provide to one another to ensure that our residents find good educational alternatives closer to their home that is especially useful for those with meager means for an education. We appreciate Dr. Benjamin's support and will endeavor to support the Contra Costa Community College District when it needs us.

Meeting with Solano Garbage

Several of College administrators met with the General Manager of Solano Garbage and his assistant to discuss their support for a sustainability project at the College. Not only were they supportive of the project, but also expressed their appreciation for the mission of the College. They want to sign up as a partner for the College Climate Control initiative.

Preview Day

The Student Services faculty and staff put on an impressive Preview Day for our new students. The event was well attended. Dr. Laguerre would like to thank Dean Erin Vines, the Counselors, Enrollment Management, as well as Student Government for their support and participation in the event. Dr. Laguerre reminded the students of how important college is to them and the state, and encouraged them to get a good education and move on to become productive citizens, and reward their loved ones.

Flex Cal Welcome and College Update

Dr. Laguerre was joined by Arturo Reyes, Jim Ennis and Roy Stutzman to welcome the faculty and staff back and update them on a variety of issues, including the budget, Banner and accreditation. They were followed by a splendid presentation by Maile Ornellas on her rich experience and her love for the College. Mike Ammann, the President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), informed the faculty and staff of the importance the College plays in the community. We were pleased to have the presence of Board President Denis Honeychurch, J.D., Board Vice President, A. Marie Young, and Trustee Rosemary Thurston. With support from his wife, Marie-Claude, they personally awarded some gift baskets and roses to several employees: Laurie Gorman, Judy Spencer, Marge Trolinder, Kevin Anderson, J.D., Shirley Lewis, J.D., and Christie Green. These employees have had a long history of supporting the College and their colleagues. They are among some of the best servant leaders the College has.
## Strategic Goals

### 1. Foster Excellence in Learning
- Obj. 1.1 — Create an environment that is conducive to student learning.
- Obj. 1.2 — Create an environment that supports quality teaching.
- Obj. 1.3 — Optimize student performance on Institutional Core Competencies

### 2. Maximize Student Access & Success
- Obj. 2.1 — Identify and provide appropriate support for underprepared students.
- Obj. 2.2 — Update and strengthen career/technical curricula.
- Obj. 2.3 — Identify and provide appropriate support for transfer students.
- Obj. 2.4 — Improve student access to college facilities and services for students.
- Obj. 2.5 — Develop and implement an effective Enrollment Management Plan

### 3. Strengthen Community Connections
- Obj. 3.1 — Respond to community needs.
- Obj. 3.2 — Expand ties to the community.

### 4. Optimize Resources
- Obj. 4.1 — Develop and manage resources to support institutional effectiveness.
- Obj. 4.2 — Maximize organizational efficiency and effectiveness.
- Obj. 4.3 — Maintain up-to-date technology to support the curriculum and business functions.

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### Hooray to Cosmetology

Cheryl McDonald, Cosmetology Lead Instructor was recently nominated for and won the Lifetime Achievement Award for Cosmetology. We are very excited about this accomplishment which shows the quality of our program. Congratulations, Professor McDonald.

By Cheryl McDonald

“The awards ceremony was just incredible and what a great honor. The Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded by the Hand To Hand Marketing Black Expo on the evening of July 16th at the Marriott Hotel in Oakland, California.

The award was presented by Dr. Annette Shelton, an icon in the cosmetology industry.

The award is only given once a year. Candidates are nominated from all over the United States and selection is made by a panel of industry experts.”

### Vacaville Council of Major Employers Meeting

Dr. Laguerre and Dean Shirley Lewis, J.D., attended the meeting and represented the College well. They invited the Chamber to hold one of its candidate debates or symposia at the Vacaville Center.

### Follow-up Meeting with SunGard’s Administrators

Dr. Laguerre met with three administrators from SunGard and discussed how they can work collaboratively on multiple issues. They reiterated their support to make sure that our project succeeds.

### Meeting with Kitchell’s President to discuss Fundraising Possibilities

Dr. Laguerre and Peter Bostic had a great meeting with Russell Fox and his staff from Kitchell CEM. They received a gift of $5,000 to help the College with an image campaign. This brings the total of Kitchell’s gift to this project to $15,000. They then discussed ways they could collaborate to help the College leverage more support.

### Performing Arts Building and Welcome Reception for New Napa Valley College President

Dr. Laguerre and Trustees Rosemary Thurston and A. Marie Young attended the event at Napa and interacted with the new president. The president and Dr. Laguerre will meet soon to discuss how the two college’s could collaborate. Dr. Laguerre will offer his support to help her become acquainted with California.
Board Accreditation Workshop

The Board’s Accreditation Committee met on August 4 and learned more about what is going on with accreditation. The members of the subcommittee are Vice President A. Marie Young, Trustee Sarah E. Chapman, and Trustee James M. Claffey. Our faculty and staff leading the accreditation process shared a lot of details with the committee. Trustee Rosemary Thurston joined the group and they felt that they accomplished a great deal. The committee will meet again in two months or sooner when the Self-Study is near completion.

Meeting with Superintendent of Schools in Winters

Executive Vice President Arturo Reyes, Vacaville Center Dean Shirley Lewis, J.D., and Dr. Laguerre met with Superintendent Dr. Becky Gillespie and High School Principal of Winters, Gary Miller. They discussed a variety of issues and partnerships that would support Winters initiatives. Dr. Lewis will follow-up with the schools. The College is happy with the response we are getting from the Winters area.

Orientation for New Administrators

Dr. Laguerre held an orientation for all new administrators and administrators new to their roles on August 5 and visited the Centers in Vallejo and Vacaville. This was an opportunity for Dr. Laguerre to discuss a variety of topics with the administrators and set expectations for the future. It was a very productive day and a good step for institutional effectiveness and integrity.

Contra Costa County Workforce Development Board Meeting

Dr. Laguerre, Program Developer Deborah Mann, and Executive Vice President Arturo Reyes attended a meeting of a coalition of trainers and workforce development and economic development entities for Alameda, Solano, and Contra Costa counties. The coalition is intended to bolster cooperation among the entities, leverage their strengths, and be united in acquisition of resources. Ms. Mann has been a part of this activity for a few years and has been able to solidify the College’s role in these efforts.

Partnership Meeting with Paul Fair and Robert Bloom

Though the college has been a client of the Workforce Investment Board for a long time, and we have supported each other’s applications for grants, we have not coalesced as real partners for mutually beneficial activities, or to use our combined strengths to accomplish higher goals. We agreed to pursue multiple opportunities together and to be more than clients, but entities that can use their strengths to bring resources and opportunities to Solano County and to share our resources.
Meeting with Executive Committee of the Foundation

The Executive Committee of the Foundation met to discuss their quarterly Foundation meeting. Dr. Laguerre took advantage of the meeting to share with the Directors the interest of the Board in working closer with the Foundation. They are exploring the possibility of regular Foundation reports to the Board at its meetings and an opportunity to have a joint work session.

Foster Youth Success Meeting

Dr. Laguerre, Executive Vice President Arturo Reyes, and Dean Erin Vines participated in a joint meeting between their staff and the county and state officials to hear more of the importance of providing support to our emancipated foster youth. It was made clear what a lifeline the community college is to foster youth. Their rate of success in higher education is rather low and needs to be improved. The group discussed different opportunities to make these students feel more at home at the College. We will have a specific study session where these services will be presented to the Board.

Meeting with Mike Smith of IBEW, LU 180

Mike introduced Dr. Laguerre to his partners of the Wind Power Foundation to discuss future cooperation with the College. The College is exploring these possibilities as part of our sustainability efforts.

Akashi, Japan Students Visit SCC

Thanks to the support of Mostafa Ghou, Judy Spencer and our ASSC leaders and student ambassadors, we made the students and their chaperons feel very welcome to Solano Community College. They toured most of our buildings and heard about our programs. Dr. Laguerre had an opportunity to speak with them and with the help of Izumi Shibasaki, Dr. Laguerre was able to address them directly in Japanese. Dr. Laguerre invited the students to come to SCC and then transfer to a four-year institution when the time comes for them to consider college. Dr. Laguerre asked Councilmember Villanueva to include the College in the relationship so that we can offer the city of Akashi educational opportunities at Solano Community College. The Mayor of Akashi and others in the delegation were very enthused about a relationship with the College. We will start some dialogue soon.

Chancellor’s Circle Luncheon

Dr. Laguerre extends a big thank you to Board President Denis Honeychurch, J.D., Vice President A. Marie Young, Trustee Phil McCaffrey, and Trustee Rosemary Thurston for attending the Chancellor’s luncheon. Over 40 CEO’s and others were in attendance. Everyone was happy with the efforts the College is making.
Flight School Discusses Partnership with SCC

Dr. Laguerre, Executive Vice President Arturo Reyes, and Dean Shirley Lewis, J.D., met with Juan Carlos Cantavela, the owner and general manager of the Nut Tree Flight School, to explore partnerships and congruity with our existing School of Aeronautics. The discussions are ongoing. An assessment and feasibility of partnership are being explored to establish needs for training.

SCC and School Partners Discussed Middle College High School

August 2nd, the College hosted the Select Committee on Cities and Schools at the Vacaville Center. Several school districts were invited, as well as the chambers of the cities served by the Vacaville Center. Trustees Phil McCaffrey and Sarah E. Chapman are members of this committee, as are school board members from Travis and Vacaville. At the meeting, the committee heard a presentation by an administrator in the Delta School District in regard to how middle college high school works. The presentation highlighted the level of interest in the Vacaville attendance area. Similar discussions will be held with other schools and interested entities in the county.

Omega Boys and Girls Club Thanks SCC

Over a dozen members of the Boys and Girls Club accompanied Executive Director Gardner to thank the College for donating some good computers to the club for the students to use. They brought in a beautiful framed certificate, as well as a fruit basket to thank us. We felt touched by their generosity and are happy for their gratitude. Ms. Garner will present the certificate to the Board at the meeting in Vallejo scheduled in November.

Meeting with CEO of Vacaville Christian Schools (VCS)

Dr. Laguerre and Executive Vice President Arturo Reyes took a tour of the VCS. The tour was arranged by Vacaville mayoral candidate Dilenna Harris and the school’s CEO Paul Harrell. The facilities were very impressive. The College is exploring ways we can cooperate with the school.

Basketball Camp a Huge Success

Over 150 youngsters, ages 3 and up came to the Fairfield Campus for the annual basketball camp. Coaches John Nagle and Matt Borchert, along with support from several Solano Community College basketball players, orchestrated successful activities for the students.
Joint Grant with Haiti Tec

Dr. Laguerre shared with the Governing Board that the College has an opportunity to partner with and support a technical college in Haiti. The College submitted a FIPSE grant to support Haiti Tec. Students from Haiti Tec would come to Solano to study certain trades and return to Haiti to teach those trades. The grant, if awarded, is $750,000 for three years.

Former SCC Student Highlighted

Katie Knopp, former Solano Community College All-American Women's Soccer player, was highlighted in the San Jose State Athletics Bulletin. She scored her first goal of the season and gave the San Jose State women's soccer team a 1-0 lead in the 75th minute battle against Santa Clara. The Spartan head coach is quoted saying; “I was very pleased with our performance today.” Congratulations to Katie Knopp!