

When a person decides to make the huge step in their life to put everything else on hold and take the initiative to start college, there is a strong sense of trust they put into the counselors and administration to help guide them. The counselors are potential and new students first stop in building a future for themselves and so should be conscientious to that fact.

I feel that was not my experience, and I feel robbed of the education plan, and therefore the future I dedicated my self, my life as well as those of my family's.

On March 13 2019 I went into a meeting with a Solano Community College counselor at the Vallejo Campus, trusting that the commitment I was going into was, in fact, one that would ensure the future I had shared with them that I envisioned. At this meeting I was given an ed. plan where I would be taking the selected classes over the course of the summer. Due to being my first experience with college, I had no idea what to expect. During this conversation, it was stated by the counselor, that I would be expected

to graduate Summer of 2020, and so I conceded to take the course load I did for Summer of 2019. This is significant because my education voucher was set to expire near the time of Summer in 2020.

Being a proactive student, I followed up with a 2nd appointment with a counselor. This time I went to the Fairfield Campus in May of 2019, and therefore was not the same counselor. During this meeting my Ed Plan for Fall was established per my request. At this meeting we did not mention a degree for transfer, but the classes I was signed up for were actually part of the transfer requirements, but I was not aware of that at this time.

In July of 2019 I went back to the Fairfield Campus and met w/ the original counselor due to having 2 of the classes I signed up for being canceled. It was then discovered that I had been scheduled for course not following an degree route I wanted and we re-arranged my schedule. Although I had been helped I am now taking 2 classes that are recommended NOT to be taken concurrently, and am struggling

## Suggestion

One of the largest differences for me at Solano Community College compared to other schools I have attended such as Napa Valley College and Sacramento State University is the sense of community, camaradery and student support services.

When I attended Napa Valley College and Sacramento State University I was invited to join a program called MESA (Math, engineering, science, achievement) and also a club at SSU call SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers). At these clubs we always had a leader or Counselor leaders that were very welcoming and encouraging. In these clubs we always had a place to gather, study get tutoring and a place to relax at all hours of the day. We had our picture taken and hung on the wall. Through these programs I received help on school work, friendship and a sense of community. There were academic benefits as well as social benefits. I think programs such as these would greatly benefit Solano Community College.





Why the computer lab  
is close on Friday?

Also, why the library  
is close early on  
Friday's?

Also why does not open  
on weekend?

