



STAYING COMMITTED AND CONNECTED

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## Welcome Back Message From President

Welcome to the fall 2018 semester. We had a busy summer working on construction projects and setting up new classrooms. You'll notice that our Science and Vets Center building is nearing completion and the Vacaville Center has a new HVAC system. If you have not already done so, make sure to visit the Maker Space and Robotics Lab in building 1800.

We have implemented a [College Promise Program](#) for all first-time, full time students who complete 6 units in summer and 12 units in the fall and spring. If you know students who were enrolled this past summer in 6 units and completed their courses with a "C" or better, encourage them to visit the Financial Aid Office to file a fee reimbursement form. Students will be reimbursed for the \$46 per unit fee for each term.

Last week during flex and convocation we offered a number of exciting and informative professional development workshops. Dr. Rita Cameron-Wedding facilitated a session on implicit bias. If you weren't able to participate, you'll have another chance on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> when she returns for a second session. We welcomed Dr. Brett Christie as our keynote speaker for convocation. He spoke about Universal Design in Learning, or UDL and offered a more in-depth session following lunch. We held two sessions on Guided Pathways and a number of other sessions on important topics. Many thanks to those who presented or facilitated a session and to the PD Committee chaired by Michelle Smith.

Let's welcome our students this week. Encourage them to enroll full time, to use support services, and take advantage of all we have to offer. Solano College is a great place to be! I'm glad to be here working with all of you and look forward to another outstanding year.

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## Biotechnology and Science Building Wins Awards

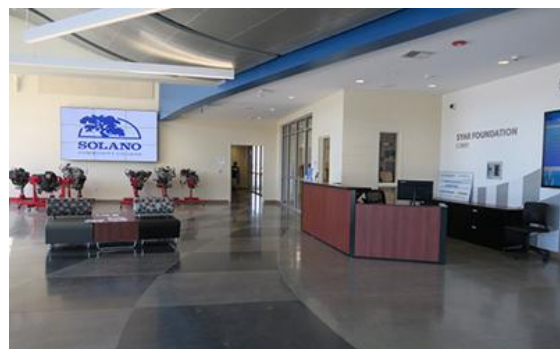




The new Biotechnology and Science Building at Vacaville Center has just received a 2018 Best Projects Award from Engineering News-Record in the Higher Education/Research category, California Region. The building has also received a National Award of Merit in the Educational Facilities category from the Design-Build Institute of America. In both cases, the project was selected by a jury of prominent design/construction industry professionals.

Congratulations and a big thank you to the deans, faculty, staff, facilities and IT staff, and the many consultants and contractors who worked on the project. This state-of-the-art building has been occupied for one year, and is the primary facility for the college's four-year baccalaureate program in Biomanufacturing.

## Auto Tech Building Receives Merit Award



The Measure Q Auto-technology Building project received a Merit Award from the Design Build Institute of America (DBIA)- Western Pacific Region at its annual conference in May in San Diego.

DBIA Western Pacific Region's annual awards competition honors projects in California, Nevada, Hawaii and Arizona that exemplify the principles of interdisciplinary teamwork, innovation and problem solving that characterize design-build delivery. Solano College's Autotechnology Building was one of eleven projects that received awards this year. The project was delivered successfully, under budget and ahead of schedule, by a team committed to excellence in design, construction, and collaboration.

Key parties to the District's implementation team included Lucky Lofton, Executive Bonds Manager; Kitchell, Bond Program Manager; Swinerton Management and Consulting, Construction Manager; Clark/Sullivan Design-Build Contractor; JK Architecture/Engineering, Design-Build Architect; and Lionakis, Criteria Architect. District program faculty and staff, Facilities staff, and IT staff were engaged team-members throughout the project. Congratulations to all involved in bringing this project from idea to final occupied facility!

Caption for photo:

John Baker (Swinerton) and SCCD Dean Maire Morinec with Autotechnology Building DBIA Merit Award Plaque

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## SCC AMT Program Partners with Delta Airlines

Turning educational goals into career opportunities, SCC and Delta Airlines, the oldest airline currently operating in the United States, have announced that the college has been selected as one of the airline's Aircraft Maintenance Technician (AMT) partner schools. The partnership was initiated by Dean Maire Morinec and the program faculty, Kevin Spoelstra and Brooks "Rusty" Mayes.

AMTs service, repair and overhaul aircrafts and aircraft components following detailed regulations set by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Over the next several years, the AMT field is expected to grow at a rate of 5 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"We are honored to be recognized by Delta Airlines and join them in partnership to provide aviation education opportunities here in Solano County," said Dr. Celia Esposito-Noy, Solano Community College president. "Our faculty are stellar and our students will benefit greatly from their knowledge and experience, in addition to having direct access to a major airline. This truly fulfills our mission on multiple levels." The partnership was initiated by Dean Maire Morinec and the program faculty, Kevin Spoelstra and Brooks "Rusty" Mayes.

The agreement between Solano and Delta Airlines will give SCC students who have successfully completed one year of training, the chance to meet with airline employees and provide graduates who have passed the AMT exam better opportunities for employment with Delta. The airline will, in turn, provide SCC students with scrap aircraft and avionics parts and assist with program marketing efforts. Solano's proximity to the Delta repair station at San Francisco International Airport and Travis Air Force Base has also made the college a prime partner for the airline. Departing military aviation technicians can enroll in Solano's program and pave their pathway to a career in airline technology.

[Read more here.](#)

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## SCC Alumnus Heads to Major Leagues

Congratulations to SCC alumnus Jared Denning, who is heading to Baltimore to begin his professional baseball career.

Denning got the phone call earlier this summer from his baseball coach at Southeastern Louisiana wasn't one he was



Solano Community College catcher Jared Denning fields a relay throw as Marin's Dominic Burke slides in for their fourth run of the game in the fourth inning of the Falcons' 4-0 loss to the Mariners at Yarbrough Stadium at Solano College.

expecting. That being said, the catcher was thrilled to get it.

Turns out Denning had been drafted in the 29th round with the 865th pick in the Major League Baseball Draft by the Baltimore Orioles.

"I found out from my college coach, Mark Riser, who told me congratulations," Denning said. "I was kind of confused and then he made a picture of a screen shot from the draft tracker of me being taken by Baltimore. I was kind of expecting to get drafted, but I wasn't trying to get my hopes up either. It feels good though. It feels that all the hard work paid off."

The catcher had a stellar season with Solano College in 2018, hitting .358 with three home runs and 38 RBIs. Denning, who signed a letter of intent in November to play baseball and study at Southeastern Louisiana, graduated high school from American Canyon in 2015. He is the Wolves' first player in their program history to be drafted.

"It's pretty exciting to be the first from American Canyon to be drafted. It hopefully gives other players there hope," Denning said. "I felt while I was at Solano I got a lot stronger, and that helped me be able to drive the ball better."

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## Coach Sissi Recognized for Outstanding Work



Congratulations to SCC's assistant soccer coach Sissi do Amor, who accepted a resolution over the summer recognizing her work with California Storm owner and coach Jerry Zanelli.

Jerry Zanelli also held positions with the California legislature over his career.

Together they received the award for their work over the past 20 years working with women's professional soccer, not only locally with Sacramento's California Storm, but also across the United States.

*Photo: Coach Sissi (far right)*

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## SCC Intern Loves Working on Film Set

Congratulations to Mia Pimentel, one of SCC's occupational education interns, who worked on the production of "13 Reasons Why," on Film Mare Island.



Interning at Film Mare Island allows me to get a hands-on experience within the office of a film studio and the set of the television show, *13 Reasons Why*. One of my duties includes looking for potential productions that would be perfect for Mare Island and perform in-depth research on them. Additionally, I assist in the marketing aspect of the company by helping design the marketing media kits and create, curate, and manage all of the social media content. As one of the stage managers, I open and close our soundstages and facilitate any issues on the stage. By interning at Film Mare Island, I continue to embark on my journey towards my dream of a career in the film and television industry, while developing relationships with those around me. I am grateful for the OCED program for allowing me to have this opportunity.

-Mia Pimentel

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## **New home for Beatrice “Mickie” Comes Memorial**

A swan shaped stone bench and memorial plaque for Beatrice “Mickie” Comes was relocated from the new Library Learning Resource Center site in the center of the Fairfield Campus to a nearby tree in May.

Mickie worked in the Solano College cafeteria for many years. The new location is along the walkway leading northwest from the B1400 Cafeteria Building.



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## Athletic Hall of Fame Announces Inductees



Seven inductees will go into the SCC Athletic Hall of Fame this year.

The 23rd annual Induction Ceremony will take place Saturday, October 27 at 5 p.m. on the main campus.

During this prestigious event, the SCC Athletics Department will proudly honor and commend the outstanding former student athletes and staff that will comprise the Falcon's Hall of Fame Class of 2018. The induction this year will include the following athletes and SCC athletic department

staff:

Janice Eaves - SCC Staff 1993-2017

Terri Pearson-Bloom - Head Coach, 2000-2015

Jessica Adcock - Softball 2001 & 2002

Jennie Scott - Softball 2002 & 2003

Patrick McCoy - Football 2002 & 2003

Angela Franklin - Women's Basketball 2007

Tim Tatum - Football 2003 & 2004 and Men's Basketball 2008 & 2009

Additionally, special recognition will be held during the ceremony to pay tribute to the SCC softball team of 1995-1996 led by team coach Jennae Lambdin.

Tickets for the event are \$50.00. For more information, please visit <http://www.solano.edu/athletics/>.

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## Women's Basketball Makes National Honor Roll

Congratulations to Coach Matt Borchert and the women's basketball team who was one of 19 two year colleges to make the WBCA's (Women's Basketball Coaches Association Honor Roll for 2017-18. The WBCA Academic Top 25 recognizes NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA and two-year GPAs inclusive of all student-athletes on their rosters for the entire season. The 2017-18 season is the 23rd in which the WBCA has compiled the honor rolls.

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## SCC Gets New Safety App



**Solano Safe** 4+  
Solano CC Official Safety App  
Solano Community College  
Free

Screenshots [iPhone](#) [iPad](#)



The Solano Community College has released a mobile Solano Safe App aimed at further enhancing campus security for students, faculty and staff.

The app, which can be downloaded for free in the App Store and Google Play, is available for Apple iOS and Google Android devices.

“We are proud to add another layer of safety and protection to the campus community,” said Service Area Manager, Lt. Brian Travis. “Our students, faculty and staff thrive when they are free and safe to focus on their work. Solano SAFE provides the peace of mind to quickly connect with us at any time.”

## Latino Recognition Ceremony



The Latino Student Recognition Ceremony, was held on May 18 and proved to be a huge success.

Dozens of family and friends of the graduates attended the ceremony, which took place in Building 1400. Faculty and staff coordinated the event.



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## African American Recognition Ceremony



Faculty and staff coordinated this year's African American Student Recognition Ceremony held in Building 1400 on May 17, 2018.

Dozens of families and friends of the graduates attended and celebrated the students' successes including those who are transferring to four-year colleges, and earning degrees and certificates.

*African American Student Recognition Ceremony- student speaker  
Majanique Anderson*

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## Nursing Students Get Pinned





Congratulations to the 40 students who completed the 2-year nursing program at Solano College! Graduates celebrated at the Pinning Ceremony, a tradition that dates back decades.

The ceremony was held in the SCC Theatre where Professor Vitalis Enemmuo, Ph.D. a member of the SCC nursing faculty provided the keynote.

Class Presidents, Ashleigh Carter and Nitasha Patel provided a look back at the challenges and joys students faced during the two year program. Professor Debbie Dorrough led the graduates in reciting the Nightengale Pledge, a declaration to the nursing profession and to caring for patients (top photo).



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## Let Students Know About First Year Free



## **FREE COLLEGE** **GET REIMBURSED FOR** **YOUR ENROLLMENT FEES** **(\$46 PER UNIT)**

### **Successful First Time, Full-Time** **Students Get Reimbursed!**

Financial need is NOT required!

If this is your first year in higher education, Solano Community College will refund your enrollment fees if you complete

- 6 Units in Summer 2018
- 12 Units in Fall 2018
- 12 Units in Spring 2019

**Up to \$1,380!**

Just fill out the form on the back and submit it to the Financial Aid Office in Building 400, Fairfield campus.

#### **Requirements:**

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**First Year in**  
**College**  
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**Complete 6 Units**  
**in Summer**

**Get \$276**  
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**Complete 12 Units**  
**in Fall**

**Get \$552**  
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**Complete 12 Units**  
**in Spring**

**Get \$552**



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## **Assistance with Recent Fires**

Assistance is still needed for the colleges affected by the Mendocino Complex fire. If you are interesting in helping out, our sister colleges would greatly appreciate it.

### **Mendocino College:**

The fires in Mendocino and Lake Counties have greatly impacted the Mendocino College community. Their main campus in Ukiah became an emergency shelter and evacuees have been staying on the campus. If you would like to donate to the local relief effort, click on the link: <https://give.classy.org/mcgiving2018>

### **Shasta College:**

Shasta College has set up two GoFundMe accounts to benefit students and employees who have lost their homes. For the student relief effort, tax deductible donations for educationally related scholarships to cover expenses can be made to the Shasta College Foundation through the following link: [https://www.gofundme.com/shasta-college-student-fire?sharetype=teams&member=513668&rcid=r01-153297798794-30d4bacc36d44e94&pc=ot\\_co\\_campmgmt\\_w](https://www.gofundme.com/shasta-college-student-fire?sharetype=teams&member=513668&rcid=r01-153297798794-30d4bacc36d44e94&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w)

For employee relief, non-tax deductible donations can be made through this link:

[https://www.gofundme.com/shasta-college-employee-help?sharetype=teams&member=517286&rcid=r01-153297762841-2e0069ed82174d35&pc=em\\_co\\_campmgmt\\_w](https://www.gofundme.com/shasta-college-employee-help?sharetype=teams&member=517286&rcid=r01-153297762841-2e0069ed82174d35&pc=em_co_campmgmt_w)

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***Inside Solano*** welcomes you to the fall 2018 semester!



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