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Special Guest Teaches African Dance Moves



The SCC Dance Company Club, in collaboration with Umoja, presented a master class with West African Dance Master, Mischwa Murphy McAdams last week.

All were invited to attend the dance experience, which was meant to uplift and promote African heritage.

McAdams has studied traditional West African and Central African dances for more than 35 years and has been performing and teaching master workshops featuring dances from Senegal, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, and the Congo.

Umoja Graduates Celebrate in Special Ceremony

Eighteen Umoja Scholars were recognized last Wednesday during a special event. The

graduates completed numerous degrees and certificates and will participate in commencement on May 25.

Majanique Anderson, one of the Umoja Scholars, wrote a poem for the celebration.

Student Commencement Speaker Brittany Fletcher is one of the 18 Umoja Scholars Program participants.



Umoja Graduate Majanique Anderson

Majanique Anderson's Poem

*You came here to be umojafied
sanctified and glorified*

*Being a scholar means more than a
piece of paper*

*You see it means unity amongst one
another*

*Coming to the office your welcomed by
mama Wanda and others*

*You'll always hear what can I do for you
my sister*

My brother

*You'll be the next leaders
innovators movers and shakers*

*The sky's the limit for you my brothers
and sisters*

*There's no one that can deny you your
dreams*

*Remember always love yourself with the
highest self esteem*

Brothers you are kings

Sisters you are queens

*Leave here knowing that you can do all
things*

-Majanique Anderson

Celebrating Classified Staff



Solano College recognized and celebrated classified staff on Friday, May 19 as part of Classified Staff Appreciation Week.

The lunchtime event included a BBQ lunch, games, and prizes. Behavioral and Social Science dean Sandy Lamba facilitated the games including, "keep the balloon on the plate" and "keep the ping pong ball on the spoon."

This is just one small way SCC acknowledges the important work done by our classified staff. Thank you for your

commitment and dedication to SCC!

Great Test Results for Modeling Class

According to Cynthia L. Jourgensen, SCC Drafting Instructor, the results on the industry recognized certification exam, the CSWA, exceeded expectation. In the past, SCC has been averaging 85% passing rate, but this class alone was 86%, 12 of 14 passing. This is the industry recognized certification exam in the software used in the DR058 Solid Modeling class.

Biomanufacturing Program Gets New Equipment



Uncrating of 100L Bioreactor



100L Bioreactor in Biotech Lab 2

In 2014, the California State Legislator approved SB 850 authorizing 15 community colleges in California to establish pilot baccalaureate degrees. The degrees are to be in a field of study not offered by the University of California or California State University system. Solano Community College was approved to offer a Bachelor's Degree of Biomanufacturing in 2015.

This month, the 100L Bioreactor, which is the heart of the Biomanufacturing baccalaureate program, was received and placed into the new Biotechnology and Science Building at the Vacaville campus. Construction of the building is on target to be completed in time for Solano Community College District's August 2017 inaugural Biomanufacturing course.

SCC Speech Contest Reaches Record Numbers

The Solano Speech and Debate Team wrapped up their competitive season by hosting one of the largest intramural tournaments in recent history. The competition, which was held on Friday, May 12th, was open to all students currently enrolled in a Communications course. Almost 100 students were entered in four different events: Informative and Persuasive Speaking, Oral Interpretation of Literature, and Debate. The competitors represented the main campus and both Vacaville and Vallejo Centers from classes taught by four full-time faculty (Douglas Mungin, Greg Poff, Evangeline East, and Janene Whitesell) and three adjunct faculty (Ana Petero, John Perez, and Angela Beasley).

The contest is usually judged by current members and alumni of the Speech and Debate

team. Students who have competed during the academic year traditionally comprise the judging pool as it is their way of giving back to the college and to gain experience as a peercoach. Students on the speech team are also trained in the setting up of a tournament and are trained in logging scores after each round.

Due to the size of the entries, over thirty judges were needed for each round of competition. Faculty from across campus volunteered their time to judge two rounds of preliminary competition. Special thanks to the following faculty members who volunteered their time to help the tournament run smoothly: Tonmar Johnson (Sociology), Terri Pearson-Bloom (Kinesiology) and Thomas Bundenthal (Political Science). Special thanks are also extended to administrative assistants Janet Leary and Janet Schwartz for their help in unlocking classrooms. Finally, special thanks to Douglas Mungin for providing free refreshments for the students and judges at our "competition wellness table."

As we enter our week of finals, please acknowledge the following award-winning students if they are in your classes: **Informative Speaking:** Michael Reardon, Adom Dwomfuoh, Megan Hollister, Jorge Menzo, Steven Templeton, Jeremy Famorcan, Sean Eversviller, Katja Jeschke, Taylor Young, Ryan Quan Zak Lamsiah; **Oral Interpretation:** Sheyenne Greer, Kaitlin Richards, Brianna Watson, Tyler McGregor, Diamond Gillian; **Persuasive Speaking:** Sang Bounkio, Grace Eason, John Nickel, Marin Spaulding, Geia Geronimo, Hira Kissana, Taylor Solis, Majanique Anderson, Ashonte Smith, Jin Lee, Alondra Castaneda, Mark Mraz; **Debate:** Justin Cheung, Gabriel Marandigue.

Introduction of New Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students on their new offices in student leadership!

President: **Uriel Booher**
Vice-President: **Dante Golden**
Student Trustee: **Jacob Hinkle**
Legislative Advocate: **Hien Chau**

They are all current members of the Student Senate and looking forward to working hard on behalf of our students.

Message from the President...

Thanks, everyone for another outstanding year of serving students.
Inside Solano will resume in August.

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