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SCC Becomes Evacuation Center



Many thanks to the faculty, staff, and students who helped throughout the week serving food, collecting donations, and caring for those who were evacuated to bldg. 1400.

Dr. Rischa Slade and the ASSC are to be commended for coordinating the evacuation center efforts in concert with the Salvation Army from the Kroc Center.

Custodial and Grounds staff worked day and night to keep the facility clean and to make room for cots as evacuees arrived throughout the week. We could not have done such a great job without all of you who helped out.

Approximately 100 evacuees made the college home where they received meals, updates, basic necessities and support.

“When I first came here, I didn’t know what to expect,” evacuee Ken Cox said. “The response has been absolutely amazing. This is what community should be.”

He noted the diversity in the room, adding that’s what makes America the great place it is. There’s no discussion of politics, just a willingness to help each other.

“We are all in the same boat,” he said. There are no radios or TVs in the center so the evacuees aren’t exposed to continuing coverage of the Northern California wildfires. Cell phones are the main source of news. Updates are provided three times a day by the Solano County Sheriff’s Office.

On Friday, Congressman John Garamendi met briefly with Superintendent/President Celia Esposito-Noy at the college where he caught a helicopter to survey the damage done by the Atlas fire.



American Wins Pro Tennis Tournament Held at SCC



Congratulations to McKenzie McDonald, the singles winner of the NorthBay Healthcare Men's Pro Championship.

McDonald, who won NCAA singles and doubles titles in 2016 for UCLA, entered the tournament ranked No. 202 in the world and lost just one set en route to the championship.

He opened the tournament with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 win over sixth-seeded Stefan Kozlov of the United States, then swept Dairan King of Barbados 6-3, 6-1 in the round of 16, No. 2 Tennys Sandgren of the United States 7-6 (3), 6-2 in the quarterfinals and Christopher O'Connell of Australia 6-4, 7-5 in the semifinals to reach the finals.

In doubles, Luke Bambridge of Great Britain and David O'Hare of Ireland won the crown with the same 6-4, 6-2 count as McDonald won his, defeating Akram El Sallaly of Egypt and Bernardo Oliveira of Brazil in the finals.

Go to the [NorthBay Healthcare USTA website](#) for more details.

Correction: Last week's Inside Solano incorrectly stated this was a Pro Golf Tournament. Obviously, it should have read Pro Tennis.

Speech & Debate Team Compete in Santa Rosa



From Director of Forensics
Douglas Mungin:

Join me in congratulating the Solano Speech and Debate Team for competing at the 49th Annual Santa Rosa Invitational Forensics Tournament hosted at Santa Rosa Junior College on October 6th & 7th.

Solano Community College competed against over 250 participants from 15 schools and brought home **1st Place Overall in Individual Events (Community College and 4 Year Schools)** and **Second Place Overall in the Community College Division.**

We had 12 students compete at this event with three students competing in their first tournament (Charlie Doria,

Stephanie Shatell, and Tyre Ramot). This success would not have been possible without the tremendous efforts of our Assistant Director of Forensics, Janene Whitesell and coach Brian Nelson.

Our Next tournament is the Santa Rosa Invitational Forensics Tournament at Santa Rosa Junior College on October 6th – 7th. If you are interested in seeing exactly what our award-winning Solano Speech and Debate Team does, be sure to save the date for our Forensics Showcase on Tuesday, November 28th at 4-6pm and a second showcase at 6-8pm at the new theatre.

Below is a list of our accomplishments from another successful tournament:

1st Place- Individual Events Sweepstakes Award

2nd Place- Sweepstakes Community College Division

Savanna Grable - 1st Place After Dinner Speaking

Michael Rearden - 1st Place Novice Extemporaneous Speaking

Gary Salovino - 1st Place Novice Impromptu Speaking

Radmehr Nowroozi - 2nd Place Novice Extemporaneous Speaking

Savannah Grable - 2nd Place Novice Program Oral Interpretation

Justin Freeman - 3rd Place Open Informative Speaking

Gary Salovino - 3rd Place Novice Informative Speaking

Tyler Sasabuchi - 3rd Place Novice Extemporaneous Speaking

Andrew Brown - 3rd Place Open Impromptu Speaking

Stephanie Shatell - Finalist Open Poetry Interpretation

Andrew Brown - Finalist Open Prose Interpretation

Tyre Ramot - Finalist Novice After Dinner Speaking

Justin Freeman - Finalist Novice Prose Interpretation

Michael Rearden - Finalist Novice Informative Speaking

Non-advancing Open Parliamentary Debate due to a tie-breaker - Tyler Sasabuchi & Andrew Brown

Non-advancing Novice Parliamentary Debate due to a tie-breaker –Michael Rearden & Jericho Atienza

Special consideration to other participants: Ricki Liang & Charlie Doria



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