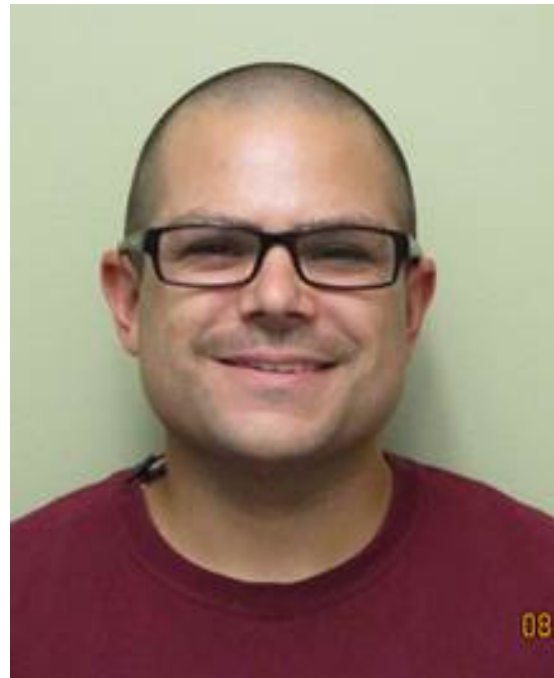




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Professors Recognized for Engaging Students in STEM



Congratulations to Professors Michael Silva, Gulnar Sanden and Oahn Lam in the Biological Sciences/Biotechnology department, who were recognized for their participation in the NSF-IUSE Transforming STEM Teaching Faculty Learning Program during Spring 2018 and Fall 2019. Last year, the three science faculty embarked on a one year journey towards improving student-centered active learning in the classroom. Professors Sanden, Lam, and Silva each completed the program and received a letter of recognition. All three are tenure-track faculty.

The UC Berkeley program recognizes Faculty Fellows for the direct work with students, which represents an important manner through which UC Berkeley ensures

California's higher education excellence.

Part of their acceptance letters read: "I understand this intensive program has encouraged you to deepen your knowledge of how people learn, reflect on your own teaching practice, and thoughtfully change how you teach. That you have participated and completed the Faculty Learning Program confirms your dedication to advancing the way we engage students in STEM courses in order to promote student learning and success, and the purpose of providing our students with an education that is of the highest quality," Catherine P. Koshland, Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education University of California, Berkeley.

Congratulations!

Collaborative Effort to Install New Landscaping at the Vacaville Annex Building



Following a structural upgrade, the Vacaville Annex Building is again open for classes. Myron Hord and his Facilities staff worked closely with instructor Sandra Diehl and the Horticulture program to design and install beautiful low maintenance native plants and trees in front of the building. Plants were elected from the District Standards for sustainable landscape.

Myron envisions more collaborative landscaping projects in the future, where specific areas on the campuses serve as the subject of Horticulture landscape class design projects, from which a particular design might be selected to be implemented.

The newly installed plants are small now, but with all this rain they will get a great start. Stop by and watch them grow this spring!

Shout Out to Financial Aid Staff



The Financial Aid staff proudly celebrate the first week of the semester having served hundreds of students. Not only did they help students with financial aid paperwork, the College Promise, and applying for the new \$200 bookstore voucher, they have reduced the processing time for student financial aid files to two weeks! Many thanks for their dedication and determination.

Soccer Player Named to All State Team



Solano Community College goalkeeper Kirstyn Gottschall was named to the all-state team last week.

The Vacaville High grad was MVP of the Bay Valley Conference as she ranked seventh in the state with 138 saves as goalkeeper.

The freshman started all 19 games for the Falcons, playing 1,650 minutes and allowing 42 goals for a 2.29 goals against average. She was 9-6-3 with six shutouts.

Gottschall was one of 24 players named to the team.

“When you’re MVP or Player of the Year for your league, there’s a good shot you’ll be selected to the all-state team,” Solano College head coach Jeff Cardinal said. “She is a very talented athlete and has all the skills needed to be a very good goalkeeper. She’s only a freshman so hopefully she’ll continue to get more accolades and that can help her

move on to the next levels in soccer.”

Cardinal went on to say that one of the main reason's why Gottschall had such a good year is her dedication to the sport.

“She goes hard in her training. Her work rate is at the top constantly,” Cardinal said. “She's got one speed, which is always at the top. And she's got a great attitude and is a good kid.”

Athletics Update



The Solano Athletic Department hosted an Athlete Academic Mentor Program (AAMP) workshop on Friday.

Student-athletes represented each program, and the AAMP staff, led by head softball coach Nikki Gentile, provided tips to succeed in the classroom. Associate head men's basketball coach Dustin Aubert presented on setting goals athletically and academically. And assistant softball coach Taryn Sigl discussed services offered by the Academic Success and Tutoring Center (ASTC).

Student-athletes shared their individual goals with each other as a team-building exercise. And all student-athletes are encouraged to meet with their academic mentors to get assistance in college services, online classes, studying techniques, communication skills and test taking strategies.



SCC's Lexi Hines, center, drives to the basket against Laney's Vicky Sims, left, and Bailey Craig during the women's basketball game at Solano College in Fairfield, Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019. (Aaron Rosenblatt/Daily Republic)

Sophomore **Lexi Hines** led the Solano women's basketball team with 19 points to its fifth-straight win to remain perfect in Bay Valley Conference play with a 76-60 win over Laney on Wednesday evening. Hines shot nearly 60 percent from the field, adding six rebounds and a pair of assists. Sophomore **Sierra Chapman** added 15 points and seven boards.

With the teams knotted at 27 going into halftime, the Falcons broke away in the third quarter led by sophomore **Jessica Rapolla's** two big three point baskets off the bench. Sophomore **Kameron Hatcher** also hit a pair of big threes down the stretch to stop small Laney scoring runs.

Solano (12-7, 5-0) returns to action on Tuesday, Jan. 22, hosting Siskiyous at 5 p.m.

Athletics This Week...

Women's Basketball:

Jan. 25, 5:30pm vs. Contra Costa HOME

Men's Basketball:

Jan. 23, 6:00pm vs. Napa Valley AWAY

Jan. 25, 7:30pm vs. Contra Costa HOME

Men's Tennis:

Jan. 25, 10:00am vs. Santa Rosa HOME

Jan. 25, 1:00pm vs. Cosumnes River HOME



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