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2017

APRIL 17,

CalWORKs Student Winner of Regional Scholarship



Congratulations to Solano CalWORKs student LaTrianna Starling (pictured at left), who is the Region-2 scholarship winner for the California Community Colleges CalWORKs Association.

Part of the Association Training Institute acknowledges students throughout the state and regions via the "Portraits of Student Success" publication.

In addition, they announce and recognize the Region Scholarship Winners and the State Scholarship Winners. The winners are presented to the Association Members and sit on a student panel to present their stories.

Each scholarship winner writes a short essay to submit for consideration. Part of Starling's essay reads: "My academic goals are to leave Solano College with an AS in Registered Nursing or transfer to obtain a BSN if need be. My career goals are to work as a RN within a mental health/hospital setting. Receiving or being awarded a scholarship from CalWORKs would boost my morale, give me much need confidence and greatly help lessen my financial woes as I pursue my degree...The CalWORKs program has helped me tremendously. I can pop into their office with any questions or concerns that I have regarding my student education plan and be supported in my decisions. The CalWORKs program also gave me the basic tools (such as pencils, paper, USB drive, backpack, etc.) to start this semester which has been a lifesaver since I'm still awaiting financial aid. In order to become self-sufficient, I need to accomplish my goals aforementioned and take advantage of the resources available to me. I am now starting to advocate by sharing the information I've received to others in my community. In hopes that it'll serve as a beacon of light to those around me to begin their journey of hope, a new life, and better foundation."

Congratulations again, LaTrianna!

Foundation Receives Large Donation from Valero Benicia Refinery

In December 2016, Valero Benicia Refinery donated \$25,000 to the Solano Community College Educational Foundation for veteran's scholarships, and a new endowed scholarship.



On March 27, 2017 a ceremonial check was presented to the Foundation Board, and the first scholarship awards were presented to SCC veteran students. Nine students received a total of \$7,750: Daniel Flener, Samuel Cowdin, Lawrence Antonio, Davetta Simmons, Courtney Jackson, Anika Armstrong, Christopher Body, Alex Saelee, and Robert Dones.

Six students are pictured in the front row with Sue Fisher-Jones from Valero Benicia Refinery. The SCC Educational Foundation Board is pictured in the back row; Jay Yerkes, Curt Johnston (SCCEF Executive Director), Marc Tonnesen, Andy Anderson, Katherine Brannon, Shéry Cordonnier, Dorothy Hawkes, and Dr. Celia Esposito-Noy. Additional scholarships from the donation will be awarded next semester.

We'd like to say congratulations to our veteran students, and thank you Valero! In addition, thank you Sue Fisher-Jones of Valero, and our SCCEF Board Member Dorothy Hawkes for directing the scholarship review process. They are the best!

[To see more images from the scholarship presentation, check out the Foundation page!](#)



Debate Team Members Volunteer to Train Younger Students

Taking time out of their debate practices for the national tournament, two members of the speech and debate team, Sandy Phan and

Mollie Meyers volunteered their time to help train middle school and high school students at a homeschool organization in Dixon on Friday, April 7th. With the guidance of speech instructor, Janene Whitesell, both Sandy and Mollie instructed students on proper debate techniques and public speaking tips. Once the students received their training, they participated in a debate about whether it was better to be an only child or have siblings. After listening to the debate, Mollie commented, "those students were more accomplished than some of the novice debate rounds at our tournaments."

This was the second of two workshops that the Solano College Speech and Debate team participated in during the 2016-2017 academic year. Last October, speech team member Michaela Chapa joined instructor Janene Whitesell in organizing a workshop in impromptu speaking.

Health Center & Financial Aid Hold Outreach Events



Annual Health Faire, April 4,
sponsored by Student Health Center



Financial Aid Awareness Event,
April 5, sponsored by Financial Aid
Office

A Reminder about FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records. (An "eligible student" under FERPA is a student who is 18 years of age or older or who attends a postsecondary institution.)

These rights include:

1. The right to **inspect and review** the student's education records within 45 days after the day the *Solano Community College* receives a request for access. A student should submit to Admissions & Records a written request using the *Authorization to Release Enrollment Information* form that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The school official will arrange for access and notify the student of the time and place where the student may inspect the requested records.
2. The right to request the **amendment** of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student should submit to Admissions & Records a written request using the *General Appeal* form clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested, the school will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment.
3. The right to provide consent before the college **discloses** personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
4. The right to file a **complaint** with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the *Solano Community College* to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:
Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Protecting Our Students

Included in this newsletter (above) is essentially a reprint of an email that Shannon Beckham, Dean of Enrollment Services sent regarding FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Shannon outlined rights afforded to students, regardless of age or dependency status, once they enroll in a postsecondary institution. While FERPA is prescriptive on some matters, specifically about accessing student records, FERPA also provides colleges discretion regarding Directory Information. While we currently advise students of allowable information, a student may request that no information, including directory information be provided without the student's prior approval. Oral or written requests to affirm or deny a student's enrollment or residency status must be directed to the Admissions and Records Office. Faculty and staff access to student information is also limited and information may not be shared without the student's authorization.

If you know students who may feel unsafe, who have concerns about directory information, or prefer to not have directory information shared, please direct them to the Admissions and Records Office for information and to make a written request to withhold directory information.

What is Directory Information?

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*, a Federal law, requires that *Solano Community College*, with certain exceptions, to obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from student education records. However, *Solano Community College* may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the College District to the contrary in accordance with College District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the *Solano Community College* to include this type of information from student education records in certain school publications.

Directory information, which is information generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can be disclosed to outside organizations without student's prior written consent. If you do not want *Solano Community College* to disclose directory information from student education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by the first day of the specified term by submitting an **Authorization for Release of Student Records** form via Admissions & Records forms. Forms are available on the college website under Admissions & Records-Forms. *Solano Community College* has designated the following information as directory information:

- **Student's Name,**
 - **Date and Place of Birth,**
 - **Solano Student Email**
 - **Field of Study,**
 - **Participation in Activities and Sports,**
 - **Weight and Height of Members of Athletic Teams,**
 - **Dates of Attendance,**
 - **Degrees,**
 - **Awards Received,**
 - **High School of Graduation of Athletic Team Members.**
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Registration Dates:

Priority registration for **Summer/Fall 2017** begins:

Mon., April 17

(1) VETS/FYSI/DSP/EOPS/CalWORKs;

Tues., April 18

(2) SummerBridge/Athletes/ASSC/Umoja;

Wed.-Tues., April 19-25

(3) Continuing Students;

Wed., April 26

(4) Newstudents who have completed Orientation, Assessment, Ed Plan;

Thur., April 27

(5) Returning Students;

Mon., May 1

(6) Transfer Students;

Tues., May 2

(7) New students who have **not** completed Orientation, Assessment, Ed Plan;

Wed., May 3

(8) Concurrently Enrolled K-12 Students;

Thur., May 4

(9) Open registration

Doing What Matters for Jobs in Solano County

A steering committee meeting will be held:

Date: Friday, April 21st

Time: 11am-1:00pm

Location: Steelworkers facility in Cordelia.

For more information, contact:

Karen Cook, Drafting Professor

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The logo for Earth Day, featuring the words "Earth Day" in a blue, sans-serif font. The letter "E" in "Earth" and the letter "o" in "Day" are replaced by a stylized globe showing continents and oceans.

SCC is
celebrating
Earth Day

on Wednesday, April 26.

The event runs from 10 am to 1 pm.

The event will be set up on the concrete
courtyard in front of the Student Center (1400
Building/Cafeteria/Bookstore).

Hosted by
Youth Employment Solano

Thank you, partners and sponsors:
Solano Community College,
Solano County Office of Education,
Workforce Development Board of Solano,
Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce,
Vallejo City USD, Children's Network,
Kaiser Permanente, Job Squad,

FREE!

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE FAIR

MAY 6, 2017, 9 AM-3 PM
SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FAIRFIELD CAMPUS

9 AM-12 Noon: Skills workshops

Job Squad boot camp: Employer Panel, Soft Skills, Mock Interviews, Dress for Success

Others: Resumes & Cover Letters, Successful Social Media, Money Management, Teambuilding

12 Noon-1 PM: Lunch & keynote speaker

Free lunch with Craig Stokes
Host/TV Personality, Lifestylist™ & Youth Motivational Speaker

1 PM-3 PM: Resources, interviewing & hiring

Information on local programs and job opportunities,
interview with employers to be
hired on the spot!

Registration: www.solanoyouthemploymentresourcefair.eventbrite.com
Contact: Bethany Smith, Youth Employment Coordinator, Children's Network;
707-421-7229, Ext. 109 or bsmith@childnet.org.

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BUILDING TRADES BOOT CAMP 2017

Join us for an exciting camp to learn more about the building trades industry, tools and materials, industry awareness and more!



WHO: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
WHEN: JUNE 12-30 AND JULY 10-14
8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
WHERE: SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WHY: EXPLORE CAREERS IN THE TRADES,
MEET NEW FRIENDS, HAVE FUN!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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and Construction Trades Council
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Students in BioTech

Some of our Biomanufacturing students hard at work in the lab recently. Applications are now being accepted for this new baccalaureate degree program. Spread the word!

<http://www.solano.edu/biomanufacturing/>

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