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Another Ribbon Cutting, Another Beautiful Building





The new Automotive Technology building in Vallejo celebrated its grand opening last week.

The state-of-the-art facility, which was funded by Measure Q, is welcome news to those who have waited a long time for this type of building for the auto tech program.

"For years, there's been no training program for auto technicians in the area," said professor Paul Hidy. "But now there economy is good. Car sales and service is booming. There's a big demand. For the past five years, there's been a huge demand. We've put a lot of students to work in the industry locally - 40 by last year and it's grown dramatically since then."

College officials, including the governing board, and many industry and business people, industry vendors, students, instructors and many others attending the ribbon cutting ceremony.

To read more, click the article in the [Times Herald](#).

Transfer Athlete Named Player of the Week

Congratulations to Solano College transfer and alumni Juliet Ramirez who was named the NSAA Offensive Player of the Week.

JULIET RAMIREZ NAMED NSAA WOMEN'S SOCCER OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

WOMEN'S SOCCER - THU, SEP. 7, 2017



MADISON, S.D.-- Juliet Ramirez (JR/Fairfield, Calif.) has been named North Star Athletic Association Women's Offensive Player of the Week, the conference office announced Thursday.

Ramirez had a goal and two assists in helping the Jimmies remain undefeated (4-0-1) this season. At William Baptist (Ark.), she scored her first goal of the season in UJ's 5-1 victory. Ramirez assisted on Jamestown's equalizing goal against Central Methodist (Mo.), which proved to be crucial as the Jimmies and Eagles played to a 1-1 draw in double overtime. For the season, Ramirez leads the club in assists (3) and is tied for the lead in scoring with five points.

Jamestown plays a pair of matches against NAIA Top 25 teams in Hastings, Neb. this weekend. The Jimmies face No. 3 Benedictine (Kan.) on Saturday, followed by a match against host-team No. 14 Hastings (Neb.) Sunday.

SCC Alumna Reaching Her Dreams



SCC alumna Bobbi Watterdown was recently hired at an aeronautical company (which has asked to remain nameless), fulfilling her dream to work for a company that takes humans to outer space. Here is Bobbi's story:

When I was 17 I got the idea that I'd like to fly small airplanes. I signed up for lessons at the Nut Tree Airport and knew from first take off that I had found something special in aviation. After high school graduation, I took a few semesters of general classes at SCC until I learned about the Aeronautics program. I signed up for a semester and enjoyed it immensely. Being able to get hands-on with so many different airplanes and components made learning a pleasant experience. I was able to blend my passion for airplanes with my desire to work with my hands. While attending school I made it a point to work on aircraft around the airport as well. I befriended most of the independent mechanics and volunteered my assistance on every project. This gave me the ability to strip down and rebuild entire engines, learn how to sub-assemble systems, and

replace unique components on vintage aircraft as well as modern.

After graduation from the program, I spent two months studying for the federal exam. The FAA requires three written knowledge exams and an extensive oral and practical with a designated mechanics examiner. While studying for my oral and practical I applied for a flight operations technician position with Icon Aircraft in Vacaville.

I was hired in February of 2016, two months after graduation from Solano's Aeronautics program and passed my FAA exams soon after. I worked at Icon for one and a half years,

while there I received additional on the job training. I was able to perform major repairs and alterations to airframe and engine components as well as line maintenance. By the end of my time with the company, I was developing and delivering the training curriculum for service center mechanics. I learned a great deal in a very short amount of time while working on the most beautiful and cutting-edge airplane in light sports aviation.

I was able to represent these skills recently while interviewing for a position as Technician for an aerospace company. I learned recently that I got the job and start in October.

My goal has always been to work in the field I am passionate about and to see how far I can go. My A&P license has carried me farther than I imagined and introduced me to new challenges and exciting technologies. There is much more to it than turning wrenches, ensuring aircraft flight keeps humanity propelling forward and inspires a love of flight in others, or in my new position, takes humans to outer space.

Congratulations, Bobbi and best of luck from Solano!



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