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Visser named to USF Hall of Fame

SCC's Director of Athletics Erik Visser was inducted into the University of San Francisco Hall of Fame on Feb. 26, honored for his longtime contribution to men's soccer there. Visser, who graduated from USF in 1982, participated in more than 800 games at the university, and was involved with its men's soccer program for 36 years.

As a student at USF, Visser lettered all four years and played on USF's 1978 and 1980 national championship teams. He served as assistant coach on Steve Negoesco's staff for 19 seasons between 1982 and 2000 and was appointed head coach in 2001. Visser had 109 wins in 13 seasons as head coach, and ranks as the third all-time winningest coach behind Negoesco and Gus Donoghue. Under his guidance, the team made four NCAA Tournament appearances and three WCC Championships.

Visser also served as head coach of the women's soccer program for six seasons and as USF's associate athletics director for compliance and academic services for nine years, in addition to his coaching duties. He earned three degrees from USF, including two master's degrees, and currently serves as the director of athletics at Solano Community College in Fairfield. Visser was inducted into the USF Hall of Fame along with four other athletes at the Father Hubert "Hub" Flynn Hall of Fame Dinner at the USF campus.

SCC Students Honored



Two Solano Community College students have been named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-California team. The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recognizes and encourages scholarship in two-year college students nationwide. SCC students Jennifer Engel and Michael Saucedo will be honored on March 24 in Sacramento in a ceremony sponsored by the Community College League of California.



Jennifer Engel, who was named to the 1st Team, is enrolled in her fourth semester in the nursing program, with plans to graduate in May. She is class president, maintains a 4.0 grade point average, is an Air Force wife and the mother of two teenagers. Engel, who says she has wanted to be a nurse since she was eight years old, plans to transfer to Grand Canyon University to earn her master's degree in nursing, with a major in education and a minor in information technology. Her long-term goal is to be a neonatal intensive care nurse and eventually pursue a teaching career.

Michael Saucedo, named to the 3rd Team, is a veteran, who worked in the sales industry following high school to supplement his family's income after the 2008 recession. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps from 2010-2014, primarily as an ammunitions chief in Japan, Australia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Hong Kong and the DMZ between North and South Korea. Saucedo is president of the Student Veteran Organization and works in the Veterans Affairs office on campus, providing tutoring to veterans and helping to facilitate the benefits process. He is majoring in economics and has been accepted to U.C. Davis, with pending applications at U.C. Berkeley, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, and Yale University. He hopes to work in a business-related field and may pursue a law degree. One of Saucedo's primary goals is to "motivate other Latino students to pursue their own college goals."

Father Hubert "Hub" Flynn Athletic Hall of Fame Friday, February 26, 2016



Erik Visser and his son Brian, who played for him at USF, and his daughter Lauren, who is a freshman at the university.

Music Department Shines

The Solano Community College Music Department presented symphony and ballet performances Saturday, March 5, at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. The show “Menagerie” featured Symphony of Northern California (SONiC) and Benicia



Ballet Theatre (BBT), funded by BBT and a grant to the SCC Music Department by the Kitchell Corporation. The program consisted of ballet choreography set to Andante and Variations by Schumann, Sonata for 2 Pianos by Mozart, and The Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens.

This production was made possible through a relationship between BBT, Solano Community College, SONiC, and a generous grant from Kitchell CEM.

The Kitchell contribution supports the SCC Music department with the establishment of the Symphony

Orchestra of Northern California at SCC. In SONiC, music students of all ages are paired with professional musicians from the Bay Area, Sacramento, and Northern California, attend rehearsals with members of SONiC, and receive a scholarship. SONiC is established in conjunction with SCC’s new transfer music degree, which guarantees transfer at junior level, to a CSU, after completing a two-year program.

SCC WEEKLY TRIVIA

What is the largest class ever taught at Solano Community College?

Find the answer in next week’s *Inside Solano!*

Clarification

Students who attended the Feb. 27 Super Saturday event on campus did not actually register for classes. They participated in orientation, assessment and developed Student Educational Plans, all in preparation for registration, which begins in April.



Greetings from the President

As we move into March and all of our busy spring activities,

I want to thank you all for the energy you devote to helping make SCC such a student-centered college. From student success efforts, to supportive services, to outreach activities, to classroom-based tutoring and assistance, you all work tirelessly to help students move forward. Although these can be difficult and even seemingly thankless tasks, I know our students appreciate all that you do.

Our efforts pay off for students. For example, Jennifer Engel and Michael Saucedo were recently selected for

the All-California Academic Team, a prestigious honor bestowed on a handful of community college students. These students will be honored at a luncheon in Sacramento this spring. Our students and staff also serve the local community by volunteering for local fundraisers. Our men’s basketball team, along with Coach Nagle, volunteered at a scholarship fundraiser in Vacaville.

On Super Saturday, I met incoming students from our feeder high schools and beyond. Students completed their FAFSA (financial aid application), assessment, and received a tour of the Fairfield campus. They were excited to be at SCC preparing for the fall semester. It’s important that we

applaud them for taking the next steps and acknowledge their commitment to going to college. We often forget that, for some students, visiting a college campus can be difficult. There are unfamiliar acronyms and expectations and they arrive often not knowing what to expect, yet extremely hopeful. If you have not yet read “The College Fear Factor” by Rebecca Cox, I encourage you to do so. It’s a wonderful resource that reconnects us to the student experience.

As I shared with all of you at our spring Flex Cal Day, be kind to our students and to each other. Let’s celebrate the important work we do and how we affect students’ lives.