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April 22, 2019

Congratulations to Gabby Pizano

The Soroptimist Scholarship Committee has selected Gabriela “Gabby” Pizano as the winner of the Betsy Price Child Development Scholarship.

Gabby will receive \$3,400 to support her expenses at Sacramento State.



Annual Foreign Language Night



The 11 th annual foreign language night was held on Friday, April 5, 2019. Students from Spanish, French, and ASL classes performed songs and skits to an audience of family, friends, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Foundation Funds Campus Groups & Clubs



At the 3rd Annual SCC Crab and Shrimp Feed, the SCC Educational Foundation organized student clubs and programs to work the event as a fundraiser for their programs.

There were 11 campus groups or clubs consisting of 64 volunteers who worked the event. The funds awarded for the volunteer hours was \$3,300.

SCC Student Takes On Theater With Bay Area Stage

It's SCC student Katie Watkins' first appearance with Bay Area Stage as the 25-year-old Solano Community College student gladly tackles the challenge.

It was at Solano that Watkins' acted for the first time under director Dyan McBride of Vallejo.

"I had so much fun," Watkins said, calling herself "a late bloomer" after surviving her younger days without stepping on stage.

The theater, she said, is a grand escape from a sometimes-stressful life. Take



her initial audition for “Steel Magnolias.” The next day, Watkins moved out of her grandparents’ home in Dixon to Suisun City.

With acting, “I can take a break from my real life which is anxiety filled,” Watkins said. “Just moving out ... trying to pay bills and rent on time.”

As for her character in “Steel Magnolias,” Watkins studied a few YouTube clips of the film, hoping to avoid an influence from Darryl Hannah’s portrayal of Annelle. “I didn’t want to base it on her,” Watkins said. “I like to get out my own weird little quirks.” It has been a positive learning experience with the veteran Lowe directing the cast, Watkins said.

“If it doesn’t feel right, he’ll tell you. He gives you freedom but gives you a bit of direction,” Watkins said. “I really enjoy working with him.”

“Steel Magnolias” was written by Robert Harling in 1987, a few months after his sister died and based on actual events. The 1989 film by the same name starred Sally Field, Julia Roberts, Dolly Parton, and Olympia Dukakis.

The rest of the cast includes Cassandra Anderson as Shelby, Catherine Brown as M’Lynn, Loretta Long as Quiser, Katherine Gassett as Truvy, and Watkins as Annelle.

[Read more](#)

Elements Through Dance

SCC Dance is pleased to announce the Spring 2019 production of “Elements through Dance.” The show will present various styles of dance: Jazz, Modern, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Tap, Tango, Salsa, Merengue, East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing, Night Club Two-Step and Hawaiian.

SCC Dance has invited “The Dance Factory of Cordelia,” and Halau ‘o Ku’ulei of Vacaville as our guest artists and dancers. Children will also be dancing.

The event takes place May 10 with two shows, one at 7:30 pm and another at 9:30pm.



Thousands Attend DeafNation Expo



The SCC ASL & Interpreting Program, along with approximately 75 other booths, were a part of the recent Deaf Expo.

DeafNation Expo & Conference is the foremost touring trade show for, by, and about deaf people since 2003, has attracted more than 1 million attendees since. Our philosophy is that free admission brings a diversity of attendees who can share our culture, needs, language, and information.

More than 2,600 attended the Expo in Pleasanton.

Gala Celebration of Wood-Firing: "Changed By Fire"



Professor Marc Lancet and students during the building of the Rocinante Kiln at Solano Community College in 2013

All are invited to a gala celebration of the 20th anniversary of wood-firing of ceramics at Solano Community College on April 26, from 4 to 9 pm.

The event will include traditional Japanese Taiko drums performed by Davis Wakamatsu (Young Pine) Taiko Dan, live Irish Music performed by Forlorn Hope, distinguished speakers and award-winning poets.

The event takes place in the ceramics and sculpture yard in the 1300 building. An exhibition featuring the wood-fired art work of students, alumni and faculty is featured at the adjacent Dorothy Herger Gallery. Refreshments will be served.

The exhibition "Changed By Fire: 20 years of Wood-firing Ceramics at Solano Community College" displays the art of students, alumni and faculty and student art wood-fired over the past 20 years. The exhibition opened in the Dorothy Herger gallery on April 1 and runs to April 26, featuring pottery, abstract and figurative sculpture and even painting by fire.

The exhibition features a unique re-installation of the latest firing of the Rocinante Kiln, which was built in 2013. A model of the interior of the kiln was constructed in the gallery and the pieces were placed in the same positions they held in the kiln. The result is a recreation of the firing which allows viewers a rare insight into the firing process. Also featured is the first exhibition of the work of the newly formed Artist collective "Out of Clay."

Professor Marc Lancet constructed the first kiln, The Dancing Fire Wood Kiln, in 1998 in a Pacific Rim Collaboration with Japanese artist Masakazu Kusakabe. Lancet went on to write Japanese Wood-fired Ceramics with Kusakabe and the book has become the standard English language text for wood-firing around the world.

Speakers will include: Celia Esposito-Noy, superintendent-president of Solano

Community College; Shelly Willis, Art in Public Places consultant; Celeste Smeland, director of Arts Benicia and Lancet, ceramic artist and professor of 3D Art. Poets featured will be professors Michael Wyly and Douglas Mungin.

In the 20 years since, wood-firing has become an integral part of the college's 3-D art program. The work that Lancet and his students have accomplished has become recognized worldwide and kilns have been built around the world based on the kilns at Solano Community College.

Lancet reflects the vital role the wood-fire program plays in training artists. "A wood kiln requires both commitment and hard work and these are qualities artists must develop if they hope to succeed. The kilns are perfect learning laboratories. Here our students learn collaborative skills and develop their leadership abilities."

Looking back 20 years Lancet observes, "wood-firing has exceeded our grandest expectations. It has become a focal point for a developing art community. These kilns have become a meeting place where established artists, students and community members exchange ideas and collaborate with each other, forging between themselves a sustaining sense of belonging to something that persists."

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located in the 1300 building on the Solano Community College campus. The college parking regulations require a \$2 parking permit. For more information, call 864-7114.

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PUENTE PROJECT PRESENTS:
DREAMER DAY



A Conversation with Sarahi Espinoza Salamanca

Former undocumented student recently named in Forbes '30 under 30'

Thursday, April 25th 2019

12:00pm – 3:00 pm • Back Half of Cafeteria

Lunch provided

schedule

12pm-1pm

Lunch and Community Resource Fair

1pm-2pm

Sarahi Espinoza Salamanca Presentation and Q&A

2pm-3pm

Film Screening: ***Waking Dream***



Directed and Produced by Theo Rigby, *Waking Dream* weaves together the stories of undocumented young people as they sit in limbo between deportation and a path to citizenship.

French Club Tours French Quarter



The French club took a walking tour by a French docent in the French Quarter in San Francisco during the Gold Rush followed by a tour of Monet's exhibit in the Legion of Honor of his spectacular water lilies.

Rodriguez HS Students Heading to SCC



Rodriguez softball players, from left to right, Ari McIntyre, Gaby Ibarra and Alexis Thompson sign letters of intent in the school library on Wednesday, April, 17, 2019. Volleyball players Lindsey McLaughlin, Millie Coe and Alyssa Cruz also signed letters. (Robinson Kuntz/Daily Republic)

Community college is often the next step to playing for a four-year school and Rodriguez High recognized several of its athletes moving on to two-year programs in a ceremony at the school's library, Wednesday.

Those recognized were Lindsey McLaughlin, Millie Coe and Alyssa Cruz, who are headed to Solano Community College to play volleyball, and softball players Ari McIntyre and Gaby Ibarra, who will also be SCC Falcons, and Alexis "Lexxy" Thompson, who is bound for Cosumnes River College of Sacramento.

"We have never had this many all at once," said Tracy Cordes, Rodriguez athletic director and softball coach. "So proud of these girls. I know what a tough thing it is to continue on with your athletics but what a great thing it is and we are so proud of them at Rodriguez for continuing their athletic careers at their schools that they've chosen."

Read more in the [Daily Republic](#).

Last Weekend For My Fair Lady

This is the last weekend to catch "My Fair Lady," SCC's theatre's latest production.

This is one of the best loved musicals of all time and you don't want to miss it!

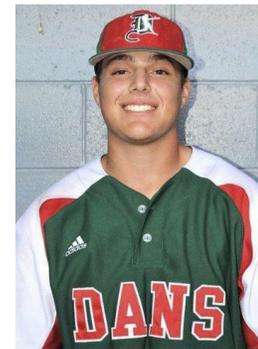
[Click here for tickets](#) and more information.



Former SCC Alumnus Playing Division I Baseball

A sports reporter recently wrote an article that mentioned SCC alumnus, Carson Haws. Haws, (Class of 2014), played his first year of baseball for Pratt Community College (Kansas), then transferred to Solano Community College (Fairfield, Calif.) for two years and is now playing for Division I Eastern Illinois University.

Read more here from [The Tribune](#) in Colorado Springs.



Athletics Update



Swimming/Diving: Kari Yamada (pictured left) finished in 6th place on the one meter board at Nor Cal Diving Championships at De Anza College. She qualified for the state championships May 2-4 at East City College City College.

A big shout out to the Solano swimming coaching staff for successfully hosting the BVC swimming championships this weekend.

Softball: Sophomore shortstop Aleya Turner of Solano College continued her hot hitting as the Falcons went 2-2 in Week #9. Turner was named Player of the Week by the CCCAA last week. At the dish, Turner was 8-for-16 with four runs and five RBIs. Turner hit three doubles, and stole two bases in her offensive efforts for the week. .

Solano Softball swept Contra Costa and clinched the BVC championship 14-0 with two home games remaining on Tuesday vs Contra Costa starting at noon.

Baseball: The season is ending too soon for the Solano Community College baseball team. The Falcons banged out 18 hits – three each by Isaiah Verrett and Nick Botello with four others getting two – as they followed a five-run sixth inning with a 10-run seventh in crushing Marin 17-2 to end the season at Billy and Louise Yarbrough Stadium, Friday. After a slow start that included five straight losses to open the campaign and a nine-game losing streak in late March and early April, the Falcons (14-22, 10-11 Bay Valley

Conference) finished up on a five-game winning streak by a combined 52-12.

Athletics This Week

Baseball

Baseball BVC TBA this weekend

Softball

Tuesday Home Softball vs Contra Costa noon and 2pm

Tennis

Tennis at Ojai State Championships



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