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SCC Student Featured Speaker at Medical Scholars Presentation



Chance Bennett, SCC student and club president of the SCC Medical School Pathway Program, was one of the featured speakers at the Medical Scholars Presentation and Awards Dinner on Friday, Jan 31st. Chance spoke about the barriers to medicine and why programs like the Kaiser Permanente Medical Scholars Program are critical to increasing the number of underrepresented minority physicians. SCC has partnered with Napa Valley College and Kaiser Permanente Vallejo to offer students opportunities to explore medical school, medical research, and public health research and to prepare students to complete the undergraduate course requirements and sit for the MCAT (the admissions test for medical schools). (Chance is the 3rd from the right in the photo).

Student Athletes Recognize Faculty



Congratulations to all the faculty that were honored by student athletes last week as part of the Athletic Faculty Appreciation Night. The faculty were recognized for their impact on the athletes education here at Solano College.

Faculty honored: Will Martinelli, Evangeline East, Greg Poff, Robin Sytsma, Michael Goodwin, James Word, Keith Twitchell, Ana Petero, Bailey Schentrup, Joshua Scott, Sarah McKinnon, Heather Ringo, Sarah Donovan, David Schrumpf, Laura Maghoney,, Kathleen Conrad, Michelle Arce, Rachel Purdie.

SCC Trustees Lobby Lawmakers



Trustees spent last Monday lobbying lawmakers at the state Capitol and focused on the need to continue support and funding for the bachelor's degree. SCC is one of fifteen community colleges in the state that offers a baccalaureate degree and one of two that offers the degree program in Biomanufacturing.

Political Science Professor Bundenthal Interviewed for News Segment



KPIX TV aired a [news segment](#) where Political Science Professor Thomas Bundenthal and some of his students were interviewed about the upcoming presidential election.

Bundenthal said smart candidates already realize that they are actually speaking to early voters located all across the country.

“It isn’t just those people they meet in the diner in Iowa that they’re influencing,” Bundenthal said. “Everybody in the United States is going to see the Facebook posts and the clips of that. So they’re kind of campaigning everywhere, all the time, anyway.”

But Bundenthal says it can also have a downside for candidates, as well. If they do well in early primaries, they won’t get any momentum from those in other states who voted early. And though his students may not support President Donald Trump, they acknowledge that he is generating a lot of interest in this election. Solano County is the first in the nation to mail ballots to voters.

Athletics News



Tennis: The Solano women's tennis team fell in a pair of matches to San Francisco, 5-0, and West Valley, 5-2, on Friday afternoon.

The Falcons (1-2) host their home opener on Tuesday, Feb. 11 against Foothill at 2 p.m.

Swimming: Congratulations to all the top performers from the Solano College Blue and White meet on January 31.

Male

Freshman Tyler Walhood Top Finisher
1st-(100 free 54.58), 100 IM (1:03.80) and 50 Breast (30.96)

Team Captain Sophomore Aaron Westbury
2nd (100 free 56.89), (100 IM 1:08.53) and 50 Breast (32.21)

Female

Freshman Pamela Kennedy Top Finisher
1st- (100 free 1:00.34), (100 IM 1:08.98) (50 free 27.35)

Freshman Rachel Everett
2nd- (100 free 1:03.35), (100 IM 1:15.56), (50 free 28.19)

Men's Basketball: The Solano men's basketball team dropped a 91-83 contest at Los Medanos on Friday evening. The Falcons (10-13, 5-6) host Merritt next for their annual Coaches vs. Cancer game on Friday, Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball: Sophomore **Vanessa Hughes** scored 17 points with 10 boards to lead the Falcons to a 74-42 win over Los Medanos Friday evening. Hughes added three assists and three steals for a solid, all-around game. Freshman **Zaire Brown** posted 13 points with a team-high 14 rebounds, while freshman **Lexi Derf** scored 14 points and pulled down seven rebounds with three assists and two steals. Solano (13-9, 8-2) has a week off before returning home to host Merritt for its Coaches vs. Cancer game on Friday, Feb. 7. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Baseball: The Solano baseball team struck first, scoring its pair of runs in the first inning, but dropped the backend of the series against San Mateo, 14-2, on Saturday afternoon. Freshman **Wellington Balsley** and **Nathan Jessell** each counted a pair of hits of the team's five total with Jessell earning a RBI. Sophomore lefty **Brandon Herter** (0-1) was charged with the loss after starting on the mound for the Falcons. He threw three complete, allowing only one earned run and fanning three. Solano (2-2) remains home to host Sierra on Thursday, Feb. 6. First pitch is slated for 2 p.m.

Games This Week

Feb. 4
Softball at Folsom Lake, 4:00 & 6:00 pm

Feb. 6
Baseball vs. Sierra, 2:00 pm

Feb. 7
Baseball at Sierra, 2:00pm
Men's Basketball vs. Merritt, 5:30pm
Women's Basketball vs. Merritt, 7:30pm

Feb. 8
Softball vs. Sequoias, 10:00 am
Softball vs. Shasta, 2:00 pm



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