



# Inside Solano

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## Solano College Arts *ELECTION* Opening Night



Solano College Arts held a well-attended opening reception for its provocative art and performance show, *ELECTION*, which features a diverse body of work by Solano College Arts and Theatre students, faculty members, and local artists within the community. The opening reception was crowded with guests enjoying a wide range of exhibits celebrating, scrutinizing, and satirizing the political process.

The show was organized by graphic design instructor Rachel Smith and Art Lab technician Kathy Kearns, with the help of arts and theatre faculty and student workers. In addition to conceptual pieces with political themes, both serious and playful, graphic design students designed and created informational posters on subjects ranging from the presidential candidates' stances on various issues, to the California Ballot Propositions and local Solano County measures.



**ELECTION** will be open in the 1300 Building's Herger Gallery every Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Nov. 15.

"I wanted to create a visual reference for gallery attendees to learn about the various issues in this election, while giving students a platform to express their own opinions," said Smith. Illustration students created political cartoons and caricatures, and graphic designer and student worker Bria Sanchez created a large-scale "head-in-the-hole" photo op of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

In the spirit of democracy, much of the work featured in this show was completed through a collaborative process. Sculpture and ceramics instructor Marc Lancet and Michael Wyly's creative writing students teamed up to create sculptural pieces made of found objects. By combining their collective talents, drawing students in Marc Pandone's class created a stunning masterwork copy of Delacroix's *Liberty Leading the People*. Photography students made eclectic photo collages exploring political and social themes.



Another highlight is a short video documenting a live-hand puppet show, which pits Donald Trump against Hillary Clinton in a humorous version of a Presidential Debate. This was written and performed by the Solano Drama Club, with puppets and stage built by Theatre Technician Darcia Tipton and Technical Theatre Instructor Darsen Long.

# Pathway to Law School

The Community College Pathway to Law School (CCPLS) Initiative, first launched at Solano College in 2014, is helping area students make their way to higher education and careers in law. The Initiative is the first and only of its kind to provide not only a clear pathway to law school, but also collaborative buy-in from three different levels of academic instruction—community college, university, and law school.

The CCPLS Initiative is the product of the California State Bar's Council on Access and Fairness (COAF). As a participating institution in the initiative, SCC partners with six top-rated undergraduate and law school programs, including

UC Davis, UC Irvine, USF, Santa Clara University, Loyola Marymount and USC. Students successfully completing the initiative will be eligible to take advantage of these partnerships toward the goal of achieving a legal education.

Twenty percent of California state attorneys are from historically underrepresented backgrounds, but 90 percent of the persons utilizing legal services are members of historically underrepresented groups. The primary goal of the CCPLS Initiative is to bridge this gap by assisting students in the development of a unique set of skills aimed at preparing them for a career in the legal field. This level of

rigorous academic preparation will ultimately assist in achieving greater diversity and advancement in the legal profession.

SCC political science professor Joel Powell is the CCPLS faculty coordinator at the college and recently completed the program's annual report. In the report, he pointed to the achievement of SCC's students, indicating they have "demonstrated high levels of success in their course work, achieving an 84 percent success rate and averaged 12 units per semester, ensuring on-time completion of both degree and program requirements."



*The Francis Ford Coppola Winery Fairfield Men's Pro Challenger, held at SCC, was won by No. 2 seed Santiago Giraldo, from Colombia, who received \$14,400 for his efforts. Here he is pictured receiving the check from SCC Superintendent/President Celia Esposito-Noy, Phil Cello, and Jay Shoemaker. Giraldo beat France's Quentin Hayls in the tournament finals.*

## Solano Community College MISSION STATEMENT

Solano Community College's mission is to educate a culturally and academically diverse student population drawn from our local communities and beyond. We are committed to student learning and achievement and to helping our students achieve their educational, professional, and personal goals. Solano transforms students' lives with undergraduate education, transfer courses, career-and-technical education, certificate programs, workforce development and training, basic-skills education, and lifelong-learning opportunities.