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Super Saturday comes to SCC

SCC staff members and ambassadors greeted new, incoming students at the first of two Super Saturdays this weekend, helping them to complete the registration process for fall semester. Students had the chance to participate in enrollment, orientation, registration and creation of education plans. They also toured the campus and learned about financial aid requirements, including completing FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms. The next Super Saturday will be held March 19.



SCC staff and student ambassadors welcomed area high school students to campus for Super Saturday orientation and registration.



Historian Brings “Black Inventors” to SCC

The college had a rare opportunity this week to view a display of “Black Inventors,” brought to SCC by historian James Tate. Tate’s big interest is in educating adults and young people. From Columbus, Missouri, he started working with youth when he held after-school tutorial programs to help with homework. He has shown his display at schools, the Boys and Girls Club of Vallejo, and local banks and hospitals. Part of Black History Month, the event was presented by the Ethnic Studies Program and sponsored by Dr. Karen McCord, Peace Club, Umoja Club, Black Student Union and the Associated Students.

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Art as a Force of Nature

SCC art instructor Jeanne Lorenz has turned her five-month, 2,000-mile hike of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) into a collection of large-scale wall paintings, which will be on display on campus beginning this week. Lorenz, who teaches painting, printmaking and design, drew in sketchbooks during her hike, using a Japanese fountain pen in a soft-cover Moleskin notebook. From these drawings, Lorenz created the very large paintings from this exhibit. The works, as large as 20 by 15 feet, were designed to reflect the colors from the hike, and Lorenz made her own paint from pigments ground into a liquid dispersion. Throughout the hike, Lorenz said she learned to “focus on water, travel, light, and to be open to the poetry of human interaction.” The hike also required Lorenz to “engage directly with the problem of how to balance a human desire for comfort and growth with an ethical and aesthetic desire for simplicity and preservation.” The opening reception of the exhibit, “Force of Nature,” will be held from 4-6 p.m. on March 2 in the Herger Gallery.

Agri-Business Expo at Vacaville Center

The area’s focus on agriculture was highlighted Wednesday, Feb. 24, when Solano Community College, the Small Business Center, and the Yolo/Solano farmbudsman joined to present the Agri-Business Expo. The event, held at SCC’s Vacaville Center, included educators, financiers, farmers and others interested in agriculture in the area. The expo was particularly important to SCC because the college is working hard to revise its curriculum in agriculturally related fields, including horticulture, and the college’s new focus on biotechnology. The hope of organizers is that events such as this will remind the area that SCC can be a vital resource for the agricultural community. As farmbudsman Michelle Stephens told the Vacaville Reporter, “I’m really happy with the turnout. We just want to be a resource to the ag community.”

New Dean of Social and Behavioral Science



Solano Community College welcomes Sandy Lamba as the new Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Science. Lamba has worked in

employee development and student achievement in California since 1998. He comes to SCC from Heald College in Stockton, where he served as campus president for five years. His responsibilities included academics, student and business services, learning resources, and career services. He also held administrative positions with Heald in Fresno, serving as Director of Academics and Dean. Lamba holds a master of arts degree in clinical psychology with a concentration in organizational behavior, master of business administration degree, and a bachelor of science degree in psychology.



As part of Black History Month, Umoja students started their day on Feb. 19 by visiting the courtroom of Vallejo judge Trina Thompson. From there, they visited the African American Library and Museum in Oakland and then participated in a four-hour visit at UC Berkeley, where they were hosted by transfer director Kenny Gutierrez and the Experience Berkeley Team. The Umoja students also attended the Black College Expo at the Oakland Convention Center on Feb. 13.