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SCC student shines at LSU

SCC electrical engineering student Mark Delarosa was invited to be an intern at Louisiana State University this past summer. SCC Board of Trustees student trustee Larry Bartlow, who knows Delarosa, said, "I have personally seen Mark studying well into the late evenings. Mark studies diligently to achieve outstanding grades in our science department in the disciplines of calculus, materials science, and advanced and applied physics. On many occasions I would see him studying until 9 p.m. on Friday nights, until he was told by the custodian that he would have to leave, and lock up the building."

Delarosa's project on interface Cogs at LSU received great reviews from his mentor, and his diligence was ever-present. "I adopted a first-one-in-last-one-out mentality," he says. "At some points I would be in the lab from 8 a.m. until midnight." And, his work continues to be rewarded. "I was one of four students selected from the program to receive an award. They thought mine was the best. As a result, they nominated me to an REU symposium in Virginia to represent their program. I am truly humbled and honored to potentially attend the symposium and not only represent LSU, but Solano as well. My stay in Baton Rouge helped bolster belief and confidence in myself for years to come."

Be sure to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Solano Community College Horticulture Center on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. on campus!

The upgrades to the existing center will include new power, data, water and sewer lines for future buildings, as well as paved paths to define areas for growing vegetables and produce that can be offered at a new Farmer's Market pavilion.

The infrastructure being installed in this project will support a future greenhouse, restroom building, and a much-needed storage building, which are slated for Phase 2 of construction, likely to begin next year.

The District's Board members and other local dignitaries will be on hand at the Groundbreaking Ceremony to kick-off this long-awaited project.

Caught Doing Something Good ...

Debbie Graham, Student Services generalist, helping a mother of a student complete an application at 6:30 p.m. Debbie gets off work at 6 p.m. and never once made the mom feel like she was rushed. *Great customer service at the Vacaville Center!*

Sandra Therrien (from student Sharayah King): I needed help with my essay papers and was running around campus asking for help to print them out. Every printer seemed to be unavailable and then I wandered into a building and found Sandra Therrien. She helped me and another classmate of mine who had the same trouble. I wanted to do something in return for her kindness and so I am writing about her *outstanding character and generosity.*



“The college has held four peace summits, one each semester, during which youth share their personal stories with the support of social workers, HHS staff, and HUD staff,” said Thompson, who also told the story of a student who had experienced severe violence and dealt with significant aftermath. “One thing that has become clear is the collateral impact of violence on families, neighborhoods, and school systems,” Thompson said. “The college incorporated Task Force initiatives into its curriculum; a summer learning institute was attended by faculty, staff, and counselors who impact students of various ethnicities attending the college.” Thompson pointed out that opportunities are missed when youth who have experienced violence and trauma are not at the table to explain what they need.

Last year, Thompson invited Umoja members to her chambers and discussed their activities and her own career experiences.

Judge Applauds SCC Umoja

Superior Court Judge Trina Thompson touted the Solano Community College Umoja Program when she reported recently to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency in Washington, D.C. Her focus was on how Alameda County has involved itself in a number of youth-led practices in which youth directly participated as stakeholders.

The SCC Umoja Program provides students with the knowledge, skills, and resources to make healthy life and lifestyle decisions, keeping them alive and free from violence, incarceration, unhealthy relationships, and drugs, she told the council. The program has incorporated the showing of *Wounded Places*, a documentary about youth who have been exposed to violence.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Women’s Soccer Coach

Solano Community College Women’s Soccer is in full swing, with Coach “Sissi” do Amor Lima at the helm. Sissi began coaching at Solano in 2014 and is in her third year here. Kinesiology instructor Jeff Cardinal calls her “one of the best, if not the best, women’s soccer players ever.” At 47, Sissi still plays semi-professional soccer for the WPSL’s California Storm out of Sacramento. Last fall she was contacted by the Brazilian National team, for which she played in three Olympics and three World Cups as team captain, to help coach the Brazilian National team vs. USA during their World Cup Victory tour in Seattle.

She has been featured on NBC Bay Area and KTVU, and she was invited to the annual FIFA congress during the Spring in Mexico City, where many of the world’s greatest male and female soccer players were invited by FIFA’s new president.



To see the team and their coach in action, their next home game is Friday, Sept. 16, at 4 p.m. against Evergreen College.