



STAYING COMMITTED AND CONNECTED

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Welcome to Fall 2017!



Welcome to fall 2017! I hope you enjoyed your time away or found your summer work refreshing. It was a busy summer at all three of our campuses as many of you were involved in bringing on new buildings, hiring new employees, and implementing vital student programs and services. Years ago, summer was often described as a slow time, but we all know that has changed.

This summer, we completed many projects, including repairing the HVAC system at the Vallejo Center, upgrading our IT infrastructure, and opening our three new buildings: the Performing Arts building on the Fairfield campus; the Biotechnology and Science building in Vacaville; and the Auto Technology building in Vallejo. Our IT and facilities staff and managers, as well as our faculty, staff, and managers in Liberal Arts, Science and Math, Applied Technology and Business and at the Vacaville and Vallejo centers, are

all to be commended for their efforts in bringing these new facilities online. I hope you will join us as we celebrate the opening of these new facilities in August and September (see "Save the Dates" notice in this publication).

We also completed our 2017 Institutional Self Evaluation Report in preparation for our accreditation site visit October 2nd-5th. Thank you to all who were involved in the development of the self-study, with a special thanks to Dr. David Williams, Dr. Saki Cabrera, Melissa Reeve and Janie Sinkewiz who pulled it all together and created a well-written and beautiful publication. Our report is one of the best I have read in my 27 years in education. We have much to be proud of, and we did an exceptional job of highlighting our strengths while also acknowledging our need for improvement.

At Friday morning's Flex Day event, we introduced our new faculty, staff, and managers. Like all of us, our new colleagues value and respect students; are committed to improving equity, access, and completion; and are invested in engaging in dialogue to advance our goals. Please reach out to your new colleagues and introduce yourself, welcome them, and offer your support. This is a wonderful place to work and to partner with those who value and honor students.

Speaking of students...they are here and we are very happy to see them! We increased our outreach and recruitment and have contracted with a marketing and advertising firm, 25th Hour Communications, in hopes of increasing our presence in the real and virtual worlds. No matter how much outreach and advertising we do, students ultimately evaluate Solano Community College by what happens on campus: they remember how they felt when they arrived and assess us by what happens in the classroom. Each interaction we have with a student is significant. Acknowledge our students and each other as we cross paths. Offer to assist those who look lost (those who look lost aren't always students). Let's welcome each other and commit to another outstanding academic year.

Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D.
Superintendent-President

Science Building Groundbreaking



Solano Community College (SCC) broke ground on its new science building at a ceremony August 2 on the main campus.

The new science building will be approximately 44,000 square feet and will house the biology, chemistry, geology, geography and physics labs and classrooms. It will also house the new, expanded veteran's center. Students will also have a commons area, lecture rooms and offices.

"We are working to keep pace with student and employer demands by offering programs that will advance educational and employment opportunities," said Solano Community College President/Superintendent Celia Esposito-Noy. "While we already offer outstanding instruction, our new facilities will allow us to expand our course offerings and serve more students. This is a great time to be a part of SCC's history, one marked by expansion and innovation."

The \$37 million project is expected to be completed in November, 2018 with expected occupancy in January 2019.

"This was a really big need for Solano College," said chemistry professor Maria Santiago. "We want to make sure they (students) are in a facility that's state-of-the-art, with the latest equipment that they can really be proud of."

"This whole thing came about because of the support of the voters," Jim DeKloe, project planner said. "We're just trying to make sure we give them everything they asked of us during that campaign."

Measure Q is providing funding for this project.

Solano College is making good use of taxpayer dollars. The college has several upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies, including the Performing Arts Building in Fairfield, the Biotechnology and Science Building in Vacaville, and the Auto Technology building in Vallejo.

Athletic Trainer Appointed to ICSM

Congratulations to SCC athletic trainer Alison Aubert who was among 32 collegiate trainers from across the country appointed to the National Athletic Trainers' Association's (NATA) newly formed Intercollegiate Council for



Sports Medicine (ICSM), which held its inaugural meeting in Houston, Texas, on June 26, 2017.

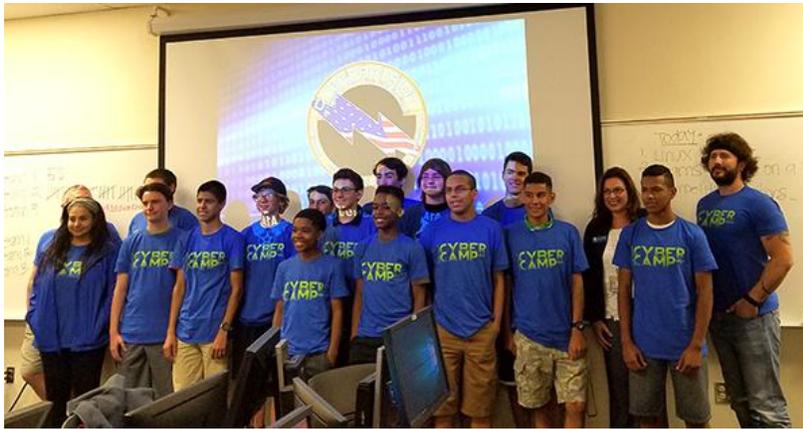
The first council of its kind, the ICSM aims to address student athlete health issues at the national level through a unique organizational structure that includes athletic trainers from NCAA Divisions I, II and III; NAIA; and the community colleges.

"We are extremely pleased to have Alison join this esteemed group of sports medicine professionals," said NATA President Scott Sailor, EdD, ATC. "We look forward to the council's work with the NCAA and other national organizations to ensure that student athletes receive the best

possible health care through new policies and resources."

The ICSM meeting was held in conjunction with the 68th National Athletic Trainers' Association Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, featuring hundreds of educational sessions and the largest exhibition of athletic training products and services in the world.

SCC Hosts Summer Cyber Camp



Approximately 20 high school students participated in a Cybersecurity Summer Camp at SCC this summer.

Students from area 9th -12th grades learned how to be safe in an online environment with a hope that cybersecurity will be of interest as a possible future career.

"There's a big need for cybersecurity professionals that we cannot fill- not just here, but

nationwide," said CyberCamp facilitator Richard Grotegut. "It's not something you can just learn in school. It takes a lot of practice. We want the kids to get started early."

Grotegut launched a local pilot program in Livermore last summer and this year he has established CyberCamps in 12 colleges in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

The camps provide a free, hands-on primer of cybersecurity principles for high school-age students and with high-tech security breaches grabbing headlines around the world, and millions of people having their personal information compromised, there is a real demand for these types of jobs now and in the future.

"During the week-long program, students learned basic computer defenses and vulnerabilities, as well as techniques such as spotting suspicious software and creating strong passwords," Grotegut added. "The main lesson that students hopefully took from the camp is that they now understand the importance of cybersafety and how to protect their personal devices and information from outside threats. They will be well informed users of technology."

The camp, which is part of the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program, was created by the Air Force Association in 2009.

ADT's Showing Promising Results

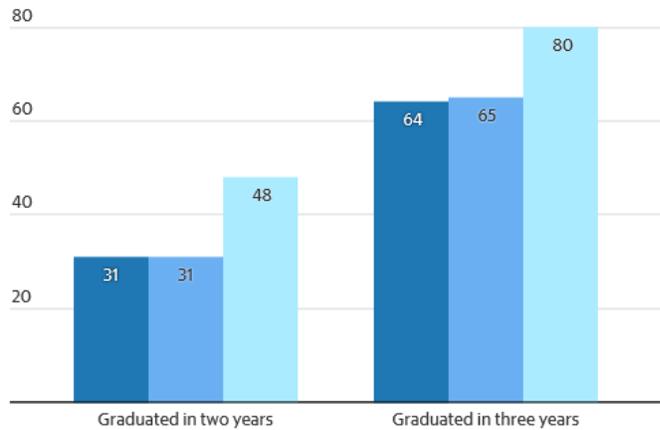
The *Sacramento Bee* published an article showing promising results from the Associate Degree for Transfer to CSU.

If you didn't see it, you can [read it here](#).

FALL 2013 TRANSFER STUDENTS AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Percent of students who graduated

■ All undergraduate transfer ■ Community college transfers
■ Associate Degree for Transfer



Source: California State University • [Get the data](#)

The graphic compares all students who transferred to CSU, community college transfer students and those students who first received an ADT and the difference in graduation rates from two years to three years.

Theatre Students Work on "Generations" Film



Over the summer, several of our Solano College Theatre students, alumni, and faculty worked on a local film called "Generations," a film produced by George Maguire, Professor Emeritus of the Theatre Department.

It was a great experience for our students and we are all looking forward to the film's release. Many of our students gained great connections to the film industry through this experience and are looking forward to getting more work because of this opportunity.

Pictured in top left are alumni, current students and faculty who worked as extras on the film: From left to right Back: Randall Chun (SCC Alumnus), Shiloh Kinney, Robbie Robertson, Zach Bender, front Barbara McFadden (local artist and SCC Alumnus), Janene Whitsell (SCC Faculty), and Marjory Harper.

Pictured in bottom left are Production Assistant's from left to right: Kevin Richmond, Henry Swenson (Key PA), Michael Johnson, Tyler Coe and Elizabeth Bowen.

Not pictured are SCC faculty Rebecca Valentino and Dyan McBride and many other students who were also involved in the film.

Many others worked tirelessly on this project and several have been offered additional work based on their good attitudes, hard work and professionalism.



SCC Participates in

Outreach Activities

The college participated in several events over the summer including the Solano County Fair, which ran from Aug 2-5 at the fairgrounds in Vallejo.

We also took part in an event called "Vallejo Outreach" in which hundreds of people came out to take advantage of free shoes, backpacks, food and resources along the waterfront in Vallejo.

Families were able to get health screenings, eye and dental exams, haircuts, groceries and back to school supplies.

To read more about the "Vallejo Outreach" event, [click here](#).



Save the Date: Opening Night Gala to Celebrate New Performing Arts Center



Don't forget! The Opening Night Gala for the new Performing Arts Center will be held on Saturday, September 9th, 6:00-10:00 pm.

We'll be celebrating the renovation of the SCC Performing Arts Center. The auditorium is absolutely beautiful, so we want to show off the building and promote the Theatre Arts Program.

The Opening Night Gala will be a fun cocktail event with heavy hors d'œuvres by Chef Daniel Bell, complimentary drinks, and short performances highlighting the best of SCC arts in a dramatic new building. The Gala theme is "Back To The Future." For us, this means creating a future as bright as the past by training the next generation of performing arts students in Solano.

The Opening Night Gala will be a fun cocktail

The Opening Night Gala will also include presentation of the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards, and the Alumni of the Year Award. This program began in 2014 to recognize the prominent role of SCC alumni in our community. This year, we'll have a special focus on alumni from the performing arts programs.

All proceeds from the Opening Night Gala will benefit the SCC Educational Foundation and SCC Theatre Arts and Music Programs.

For more information about the Gala or to buy a ticket, please visit: <https://foundation.solano.edu/event/scc-2017-opening-night-gala/>, or email curt.johnston@solano.edu or Eileen.amick@solano.edu or dial extension 7177.

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