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GROUNDBREAKING for New Auto Building



Ground was broken last week for the new Automotive Technology Building, 1687 Ascot Parkway, in Vallejo. The ceremony took place on Wednesday, Aug. 17, with local officials and college faculty, students, and staff on hand to celebrate.

The groundbreaking was kicked off by Dr. Celia Esposito-Noy and Board of Trustees President Michael Martin. Mike Thompson, U.S. Congressman from the California 5th District, also spoke, telling the crowd that he himself had worked in automotive repair when he repaired machinery at a winery in one of his earliest jobs. Automotive Technology instructor Paul Hidy also spoke, thanking the district and his students for making the new building a possibility.

The 31,000-square-foot building will feature automotive repair and alignment instructional bays, automotive testing areas, student lounge, two “smart” classrooms, a tutoring center/conference room, and offices. It will be a state-of-the-art facility, which will become the standard bearer for all community colleges. The site will also provide opportunities for current and future industry partnerships.



Pictured clockwise from the top: Autotechnology students and staff, a rendering of the new Automotive Technology Building, and Automotive Technology instructor Paul Hidy.

The Solano College Baseball Team is proud to announce the signings of their 2016 Sophomore Class. All-State and 1st team All-BVC outfielder Tyler Stover leads the way, signing early to 17th ranked University of Louisiana. The 2013 M.E.L. Most Valuable Player boasted a 3.42 gpa at Solano, and was also a pre-season All-American. 1st Team infielder Garlind Webster

Baseball Sophomores Shine

committed to Eastern New Mexico University. Webster lead all conference infielders in batting average. He was an all-conference selection in 2015 as well. He earned a 3.02 gpa at Solano.

Nine of the 11 sophomores below earned over a 3.0 gpa, with Sillanpaa earning a 4.0 gpa at Solano. Sillanpaa is transferring to play in the Ivy League, at the University of Pennsylvania. Litz, Phipps, Quijada, and Stover were all named to the Bay Valley Conference All-Academic Team.

- Joey Dodson;** Clarke University – Dubuque, IA • 3.13 gpa
Brandon Donley; William Jessup University – Rocklin, CA • 3.24 gpa
Evan Faccenda; Clarke University – Dubuque, IA • 2.80 gpa
Briar Litz; William Jessup University – Rocklin, CA • 3.70 gpa
Ryan Pearman; Georgetown College – Georgetown, KY • 2.92 gpa
Jesse Phipps; Texas A&M International – Laredo, TX • 3.52 gpa
Andres Quijada; Avila College – Kansas City, MO • 3.17 gpa
Kellen Sillanpaa; University of Pennsylvania – Philadelphia • 4.00 gpa
Tyler Stover; University of Louisiana – Lafayette, LA • 3.42 gpa
Jae Wagner; Chico State University – Chico, CA • 3.11 gpa
Garlind Webster; Eastern New Mexico University – Portales, NM • 3.02 gpa

CAUGHT – Doing Something Good!

SCC staff all stepped up to help the college this past week. Although there were probably many such instances, thanks to the following:

Steve Escobar (IT) and Eileen Amick (WDCE) for walking lost students to their classrooms in the 100 Building.

Shirley Lewis for walking a student over to student services and assisting him with the registration process.

Maire Morinec for leading “What Matters for Jobs in Our Community.” Community turnout from our partners in government, industry, and education was strong. Conversations were centered on how high schools and colleges can authentically prepare students for the workplace.

Peter Cammish for providing data for our contract partners within several hours, helping to save a long standing contract.

Ward Stewart for helping to get Mare Island Tech students enrolled in their English and LR10 courses. He absolutely went above and beyond to do so.

Note: If you notice someone going beyond the call of duty, please send it to mcreynolds.ginny@yahoo.com with the subject line: Caught Doing Something Good.

CELEBRATE WITH US – FRIDAY, AUG 26 | 6:30 P.M.

Solano Community College 2016 Annual Benefit Gala



Join us in celebrating the expansion of the Solano Community College Vallejo Center with the construction of the SCC Automotive Technology Building. In addition, the college will recognize the 2016 SCC Distinguished Alumni.

**USA World Classics Event Center
1525 Sonoma Blvd., Vallejo, CA**

For tickets, visit the SCC Educational Foundation website <https://foundation.solano.edu/events> or contact Curt Johnson at 707-249-1667 or curt.johnson@solano.edu | Individual tickets \$85, faculty/staff tickets \$50, sponsorships start at \$500.