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Helping Students Change Their Lives

In 1986, when Virginia Guleff had started attending De Anza College as a returning student, one of her English instructors suggested she apply for a job in the Writing Center. She did and, as she says, "It changed my life."

It was that experience that convinced Guleff that she wanted to pursue a career in which she could "help students have the same kind of experience." Guleff is bringing that commitment to students to Solano Community College this month as she begins her role as Interim Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

Since 2012, Guleff has served as Vice-President of Instruction and Student Services at Mendocino College in Ukiah. She is returning to this area, in part, to care for her elderly mother, who lives in Woodland. Guleff was also Dean of Instruction at Mendocino for five years before becoming VPI/SS, and an ESL/English instructor in the San Diego Community College District for 10 years before that.

Guleff says she is excited about her work at SCC and is looking forward to meeting with the Academic Senate and other staff. "The groundwork has been done here," she says. "I will just help



connect the dots." And, as always, she is excited to help students feel the same sense of engagement that she felt in community college 30 years ago.

"We really need to surround students," she says, "so they don't feel so anonymous. We need to help them change their lives."

Women Falcons Play on Campus

The SCC Women's Soccer and Volleyball teams both play at home this coming Friday, Sept. 30.

The Soccer team plays against Merritt College at 4 p.m. and the Volleyball team meets Mendocino College at 6 p.m.

Solano Honored By State Chancellor's Office

The California Community College Chancellor's Office Board of Governors honored Solano Community College with an Excellent in Energy and Sustainability Award, naming it the State's Best Overall Small District in this category.

SCC won the award for its Exterior Lighting Retrofit project, which included removing aged exterior Metal Halide and High Pressure Sodium lighting fixtures and replacing them with new LED

Technology. The approximately \$344,000 project was funded with \$160,000 of Proposition 39 funds, an investor-owned utility incentive exceeding \$107,000, and an additional \$77,000 of district funds.

As a result of the project, the district will see a yearly reduction of at least 440,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh), with a subsequent energy bill reduction of almost \$40,000 annually. In addition, this project's construction generated 765 hours of employment within the community.

SCC CLEANS UP!



Pictured left to right:
Sandra Diehl, Kevin
Walker, Pam Muick

Solano Community College faculty, staff, students, and community volunteers gathered Saturday Sept. 17 to participate in Coastal and Creek Cleanup Day. At SCC's site, more than 60 bags of trash were collected.

Three staff members and one Horticulture Club member were captains for the college clean-up site, which was located at the

creek bed next to the football field. Among the participants was Pam Muick, biology instructor; Sandra Diehl, horticulture instructor; Kevin Walker, Horticulture Club member; and Leslie Minor, college administrator. There were more than 50 volunteers at the college site, including 13 students from the biology, horticulture and sociology departments.

Coastal and Creek Cleanup Day is sponsored by the International Ocean Conservancy, the California Coastal Commission and, from SCC, the Sustainability Advisory Committee, the Environmental Club, and the Horticulture Club. The event has been occurring nationally for nearly 30 years and is held on the third Saturday in September each year.

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Money for SCC Students

The college will enjoy at "Mission Moment" on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the annual SCC Scholarship Awards Presentation. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Vacaville Center. This is a joint event of the SCC Scholarship Foundation, the SCC Educational Foundation, and Math & Science Department. About 115 scholarships will be issued to students that evening. SCC Trustees, faculty, staff, members of both Foundation Boards, and donors will participate in the presentation of checks to students.