



STAYING COMMITTED AND CONNECTED

May 20, 2019

## What A Year! President's Message

What a year! As the 2018-19 academic year comes to an end, I want to thank everyone for your continued dedication to SCC, our students, and our mission. We have accomplished so much that it would be difficult to detail everything so below are just a few highlights:

- Completed Guided Pathways.
- Developed a new Strategic Plan to include the Chancellor's Vision for Success.
- Completed the Student Equity and Success Plan and funded 22 projects to advance student equity and success.
- Opened the new Science Building and Vet Center (ribbon cutting will be August 21st).
- Completed plans for the new Library and Learning Resource Center (groundbreaking will be in October 2019).
- Implemented AB 705 (multiple measures) prior to fall 2019.
- Improved processing time in the Financial Aid from ten weeks to complete a file to ten days.
- Improved the Solano Promise by offering bookstore vouchers in addition to reimbursing up to 12 units for first-time, full time students.
- Created a reentry program (S.O.A.R.) for formerly incarcerated returning to the community.
- Expanded food service in cafeteria to include free soup for students during finals.

We have so much to be proud of including the student successes we highlighted over the year, our first graduating class with a BS degree in Biomanufacturing, and the many faculty and staff accomplishments. Thank you for doing your part to make SCC excellent and for transforming students' lives. I look forward to another successful academic year.

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## ECBS Student Accepted to Summer Research Program at CSUMB



Chemistry Professor Oanh Lam is pleased to announce that Elya Kandahari, an ECBS student at Solano College, has been chosen to participate in the Community College Apprentice Research Experience (CCARE) for Summer 2019 at the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center (UROC) at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB). The highly coveted position also comes with a \$4200 stipend. She will be conducting studies on the use of deep eutectic solvents in electrochemistry for redox flow batteries applications in the laboratories of Dr. John C. Goeltz. Elya graduates this Spring 2019 and plans to attend

UC Davis in Fall 2019, intending to double major in chemistry and mathematics, with a minor in physical geography. Let's all congratulate Elya for her achievements and wish her the best in her future endeavors!

## LatinX Students Recognized at Ceremony



Thirty students receiving degrees and certificates were joined by their families and SCC faculty, staff and trustees at Friday night's Latino/LatinX Recognition Ceremony. Students, faculty, and staff shared personal stories of struggle and success acknowledging the significance of attending SCC and how the College changed their lives.

## Professor Completes Ironman Triathlon

Congratulations to Kinesiology & Psychology Professor Kevin Marks who recently completed one of the most challenging endurance triathlon races in the world: Ironman.

Professor Marks said: "This was only my second triathlon and I could hardly swim 25 meters last summer. I just bought a bike about 10 months ago and learned how to ride on the road. In order for me to be an official finisher of Ironman, I had to swim 2.4 miles in open water in 2 hours and 20 min, bike 112 miles in 8 hours and then complete a full marathon- 26.2 all within 17 hours. My aim was to challenge myself beyond what I 'thought' was mentally, emotionally and physically possible. I learned so much about the power of mindset and setting one's mind to be present and authentic which allowed me to finish strong. My goal as an educator is to inspire students and athletes to relentlessly pursue the razors edge in their own way to seek out big dreams. With the right attitude, and drive, students and athletes can ask themselves the fundamental question: what is



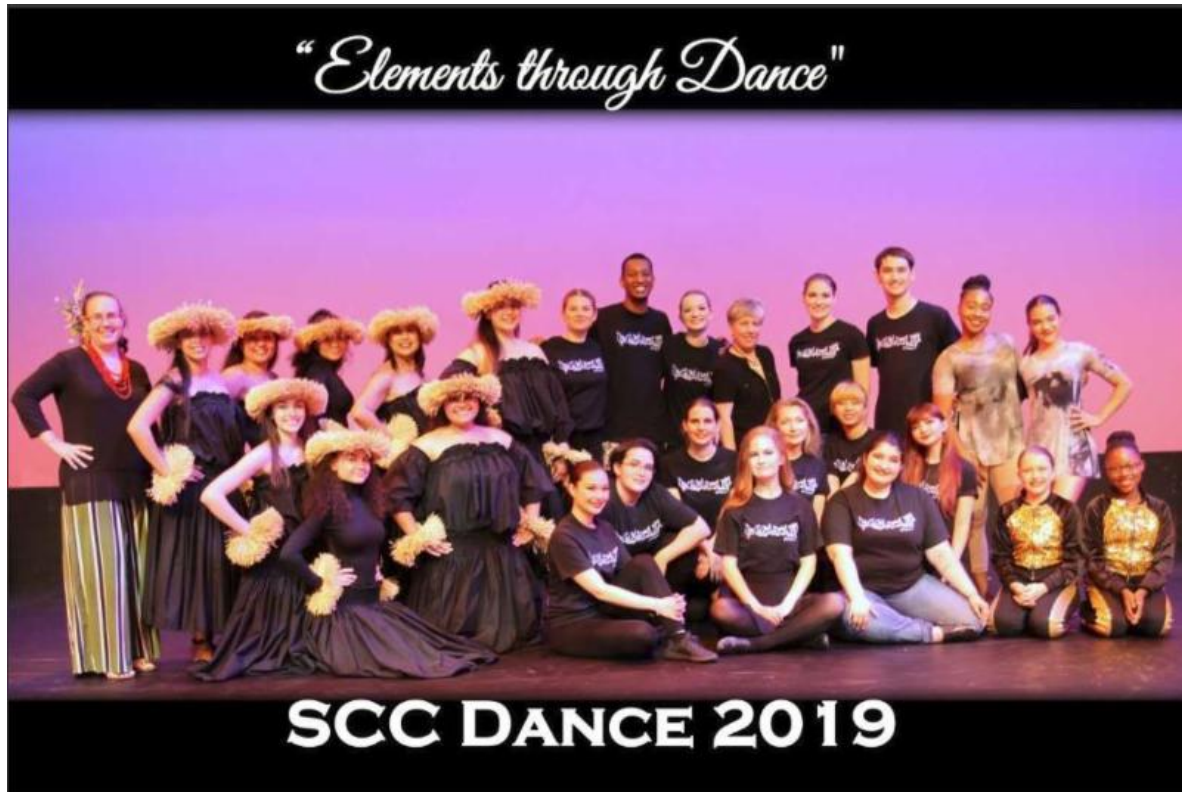


possible for me? This has been an amazing journey and I am so grateful for everyone who supported me. To all of my current and former students, athletes, and colleagues, thank you for teaching me so much and giving me the opportunity to do what I love every day!"

Marks also teaches sports psychology and works with athletes as a high Performance mental skills coach.

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## Dance Concert Huge Success



On May 10 & 11, the spring dance production class performed in the SCC Theatre. The theme for the concert was "Elements Through Dance," and was directed by Professor Ginger Cain. The performance was excellent with a great turnout to see the dancers. Guest performers from The Dance Factory of Fairfield and Halau 'o Ku'u'lei of Vacaville joined SCC students who did an amazing job. A big thank you to those who attended this concert.

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## Soup For Your Brain

# FREE SOUP FOR STUDENTS!



**DURING FINALS WEEK ONLY!  
MAY 17-23**

During finals week, May 17th through 23rd, the the Fairfield campus is providing free soup for students. It's easy - order a bowl of soup, then stop by the cashier and tell them you are a student. We are cheering for all of our students to do well on finals, so feed your brain!

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Save the date  
Thursday, August 8th  
12:00-1:00 pm  
Faculty Staff Lounge

## Tenure Tea

### Tenure Faculty

(pending Board approval)

Joyce Averett      Jose Cortes

Elizabeth Freed

Marivic Macalino   Ricky Marshall

## Distinguished Faculty

Josh Scott & Maura Rabbette

Refreshments will be served

Sponsored by the Academic Senate



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**Athletics Update**





**Soccer:** Friday evening May 10 was the 2018 Solano College Women's Soccer Banquet held at Stars Recreation Center banquet room in Vacaville. Trustees Dr. Sarah Chapman, A. Marie Young and Michael Martin were in attendance along with Executive Coordinator Sandra Thierrien. We would also like to thank Trustee KarimahKarah. Having 3 board members and Executive Coordinator Sandra Thierrien at the soccer banquet representing the President's office and the governing board shows the tremendous support the college gives for athletics at Solano College.

The Solano Women's Soccer program would like to thank the Solano College administration for its support of Solano College soccer; Superintendent/President Celia Esposito-Noy, Athletic Director Erik Visser, Dean Dan Bridges, Vice President David Williams, Vice President Gregory Brown, Vice President Robert Diamond. We would also like to thank the following staff at Solano for all their help; Claire Gover, Janet Schwartz, Sam McKinney, Janessa Butler. A special thanks to Thomas Trujillo Solano College bookstore for his help.

We would like to thank Nick Cittadino, athletic counselor, for all his help with the Solano college women's soccer academics. Taryn Sigl, Solano College women's soccer academic mentor, for all her help with the soccer athletes. A special thanks to Jesse Branch and his support of Solano College soccer. George Molina assistant women's basketball coach for all his help in the Solano College program, Ulrich Roboteau for his help filming all of the women's soccer matches and being team photographer.

We would like to thank Sissi do Amor, Solano assistant coach. We are very fortunate to have Sissi, one of the best Olympians and women's soccer players in the world who won a golden boot and silver ball in the world cup, for working with our soccer program and our student athletes.

Coaches – Kevin Marks – High Performance – Mental Skills/Strength Coach - 1<sup>st</sup> year high performance mental skills coach for the women's soccer team. We work on mental skills training as a team once a week. This mental skills training is for our soccer performance, but is also for work in the classroom and in life. Also Kevin Marks is our strength coach. Kevin Marks is a professor of Kinesiology professor, a Psychology professor at Solano College and former football coach at SCC.

Awards for the student-athletes at the banquet:

First off congratulations to the Solano College Women's Soccer team for finishing the

Fall 2019 semester in season with a 3.12 overall team GPA.

11 of the 19 players finished with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and were named to the Athletic Directors honor roll with 2 of the players finishing with a 4.0 GPA. They include: Karla Cardinal, Isabella Kelly-Fondersmith, Kristen Richards, Makenna Copeland, Maya Delgado, Shelby Nichols, Arielle Valera, and Hannah.

In addition, a record 7 players were named CCCAA, CCCSCA scholar athletes for completing 24 units with at least a 3.3 GPA - Karla Cardinal, Isabella Kelly-Fondersmith, Kristen Richards, Makenna Copeland, Maya Delgado, Shelby Nichols, Arielle Valera.

Kirstyn Gottshall - goalkeeper, 1st team all state, 1st team all not-cal, MVP, player of year bay valley conference, 1st team bay valley conference, solano team MVP

Karla Cardinal - midfielder of year bay valley conference, 1st team bay valley conference

Isabel Olmedo - forward of year bay valley conference, 1st team bay valley conference, solano team offense MVP

Melinda Rashidian - 1st team all bay valley conference, solano team defensive mvp

Isabella Kelly-Fondersmith & Arielle Valera - solano team academic award highest gpa in fall season semester with 4.0 GPA.

1st team all bay valley conference - Karla Cardinal, Kirstyn Gottshall, Isabel Olmedo, Shelby Nichols, Melinda Rashidian.

2nd team bay valley conference - Isabella Kelly-Fondersmith, Grace Lee, Jaylynn del Rosario

Grace Lee - most inspirational

Arielle Valera - most improved

2 year academic bay valley conference award 3.0 gpa - Beatrice Uribe

Team captains - Karla Cardinal, Shelby Nichols, Beatrice Uribe

Congratulations to all our players!

**Softball:** The Solano College softball team picked up five all-conference selections on the all-Bay Valley Conference team, including Adriana Montuya, who was the Pitcher of the Year.

Montuya, an American Canyon High grad, was also an all-state selection. She was 9-5 with a 3.59 ERA in 105 2/3 innings in the circle and hit .361 with 18 RBIs at the plate.

The other first-teamers were Alaena Selden, Aleya Turner, Courtney McGraw and Caitlin Aston. Turner, a Vacaville High grad, hit .452 with 46 runs scored. McGraw, also a Vacaville High grad, hit .409 with 34 RBIs and was 4-3 in the circle. Aston, an Armijo High grad, had a .377 on-base average and scored 46 runs.

Selden, a Rodriguez High grad, was all-Northern California as well. She hit .429 with four homers and 55 RBIs.

The Falcons finished with a 17-13 overall record.

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# VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2019



## Volleyball Skill Camp (6th-9th grade)

Arrive early to check in & warm up - focus on serving, passing, setting, hitting, learn defense & blocking, lots of games

**Who:** All players 6th - 9th grade

**Cost:** Volleyball Skills Camp - \$120  
Both Camps - \$200

### Send Registration and Payment to:

Darla Williams - Volleyball  
Solano Community College  
4000 Suisun Valley Rd., Fairfield, CA 94534

*Make all checks payable to: Solano Volleyball*

**On-Line Registration** visit [www.solanoathletics.com](http://www.solanoathletics.com)

### When:

JUNE

**24 25 26**

3:00 - 5:30PM

JULY

**22 23 24**

11:30AM - 2:00PM

### Where:

Solano College Gymnasium  
4000 Suisun Valley Rd. Fairfield, CA 94534  
*Arrive early to check in and warm up*

### Contact:

Head Coach, Darla Williams  
[darla.williams@solano.edu](mailto:darla.williams@solano.edu)  
707-863-7830

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## End of Year Events

May 22, 11am  
Nurse Pinning Ceremony  
Main Campus, Theatre

May 22, 3-5pm  
End of Year Celebration (hosted by S-P Office)  
Main Campus, Board Room

May 23, 6pm  
SCC Graduation  
Main Campus, Football Field

May 30, TBD  
Early College HS Senior Awards Night  
Joseph Nelson Community Center, Suisun

October 15, 7pm  
SCCEF Fall Scholarship Awards  
Main Campus, Building 1400

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## Did You Know? New Courses Offered This Fall

Solano Community College will offer a battery of courses this fall that deal with weather and climate change.

The new courses are included in a new physical science associate degree program the college will offer, the release states.



The four new courses include PHSC 013, Weather and Climate, which is an introduction to modern meteorology, including pressure, wind, temperature, fronts and other processes that affect weather conditions.

A second course is PHSC 014, Atmospheric Science Laboratory, which emphasizes the practical concepts of physical science and weather using demonstration and experimentation. Topics include the scientific method, Newton's laws of motion, heat and energy transfer, the gas law and fluid dynamics.

A third course is PHSC 015, Global Climate Change, which explores the principles underlying the interdisciplinary and rapidly growing field of climate science and climate change. The course investigates human influences on the climate system, including greenhouse gas emissions, and potential impacts of climate change.

One final course is PHSC 016, Natural Disasters, which is an introduction to the hazards created by Earth's natural and physical processes covering a broad scientific understanding of earthquakes, volcanoes, hurricanes, tsunamis, tornadoes, flooding, wildfires and other disasters. Other topics will include threats from Earth's changing climate and potential impacts from asteroids and comets.



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