Dear Colleagues:

I hope you have settled in well to this new academic year. Our enrollment is fluctuating as usual. At the census we will know exactly how we fare overall. In the meantime, do your best to retain students and to refer those who are struggling to the Department of Counseling and/or to several of our student support services. Please contact Dean of Student Services, Shirley Lewis, for assistance in determining which student services we offer and/or how you may contact various support staff.

**AT&T Vallejo Store: Store of the Future**

Vallejo’s new AT & T store is worth a visit. Trustees Young, Thurston, and I attended the opening of an AT&T Store of the Future located on Admiral Callahan in Vallejo. The store layout highlights AT&T’s products and services, devices, and accessories across three unique “zones” – the Connected Experience Zone, the Community Zone, and the Explore Zone ranging from AT & T offerings pertaining to music, home security, entertainment, apps, a plethora of accessories, and so forth.

The opening was attended by several dignitaries, including the Honorable Mike Thompson and Osby Davis, and officials from AT&T. Additionally, the College was awarded the largest donation that day, $10,000, to assist the Academic Success Center. I shared with the audience that Vallejo has all the ingredients to support the economic development of the city, including Solano Community College. I reflected also on the number of AT&T employees who are either graduates or current students at Solano, and the potential for a strong partnership between AT&T and the College.

Rhunette Alums, one of our adjunct faculty, works for AT&T and was formerly President of our Educational Foundation Board. She has been instrumental in getting AT&T and the College together to cooperate in various ways. Last year, for example, AT&T funded the Trail Blazers program supporting several young African-American men.

**NSF Announcement**

Congressman John Garamendi and Fairfield Mayor Harry Price joined Trustees Martin and Brown for the announcement of the College’s National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant to teach other community colleges in the nation the use of disposable bioreactors. This first NSF grant is a major milestone for the College. Professors Jim DeKloe and Ed Re, Dean John Yu, and many others played a critical role in this accomplishment. The Congressman was very complimentary of the success we have had and encouraged us to pursue more funding. He also pledged the
support of his office to connect us to the right offices and individuals, as well as to provide letters of support.

Prior to the announcement, Congressman Garamendi got briefings on some of our newest programs. Professors Paul Hidy and Kevin Spoelstra presented details of the success of the Automotive and Aeronautics programs. They were followed by Acting Dean Chuck Rieger who gave a briefing on the work of the Workforce Development and Continuing Education unit. Director Deborah Mann gave an update on the Water/Waste Water Management program. Here the Congressman noted that with the water issues the state is facing, the program is timely and important.

Overall, Congressman Garamendi lauded the College’s efforts in reaching out to employers to develop and improve its programs. He noted that this type of partnership work is a focus of Congress and congratulated Solano Community College for the work we are doing. In reflecting on the day, I felt a great sense of pride in the achievements of our Board of Trustees; and, most importantly, the faculty and staff. We need to amplify the success Ed and Jim are having and what Paul and Kevin are doing to keep pushing this 70-year-old jewel (SCC) forward.

ALG Meeting Report
The Administrative Leadership Group (ALG) met on Friday and covered a variety of subjects. We approved some procedures for ALG members and reviewed some job descriptions. We then heard a presentation from Roger Clague, Chief Information Technology Officer, on the reduction of the number of individual printers throughout the campus, and IT’s plan to replace them with common printers in strategic areas of the campus. The goal is to reduce the number of printers for major savings in printing and use of paper. The proposal will be refined and presented again to the administrators. This process will start with Building 600.

Vacaville Reporter Article on Importance of Athletic Trainers
This last Sunday’s Vacaville Reporter featured an excellent piece entitled, “Trainers are key to concussion care,” written by SCC’s Head Athletic Trainer, Allison Aubert. In the article, Professor Aubert explains that concussions can occur in all sports and that “even a relatively minor second concussion can have devastating consequences.” She states that various athletic associations are looking into how athletes train to prevent concussions as much as possible. SCC is pleased to have Ms. Aubert on our Athletic staff. She is also President of the California Community College Athletic Trainers’ Association (CCCATA).

Early College High School Program with Fairfield/Suisun
The Fairfield Early College High School, is a joint venture between Solano Community College and Rodriguez High School. This program is designed for students looking for an alternative to the typical high school experience and who possess the skills to concurrently take high school and college classes. At the end of four years in the program, students will earn a high school diploma and an Associate’s degree or up to 60 transferable units.

We are starting this inaugural year with 50 high school students. Each student is enrolled in four high school classes on the SCC campus (English Honors, Math 1/2, World Civilizations, and Biology Honors) and one College class taught by an SCC professor. By the time students
reach their Junior year, the majority of their classes will be college courses taught by SCC faculty. In this Early High School program, students are not in sheltered college classes; rather they are integrated with the entire SCC community and taking advantage of the College educational opportunities already in place.

**SCC Outreach Day at Solano Mall**

Ms. Shemila Johnson, Outreach and Public Relations Manager, has been in contact with the Marketing Manager of Solano Mall regarding an outreach day just for Solano Community College. After sharing the idea with I/VP White and Dean Neil Glines, it was thought to be a great opportunity to push spring enrollment and advertise our programs at the Solano Mall. The Mall serves about 26,450 customers per day throughout the year (holidays and back to school are peak times). An SCC outreach day provides a great opportunity for us to market our programs and services in the community to parents, grandparents, high school students, middle and elementary school aged students; unemployed, employed, etc. They don’t have to “come to us,” rather we are going to “go to them.” This outreach day is unique because it’s not a College “fair” wherein multiple colleges are represented--it’s a chance to display SCC without the competition of the military branches, other community colleges, and universities….IT’S ALL ABOUT SOLANO!

More information will be forthcoming.

**Location:** Solano Town Center at 1350 Travis Boulevard | Fairfield, CA 94533
**Date:** Saturday, October 18, 2014
**Time:** Noon-4:00 p.m.

Confirmed program participation is as follows:

- Admissions and Records – Photography - Graphic Arts - Printmaking - Speech and Debate -
  - Art 2D – Art 3D - Theater - Sports Broadcasting – Music - Foreign Languages

**SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, September 20, 2014**

Join the 2014 Solano Community College 2014 Family Picnic in partnership with Kaiser Permanente, Saturday, September 20, at our Fairfield Campus. **We need an employee softball team to beat Kaiser’s team for the 2nd year in a row, so if you’re interested in playing, please email Terri Pearson-Bloom at terri.pearson@solano.edu.**

In addition to the employee softball game, the day will include a 5K Fun Run/Walk on campus, followed by fun activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for everyone. Kaiser employees and their families will be joining us. **BRING THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OUT FOR FUN…. and don’t miss out on entertainment, healthy eating demos, prevention, wellness and safety activities. You do not have to be a member of Kaiser Health to participate.**

**Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act**

Every so often the United States Congress reviews and rewrites the federal act that governs higher education. The act is presently being considered by lawmakers. The Act may be reviewed online. It is a long process to the approval of the Act.
A Variety of Happenings
On Monday, Touro University had a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Nursing program (MSN) at Mare Island. I attended that ceremony and wrote a letter of support for the program and SCC has agreed that students will transfer from our nursing program into the MSN.

On Thursday, several Trustees and others will travel with me to San Jose to visit Cisco. Among the partners are Benicia Schools Superintendent Janice Adams, Winters Superintendent Brent Cushingbery, and Dr. Kenya Williams from the State Prison. We will observe a technology system that will allow us to broadcast courses from any site to another, such as Vallejo to Fairfield and Vacaville or Fairfield to the other two locations.

Chancellor Brice Harris invited College CEOs and our Financial Aid and Public Safety Directors to meet with the American Council on Education to discuss some potential new regulations affecting financial aid, safety, and security. Harris promises “the opportunity to meet with California Community College leaders to learn directly from us about the regulatory challenges we face – especially in financial aid and campus security. The meetings will take place at City College of San Francisco at the Chinatown/North Beach campus.” Associate Dean Robin Darcangelo and Chief Eric Thelen will accompany me to the meeting.

Sports Update
The Women’s Soccer and Volleyball teams were in action on Friday. The Women’s Soccer team beat Evergreen College 2 to 1. The Volleyball team played in its Solano Invitational Tournament with teams from Skyline, Napa, and West Valley joining the tournament. SCC lost in five games to Skyline, but we were very competitive and beat West Valley in some tough matches, including one that went over 30 points. I would say both teams seem to be in pretty good spirits for the upcoming season.

SCC Employee Benefits Fair
Monday, September 15, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., is SCC’s Employee Benefits Fair. This event will be held in Building 1400 in the back half of the Cafeteria.

We have invited all of SCC’s benefits providers (e.g., health, vision, dental, retirement) to provide you with direct access to their representatives. Also invited are vendors from the community. Attend the Employee Benefits Fair and see what is available for you and your family.

Call to Action: Partnership with California State Prison-Solano
As you know, we have been working to create a partnership with California State Prison-Solano to provide educational opportunities for their inmates. This project will begin as a pilot in spring 15 with 200 students. We are looking at two different options for providing instruction. One option would be to hold classes on their campus. The second option would be to offer classes through correspondence. SB 1391 is on the Governor’s desk to be signed and will dictate how we move forward, but we need to begin planning now so we are prepared to begin this next semester.
I am asking for your assistance to make this happen. Our teaching partnership could potentially bring us 1,200 new students and is definitely not an opportunity we want to let pass us by. The Prison is currently being served by three other community colleges, but we hope to be the only College necessary to serve these students in the near future.

We are seeking SCC faculty to teach this upcoming spring, as well as in the future. Please respond as soon as possible with your preference to teach either in-person classes located at their facility in Vacaville or courses taught through correspondence. Notify your Dean of your interest in getting involved.

**Shared Governance Council Meets Today**

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1. Call to Order | Action | 2:00 p.m.
   (a) Approval of Agenda | Action | 
   (b) Approval of Minutes August 13, 2014 |  
   (c) PUBLIC COMMENTS |  
2. Superintendent-President’s Report | Information |  
   J. Laguerre |  
3. Board Policy and Procedures 1046 – Recording | Action |  
   Board Policy and Procedures 2155 – Initial Collective Bargaining Proposals |  
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   J. Laguerre |  
4. Dixon High School MOU | Information |  
   J. Laguerre |  
5. Human Resources Update | Information |  
   W. Larson |  
6. Applicant Reimbursement Policies | Information/Action |  
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Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D.
Superintendent-President

“People say that money is not the key to happiness, but I always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made.” Joan Rivers

“Don't follow any advice, no matter how good, until you feel as deeply in your spirit as you think in your mind that the counsel is wise.” Joan Rivers