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3D Printing Courses Added to Degree Programs



Drafting professor Karen Cook demonstrates a 3D-printed hand.

SCC Drafting professor Karen Cook and her program were showcased at the Solano Community College Governing Board meeting March 16. Cook highlighted one of her department's newest acquisitions. The SCC Drafting program has purchased a new color 3D printer and is adding 3D printing course work to its degree programs.

"We have one 3D printer," says Cook, "but it will be nice to increase our capacity and allow students to experiment with color designs, especially since we anticipate an increase interest when the new coursework becomes available." The new entry-level 3D printing courses will allow students to experiment with designs and learn the basics of 3D printing.

The Drafting Department offers additional course work, including two certificates or A.S. degree programs (Drafting and Design Technology and Survey Technician/Civil Drafting Technician) and a 12-unit job direct certificate. The department works closely with other programs on campus including Welding, Mechatronics and Engineering.

In addition to Cook, the department has five other adjunct faculty who have specific areas of specialization. "We have a strong group of instructors, all with industry experience," says Cook. "That means a lot to students."

RecycleMania



RecycleMania is coming to a close on April 2. Solano Community College is one of 400 colleges competing across the country and Canada. The 8-week competition is a "friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities." In addition to participating on a national level, SCC will award prizes to the Campus Clubs that recycle the most. RecycleMania began 15 years ago as a two-college competition, but soon expanded nationally. In 2004, US EPA WasteWise program to develop a website and provide administrative support for the program.

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Measure Q Renovations Enhance Student Experience



Several building improvements, results of the Measure Q Bond Program, are being made on campus in the Child Development Center and the Library. The Child Development Center has already experienced some changes, including new room-darkening blinds to provide darker rooms for naps. The CDC kitchen, which serves more than 150 meals per day, will be renovated this summer. New cabinets, countertops, sinks, appliances, paint and flooring will be installed as part of the updating process. Child Development Center staff members have been involved in the planning and layout of the kitchen.

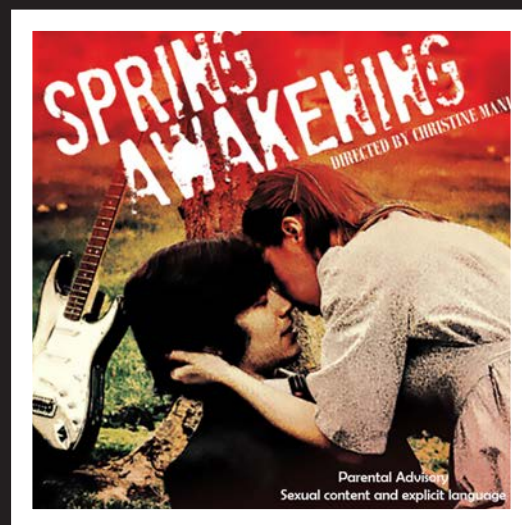
Making the first of several anticipated changes in the Library, the Tutoring Program was moved to the Library in December to be co-located with the Academic Success Center. This summer, the former Academic Success Center room will be renovated to provide an enclosed office and large group study areas. In the adjacent corner of the library, new systems furniture will be installed to accommodate 36 student computer workstations, new furniture will be installed to accommodate 52 seats for work/study groups, and new electrical and data will be installed to support the computer equipment and students' personal devices. These changes are part of a long-range plan that enhances student access to a "high-tech touch" learning environment.



All-in-One Tutoring Services

The Academic Success Center and the Tutoring Center are now working together to provide one cohesive service for students. Students can access both one-on-one tutoring and drop-in tutoring services in one location in the main campus Library. The services are now referred to as the Academic Success and Tutoring Center (ASTC). Students should enter through the double doors of the Library, turn left and find ASTC at the end of the hall. Academic Success Coordinator Shawn Carney and Tutoring Center Coordinator Marie Mayne (pictured above) say that past services have not changed. This includes drop-in peer tutoring at the Vacaville and Vallejo Center for Math and English.

Solano College Theatre Presents



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