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## Assistant Tennis Coach Recognized by ITA



SCC Men's and Women's Assistant Tennis Coach, Allie Will was recognized by the International Tennis Association (ITA) as Assistant Coach of the Year for Region 1, Community and Junior Colleges.

The coaches, including head coach Rafael Rovira and eight tennis team members were in Ojai last week to compete in the Men's & Women's Community College Singles & Doubles play from April 26 – April 29.

The ITA is the governing body of college tennis, overseeing men's and women's varsity tennis at all levels - NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA and Junior/Community College.

Congratulations, Allie!

## Solano's Men and Women's Tennis Teams attend the 118th Annual Ojai Tennis Tournament

Every year at the end of April, California Colleges (D1, D2, D3 and Community/Junior Colleges) Tennis Teams gather and compete in a five day tennis contest known as: *The Ojai*. Matches spreading throughout facilities in Oxnard, Ventura and the Ojai Valley. Eight Solano Falcon Tennis Players Qualified for the CCCAA Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles Individual Championships.

Singles: Chris Hagler (#8 seed) (M), Ashley Contawe (#15 seed) (W) and Sierra Shackelford (W).

Doubles: Chris Hagler / Reis Vince-Cruz (#8 seed), Sean Dolan / Joe Caspers, Ashley Contawe / Sierra Shackelford (#15 seed) and Camille Contawe / Jyne Velono (#10 seed).

Solano's own Coach Allie Will was the number two seed at the 118th- annual Ojai Tennis Open Tournament (the 'Professional' level of *The Ojai*). Not only did she make time to assist Head Coach Rafael Rovira on the first day of competition but, as mentioned above, also received the 2018 ITA Award for Assistant Coach of the Year. We are most grateful for the numerous contributions this Collegiate and Professional WTA player has brought to the 2018 Falcon Tennis Teams, well deserved!

Also nominated for awards: Ashley Contawe (Player of the Year, Women), Sierra Shackelford

(Most Improved Sophomore, Women), Reis Vince Cruz (Most Improved Sophomore, Men) and Jyne Velono (Rookie to Watch, Women).




Three of the four Doubles Teams worked their way through the draws from the Round of 128 to the Round of 32 for both the Women and Men's Teams: A. Contawe / Shackelford (W), C. Contawe / Velono (W) and Hagler / Vince Cruz (M). While Sierra Shackelford won her Play-In Match against Riverside to advanced into the main draw making her the first Solano Woman's Singles Player to win at *The Ojai*.

Congratulations to all participants on a very successful 2018 Season!

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## Successful Physics & Engineering Students

Physics and Engineering Instructor Melanie Lutz is happy to share some good news about three of her former students, who transferred from SCC in the Spring of 2015:

	<p>Rustin Domingos will be graduating from UC Berkeley as a Physics/Math double major in the Spring of 2018. He has been accepted into the PhD Program in Physics at MIT. While at Solano, Rustin received the award for Best Physics Student in the Spring of 2015.</p>
	<p>Anthony Salazar graduated from UC Berkeley with a major in Materials Science and Engineering in the Spring of 2017. He has recently been accepted into a PhD program in Materials Science and Engineering at the UC Berkeley. While at Solano, Anthony received the Materials Science Scholarship in 2015. In addition, Anthony was the Commencement Speaker at the 2015 SCC graduation.</p>
	<p>Nick Sherman will be graduating Summa Cum Laude from UC Davis as a Physics/Math double major in the Spring of 2018. At Davis, Nick published three papers as first author in peer-reviewed journals. Nick has now been accepted into the PhD program in Physics at UC Berkeley. While at Solano, Nick received the Best Overall Student Award in the School of Math and Science, in the Spring of 2015.</p>

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## Early Learning Center Receives Top Honor

For the second time the Early Learning Center has received the county's top honor through the Quality Counts Rating System.

The early preschool classroom and one of the toddler classrooms participated in an extensive review process that measured effective teacher-child interactions, classroom management practices, and instructional support. Top honors were received from Solano County Office of Education for consistently delivering high quality child development services. Early Learning Center Specialists Joti Takhar and Lisa Stedman were commended for their exceptional work, and received a check for \$2,500 to purchase supplies for their classrooms.

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## Kudos to Greg Brown & Rischa Slade

A student since 2014, Patricia G. sent a letter to Superintendent-President Celia Esposito-Noy commending VPSS Gregory Brown and Student Affairs Specialist Rischa Slade.

"I would like to take this time to communicate my acknowledgment and appreciation for two of your outstanding administrators, Vice President of Student Services, Gregory Brown, and Student Affairs Specialist, Dr. Rischa Slade JD. I was received by both of them with warm compassion, and empathy. They both were able to articulate back to me clearly, and precisely what I was trying saying to them. I was touch by the level of professionalism and sincerity."

Thank you both for giving this student a very positive experience at SCC!

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## Softball Heads to CCCAA Playoffs

2018 BVC Champion Solano College has been selected to play top at top ranked College of San Mateo in the first round of the CCCAA playoffs Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5. The Falcons are led by BVC Coach of the Year Nikki Gentile.

The Falcons also placed six players on the All Conference Team: Freshmen Teiya Collier, Courtney Mc Graw, Alaena Selden and Aleya Turner ; Sophomores Molly Schnurr and Brianna Schlatmann who was also selected BVC Pitcher of the Year (photo below).



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**More Sports Updates**

On Friday Solano College Baseball wrapped up its' 2018 campaign on a winning note beating Laney College 7-3. The Falcons finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Bay Valley Conference with a record of 10-11. [Read more here.](#)

This week in addition to Solano College Softball competing in the CCCAA playoffs, BVC Diving Champion Kari Yamada will represent the Falcons at the CCCAA Swimming/Diving Championships at De Anza College.

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