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## MESA-TRIO Highlights



The MESA-TRIO Program has had a busy semester so far. New program director Robert Payawal has organized several

opportunities for students to network and volunteer, as well as get educational and professional guidance and cultural enrichment.

In January, MESA-TRIO students volunteered at the World's Fair Nano event in San Francisco, which is based on the premise of reviving the spirits of scientific curiosity and technological innovation. STEM-focused companies and organizations from around the world gathered to share their ideas and gadgets of the future.

"The event was incredible," said student Armae Tayo. "It was the very first time the event was on the West Coast and volunteering was fun."

Director Robert Payawal said "At the end of the day, the World's Fair Nano event inspired our MESA-TRIO students to think about what they could create and caused them to contemplate how their skills as STEM majors could contribute to this exciting technological frontier."

In February, three students attended a trip to Stanford University for the Stanford University Minority Medical Alliance Conference. More than 40 institutions from across the country were in attendance to inform prospective students about

what their medical programs had to offer.

MESA alumnus Charles La, who is now a software engineer, talked about his journey through college and gave students advice and tips for future job interviews.

In March students attended a live performance of The Diary of Anne Frank at the Woodland Opera House. "Engaging with literature helps us see what is at stake in narrative-making, and Anne's story in particular

drives home the power of language both to harm and to heal," said student Jessica Hanselman Gray. "...It's important



to work across disciplinary lines in promoting critical literacy and information literacy as values fundamental to a healthy democracy."

Guest speaker Dr. Kelly Cone from Lockheed Martin took some time at the end of March to reassure students that failure is what drives and motivates people to continue on the rough path of ups-and-downs. Dr. Cone is a senior scientist and advised the students that there is much to learn from failure, saying "[even if] there is nothing to show for all your studying and work, there is so much knowledge [obtained] and learning experience."

On April 7, Dr. Angus from the Clorox Company will address the MESA-TRIO students.

There will also be financial literacy discussions and trips to universities and industries for the remainder of the semester.

## PTK Students Plan Collaboration with Napa College



On March 24th, 2017 the SCC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society had a meeting with the PTK Honor Society of Napa Valley College to discuss a collaborative event between the two colleges.

## Calendar:

Apr. 5 Student Success Workshop - Punctuation: Fragments, Run-ons, and Comma Splices by George Olgin, 12-1pm, Main Campus, Rm 103

Apr. 5 Student Success Workshop- Exam Prep by Mary Gumlia, 1-2pm, Main Campus, Rm 103

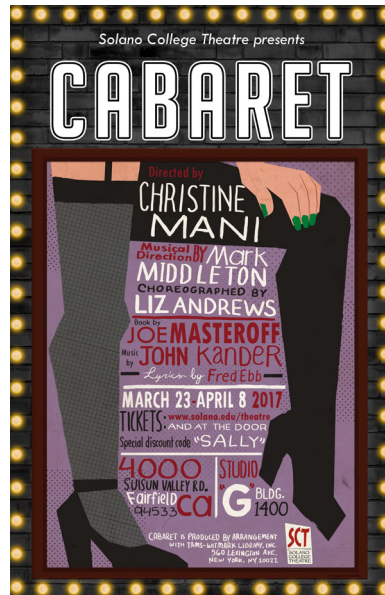
Apr. 5 Student Success Workshop- Overcoming Test Taking Anxiety by Mary Gumlia, 2-3pm, Main Campus, Rm 103

Apr. 6 Registered Nursing Information Workshop, Vacaville Center, Rm. 118, 5:30-6:45pm

April 10-16 Spring Break

April 14 Campus Closed

## Don't Forget, Cabaret Ends This Weekend



Tony Wade with the Daily Republic gave "Cabaret" a great review in last week's paper, saying "Solano College Theatre's version of "Cabaret" is, at turns, enormously entertaining, laugh-out-loud funny and yet ultimately quite disturbing and, hopefully, illuminating. That is not an easy thing to pull off and yet all

involved in bringing the show to life managed to do so and with wunderbar style."

Wade reviews each main character as well and has high marks for the production.

If you haven't seen it, get your tickets now. The show closes with Saturday evening performance.

[Click here to read the entire review in the Daily Republic.](#)

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