

# Inside Solano

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## Message from the Superintendent-President



Colleagues,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your time away and are ready for the spring semester. 2016 was a busy year, full of accomplishments as well as challenges, and 2017 will be no different. We continue working on our self-evaluation in preparation for the accrediting team site visit scheduled for October 2-5, 2017 (please mark these dates on your calendar). Many faculty and staff have contributed to our self-evaluation by collecting evidence, providing narrative, and serving as readers. Thank you to Dr. Saki Cabrera and Melissa Reeve for taking the lead on this effort, as well as other faculty and staff who have been instrumental in collecting evidence, facilitating meetings, and providing narrative.

In our continuing effort to better support our students, SCC now hosts a SparkPoint Center in Building 400. "Created by United Way of the Bay Area, SparkPoint Centers are financial education centers that help individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet. [They] help clients address immediate financial crises, get them back on their feet, and build financially secure futures," according to the website for SparkPoint Center. Thanks to VP Greg Brown for his efforts to secure this important service for our students. We've added capacity by hiring two deans, Dr. Dwayne Hunt and Shannon Beckham. Both Dwayne and Shannon are advocates for

improving the student experience and have the skills to immediately begin addressing some critical issues. Read more about Dwayne and Shannon as well as our academic projects consultant, Dr. David Williams in this issue of Inside Solano.

Ginny McReynolds, who previously edited *Inside Solano* and a number of publications, is no longer working with us. Kristie West will serve as the editor for *Inside Solano* so please send event reminders to Kristie.West@solano.edu She is serving as our new *Inside Solano* editor and developing our marketing materials. As part of our marketing efforts, you may have noticed the electronic billboard at the Fairfield Auto Mall advertising our new Baccalaureate Degree. You'll see SCC advertising on electronic billboards in Vallejo this week. Just one of several efforts to promote SCC and make certain that the community knows we are here and that we have lots of exciting opportunities available.

January 4th marked my one year anniversary here at SCC. I am still so pleased to be here, working with all of you and serving the students of our community. We have done great work this past year and I am confident that we will continue meeting the needs of our students, strengthening our organization, and fulfilling the goal of "transforming lives." Thank you for your commitment and service to the college and for the support you have so generously provided me during my first year.

Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D., Superintendent-President, SCC

**Calendar:** Basketball hosts Los Medanos:

"Coaches for Cancer," 5:30pm Women/7:30pm Men

# Profile: Quinten Voyce



Solano Community College alumnus and board member Quinten Voyce is proud to show off SCC to his high school students.

"I decided to run for the board because I want my students to see SCC as a high quality, affordable option for college or vocational training," he said.

From the Suisun and Fairfield area, Voyce attended SCC from 2004-2008, receiving an AA in Film & Television Studies. He transferred to UC Davis where he earned a BS in Biological Sciences in 2010 and an MA in Education in 2013. He now teaches high school science and has been a part of the FSUSD Early College High School Program since its beginning.

"I care about this college personally and want to see it choose wisely what it does and then do those things very well," Voyce said. "Because I studied genetics and worked briefly in the biotech industry, I am enormously excited for SCC to begin the 4-year degree program in biomanufacturing and am so glad I get to be a part of supporting this program and ensuring a successful start. That's the thing I'm most excited about for 2017 for sure!"

Voyce enjoys singing and hiking and donates to the Solano Pride Center and the Solano Community College Scholarship Foundation.

## New Faces Around SCC



Shannon Beckham is a California native, specifically from the East Bay/Berkeley area. She is a graduate of the CA Community College system, St. Mary's College of California, Argosy University, Kaplan University, and North Carolina State University. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience which includes over 20 years in a variety of roles in the community college environment. Education is extremely important to her and helping educate people from many walks of life and different cultural and economic backgrounds is her passion.



Dwayne A. Hunt, Ed. D is an experienced higher education practitioner with more than 10 years of experience working in community colleges. His previous roles include Director for the Center for Academic Excellence, Associate Dean of Academics, and Dean of Student and Enrollment Management. He has served as an adjunct faculty member and is a proud community college graduate.

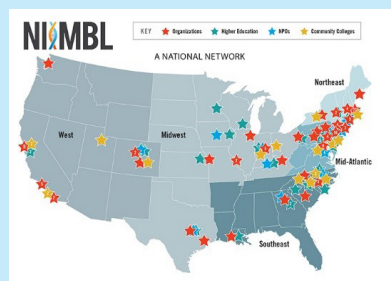


David Williams comes to us from Folsom Lake College, where he was, at various times, the Dean of Visual & Performing Arts, Languages & Literature, and Social & Behavioral Sciences. He has also served as Dean of Planning & Research and was the Basic Skills Coordinator and Equity Officer. For many years he was a Professor of Theatre History and Film, teaching at Texas Tech University, American River College, UC Davis, and UC Berkeley. David holds a Ph.D. in Theatre Research from UC Davis. He is originally from Kansas City, MO and is the father of two teenaged sons.

# NIIMBL Grant

Solano College is part of a national effort called NIIMBL, the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals. NIIMBL (pronounced "nimble") is a \$ 70 million grant awarded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop innovations in biomanufacturing to assure that the United States maintains its dominant role in this field.

The University of Delaware took the lead role on the grant, and Solano College played a role in recruiting key community college members into the consortium. The consortium includes many universities, large



and small companies, non-profit organizations (including biotechnology industry trade organizations), a few state governments, as well as the community college members.

Department of Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker made the announcement that the NIIMBL proposal had been selected for the funding by the NIST on the campus of the University of Delaware on December 16, 2016. Principle Investigator Dr. Kelvin Lee, Professor of Biomolecular Engineering and Director of the Delaware Biotechnology Institute, invited Professor Jim DeKloe to fly to Delaware to join in the announcement and ultimate celebration. Secretary Pritzker made the announcement in the main theater of the University of Delaware, and she was joined on state by both of Delaware's US Senators, the state's US Representative (and Governor-Elect), and by the Director of the NIST. During a panel discussion of the initiative led by Secretary Pritzker, Solano College was mentioned explicitly as a model of the important role that community college's play in workforce development in biomanufacturing.

Solano College will play a role in the community college component that will focus on curriculum development, workforce training, and certification standards to produce a pipeline of skilled workers in this field. Membership in this national consortium comes at a good time for Solano College as prepares to launch a Bachelors of Science in Biomanufacturing and prepares to open a new Biotechnology and Science building next fall.

# SCC Soccer Player Named to All-American Team

Congratulations to Solano College Sophomore Soccer Player Annalissa Pena who was named to the 2016 NSCAA 1st Team Junior College Women's Scholar All-America Team.

Pena was one of 11 1st Team Junior College players selected in the nation. She was named to the team carrying a cumulative 4.0 GPA as a Nursing major at Solano. In addition to her accomplishments



in the classroom, Pena was a 2-time All Bay Valley Conference 1st team selection as a midfielder. In her two seasons at Solano, she scored 22 goals and had 22 assists. Her Sophomore season she scored 14 goals and had 14 assists good for 7th in the state in assists. Her freshman season she scored 8 goals and had 8 assists. Pena attended the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) All-American Soccer banquet with her parents and family held in Los Angeles on Saturday January 14 at the national convention.

Click [here for more information](#) on the 2016 NSCAA Junior College Scholar All-American Team.

# French Club Holiday Dinner



More than 30 students attended the French Club Holiday dinner last month in the Faculty Lounge. The students prepared all the dishes and the group enjoyed the six-course meal, which took more than three hours to eat!

The Club sang French holiday songs and played numerous games in French.