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Two SCC Students Make All-CA Academic Team



SCC Student Nicole McKinney

SCC students, DeShawn Seymour, Sr., and Nicole McKinney, have the prestigious honor of being selected to the 2018 All-California Community College Academic Team, which provides recognition of scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments at top community college students in California. Seymour and McKinney were selected based on their nomination by the college to the All-USA Academic Team competition, sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Grades, leadership, and community service all determine selection to the state's academic team. Seymour, who maintains a 4.0 GPA and is active in the Umoja Scholars Program and PTK, volunteers numerous hours for several Fairfield youth sports programs.

A Political Science major, McKinney has served as President of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter on campus, is an active participant in student life, including the annual cleanup of Dan Wilson Creek on the Fairfield Campus; the Early Learning Program's holiday wish program; and book drives to support literacy programs in Africa. Both students intend to transfer to UC Davis.

"This is an incredible honor for Nicole and DeShawn as well as for Solano Community College. These are exceptionally hardworking and dedicated students who represent the best and the brightest of our student body," said Vallejo Center Dean and PTK Founding Advisor, Shirley Lewis. "Our students are among a select few earning this recognition, an achievement even more remarkable considering there are over two million community college students in the

state.”

The students will be honored at an awards ceremony and luncheon hosted by Community College League of CA, on April 2, 2018, in Sacramento.



SCC Student DeShawn Seymour

Auto Technology Building Wins Award



The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) Western Pacific Region Board of Directors recently announced that SCC's Autotechnology Building has been selected as a winner in the annual Design Build Awards Program! Although we don't know which award was won, it will either be in one of the following categories: Regional, Distinction, Merit, Design Excellence or Project of the Year.

Trophies for each award will be given at the Design Build Awards Banquet on May 17 at the San Diego Manchester Grand Hyatt following the DBIA-WPR's annual Regional Conference.

The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) Western Pacific is a membership organization founded to advocate and advance single source project delivery within the design and construction community.

All members of the project team should be very proud to have been a part of such an exemplary project!

SCC Proposal Selected for Innovation Summit



SCC's proposal for a Biotechnology Manufacturing Training Center facility was selected as the finalist to represent Vacaville at the Innovation Summit.

The proposal for a new training center would include

the following, plus many more:

- Teach community college, university, and high school students, the necessary knowledge and skills to work in the biotechnology field.
- Teach biotechnology knowledge and skills to returning veterans, incumbent workers, and underemployed community members, to help them transition into jobs in the life sciences.
- Train Community College and High School faculty in new biomanufacturing processes, skills, and best teaching practices for their academic level.
- Train in the production of Stem Cells
- Provide a pilot plant for research by university graduate students and faculty.
- Develop biotechnology curriculum through a collaborative partnership with industry, university, community college and high school staff.
- Integrate state-of-the-art equipment into a learning environment by allowing equipment manufacturers and vendors the opportunity to work with faculty and students.

SCC's innovative solution will be recognized during the Innovative Summit on Thursday, March 1, at Sunrise Event Center. SCC will also be recognized as the finalist among the Vacaville Chamber's nominees in the spring issues of Business Comments Magazine going to print soon.

Underground Repairs Shuts Down Heating System Over Weekend

You may have seen steam rising from the ground next to building 300 recently.

The steam is the result of a significant leak in the underground Heating System Piping. In order to repair the leak, the heating system was shut down on the Fairfield campus over the weekend.



Big Week for Solano Sports Teams



Basketball

The Solano Community College women's basketball team was outscored in the final three quarters by top-seeded Sierra after a 7-7 tie after the first in their round of 16 game in the NorCal Regionals on Saturday.

The 16th-seeded Falcons gave the Wolverines a battle throughout before having to foul late and ensuing free throws extending the lead to a 59-49 final margin.

"Lizzy Roark had 19 points and Kameron Hatcher scored 10 to lead us. We were in it the whole way. Very competitive game. Ultimately a

few too many turnovers and not quite good enough shooting led to the 10 point loss," Solano coach Matt Borchert said.

The team finishes the season at 18-11 overall having competed in the regional semi-finals two years in a row.

"We held them to 25 underneath their (season) average," Coach Borchert said. "Great game, great battle. We held them close whole way. We made some runs, but we couldn't quite get it all the way back like we did (in the first round) against Shasta." [More...](#)

Baseball

On Tuesday the Falcons beat Big 8 rival American River 16-4 powered by two home runs by sophomore Nathan Gutierrez. On Thursday again the Falcons offense hit its' stride with a 13-10 win over Chabot College.

A tight game early got away from the Solano College baseball team late in a 10-3 loss to Chabot College, Saturday. The host Gladiators blasted a pair of home runs, scoring eight runs in their final two innings.

Kyle Krebs went 2 for 4 for Solano (4-9) and Isaiah Verrett (*pictured in photo above*) collected a hit and drove in a run.

The Falcons play next at home, Thursday, against Santa Rosa.

Softball

The Solano College softball team was edged 9-8 by San Jose, Saturday.

The game was a back-and-forth affair with the score knotted at five after the fourth inning and tied again at six after the sixth inning.

The Falcons (6-6) benefited from some power, with Alaena Selden and Teiya Collier both

crushing home runs. Baylee Robben was 2 for 4 with a double and a run scored, as well. Solano's Courtney McGraw went 1 for 4 with two runs scored and two driven in. The Falcons are in action again on Thursday when they visit Santa Rosa. [More...](#)

County Supervisor Publicly Thanks SCC Softball Team



Solano County Supervisor Monica Brown publicly thanked the SCC softball team for allowing her to throw out the ceremonial pitch at the beginning of the season. Her comments from the [Vallejo Times Herald](#):

I would like to publicly thank Solano Community College's softball team for allowing me to throw out the ceremonial pitch, Thursday Feb. 1 (no one was hurt in this effort).

Receiving a Solano College shirt, the softball I used and flowers was such a surprise. Thank you, Athletic Director Erik Visser — good job in "ordering" a beautiful day to be outdoors and play

ball.

To the public: Come out and see a game. The new bleachers are wonderful. The last of the trifecta was winning both games of the doubleheader by the Lady Falcons. I enjoyed my day. Thank you!

— Monica Brown/Solano County Supervisor, District 2

An Update on the Speech & Debate Team



This weekend your Solano Community College Speech and Debate team competed at the Northern California Forensics Association Championship held at Diablo Valley College on Friday, February 23rd through Sunday, February 25th. This is the largest tournament in Northern California boasting over 25 Community College and four-year universities. I am proud to announce that your speech and debate team came in 4th Place in Overall Sweepstakes Community College Division. Below are a list of the individual and team awards from this weekend. The success could not be without the tremendous support and hard work of our coaching staff and our students.

Our next tournament will be the California Community College forensics Association state championships held in Sacramento on March 8th through the 12th. If you would like to see your award winning speech and debate tournament in action please come out to our Speech Night on Friday March 23rd at the theatre on the Fairfield campus. We will also have a show at the Vacaville campus at a date to be determined. Below are the individual and team awards from this weekend.

Samantha Lee Silva -

1st Place Speech to Entertain

Finalist Communication Analysis

Finalist Open Persuasive Speaking

Mo Azpeita - 1st place Novice Informative Speaking. Winning 1st place every round of the tournament

2nd Place Novice Parliamentary Debate - Tyler Sasabuchi and Lily Fletcher

Ricki Liang 5th Place Junior Parliamentary Speaker

Tyler Sasabuchi 7th Place Novice Parliamentary Speaker

Quarterfinalists Junior Parliamentary Debate - Ricki Liang and Andrew Brown

Andrew Brown - Finalist Extemporaneous Speaking

Zach Waters - Finalist Novice Dramatic Speaking

Also competing:

Justin Freeman

Liselle Palacios

Maureen Simmons

Michael Rearden

Tyre Ramot

Gary Salvino

Events at SCC...

Softball

Thursday, March 1 - Solano @ Santa Rosa (3 pm)

Baseball

Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Merced College @ Solano (2pm)

Thursday, March 1 - Santa Rosa College @ Solano (2pm)

Saturday, March 3 - Solano @ Santa Rosa College (1pm)



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