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Ready for the NEXT CHALLENGE

SCC's 2016 Student Commencement Speaker Elizabeth Pinto begins the Nursing Program at California State University, East Bay this week and is looking forward to her new adventure.

"I'm so excited for the nursing program," she says. "Three weeks ago I went to the nursing orientation and it was awesome. The professors and students were so welcoming, and every new student was assigned a Big Sib, which is a 2nd year nursing student who provides 1st year students with help. My Big Sib is so nice and her name is Elizabeth and she even has a similar background just like me."

Elizabeth says that there were four other Solano students at the orientation. The five have created a study group and a carpool system. "We're going to make Solano Community College proud," she says.

She adds that she feels well prepared for the first quarter of her nursing studies at CSU, EB because of what she learned in the Certified Nursing Assistant courses she took at SCC.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT the SCC Student Life/ASSC Food Pantry

We need: Cup of Noodles/Ramen (chicken and/or beef • Granola Bars • Cases of Water (small bottles) • Ready-to-Eat and microwavable meals

The Pantry is located in the Student Life Office, Room 1425.

ACCREDITATION Self-Evaluation in Full Force

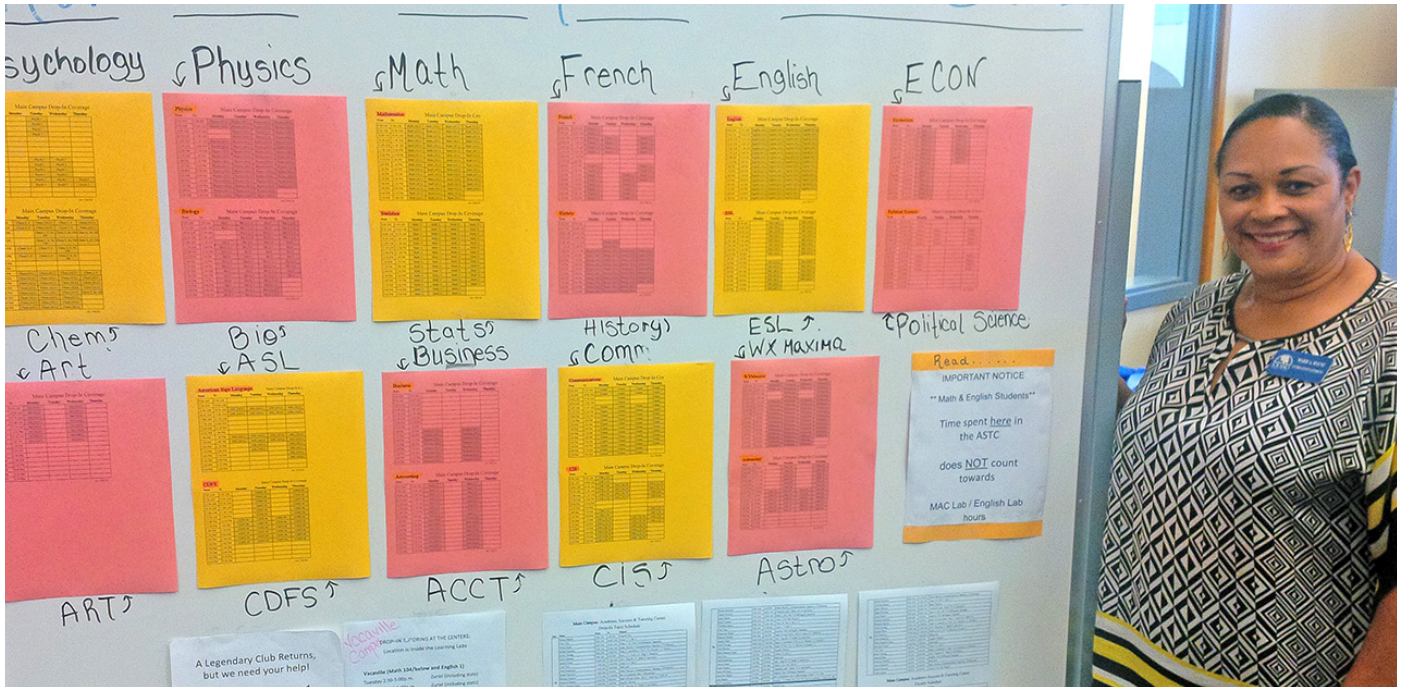
Professors Saki Cabrera and Melissa Reeve are working hard and learning a great deal as they co-chair the Accreditation Self-Evaluation. "It has been a wonderful learning experience to meet with colleagues in different disciplines and learn about the many things done in support of students at Solano College," says Cabrera.

"The ongoing goal is to document those practices and processes on our Evidence Submission Form," she adds. This form, along with instructions and information on the standards, has been distributed via email to all deans to share with members of their respective schools. "The goal is to make everything accessible to everyone so that everyone can participate in gathering evidence. We need to tell the whole story."

Cabrera says they are scheduling meetings with all the schools to review how to document evidence using the Evidence Submission form, clarify the accreditation process, and respond to questions and concerns. "We have met with members from CTE, Library, and Health Sciences; SBSS, Math & Science, Liberal Arts, and Nursing are calendared." She added that ongoing individual meetings and Standard I-IV meetings have enabled continued dialogue and sharing of knowledge and strategies to assist with data collection.

Reeve has begun drafting the report. "I have weekly meetings with team members from each standard," says Reeve. "In these meetings we work collaboratively to draft each section with the evidence collected so far, and identify additional evidence needed to complete the respective section."

Cabrera urges faculty and staff to participate. "Everyone needs to be on board, so please contact your team leaders and we look forward to meeting with you soon," she says.



Remind Students of Available Tutoring

Tutoring Center Specialist Marie Mayne says drop-in tutoring is available at the Academic Success and Tutoring Center located in the Library. Tutoring is available in more than 20 subjects and schedules are posted for each subject. Mayne urges faculty and staff to pass this on to students who need some extra help.



Eye on Athletics in October

October will be a big month for athletics at Solano Community College. In addition to our regular athletic events, the college is the site of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery US Tennis Association Men's Pro Challenger event benefiting the Chis Cammisa Tennis and Education Foundation from October 8-16. One of the organizers of the event, Rafael Rovira says the tournament is a notch under the full blown professional circuit, mainly for players that are trying to climb up the ranks to get some tournament points. In exchange for holding the event on campus, the campus tennis courts were resurfaced by the event sponsors.

October is also the month for "Tee Off for Athletes," the 5th Annual Golf Invitational, the primary fundraiser for the SCC Athletics Department. The event will be held Oct. 7, at Hiddenbrooke Golf Club, 1095 Hiddenbrooke Parkway, Vallejo.

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