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SCC Professor Receives Leadership Award

A longtime Solano Community College professor has received a local nonprofit's inaugural Community Leadership Award.

Dr. Rhuenette Alums received the award at Saturday's fourth anniversary gala celebration of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA). The event also honored APAPA interns, all local high school and college students.

"Dr. Alums is a role model community leader and has demonstrated commitment and support for diversity, equality and advocacy in public affairs in this county and beyond," said C.C. Yin, APAPA founder and chair.



Dr. Rhuenette Alums

Alums, an adjunct professor at Solano Community College, has a PhD in Education – Professional Studies from Cappella University, an MBA in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and a BA in Communications from Brooklyn College, NYC. She also completed executive education programs in Management and Technology at Duke University, University of Virginia and Harvard.

Alums lives in Fairfield and recently retired from AT&T after 40 years of service. Winners are chosen based based on recommendations by the APAPA Board of Directors.

Future awards may include Community Organization of the Year, Young Leader of the Year and Public Service of the Year. Any individual or organizations based in Solano County can be nominated for these awards.

Congratulations, Dr. Alums!

Get to Know Outreach Specialist and SCC Alumna Alex Casteneda

My Name is Alex and I am the Outreach Specialist for Solano Community College.

I graduated from SCC in 2016, where I received my degrees in Biology and Chemistry. As a student here, I worked in the ASTC as a math and science tutor which sparked my interest in student services. I transferred to UC Davis where I graduated with a degree in biology and minor in education. I was able to develop my passion for



student services as an undergraduate researcher studying the academic experience of Latinas in STEM and also working for UC Berkeley as a college advisor and tutor. After a short stint at Genentech as a Bio manufacturing technician, I returned to the place that provided me the confidence and opportunity to build my academic identity.

My vision is to promote the college as an institution of higher education to post high school and returning students. I had an awesome experience as a student here and I want to recreate that environment of growth and love for learning for other students!

As the outreach specialist, I am working with the community to promote and recruit students to our campus as well as restore the relationship we have with the communities we are nested in. On campus, we wanted students to feel welcome during the first week. We had an “Ask Me” table set up where students stopped by to get help looking for their classes, learn more about campus resources, and pick up some cold water. We also hosted a “deans and donuts” event where students got to talk to deans of their departments and meet the superintendent-president while picking up some iced coffee and donut treats! Keep an eye out for more campus events!

Ribbon Cutting for Science Building & Veterans Resource Center



All are welcome to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Science Building and Veterans Resource Center Wednesday, August 21 at 5:00 pm at the Fairfield campus.

The 44,000 square foot, state of the art facility will allow the college to increase offerings in the sciences and increase support services for veterans, active military, and their families.

The facility boasts a state of the art anatomy cadaver dissection area, labs for Chemistry and other sciences and an upgraded Chemistry instrument room.

The Veterans Resource Center is designed to act as a liaison between the college and military students.

Military veterans and active duty members and eligible dependents can receive assistance in filing for benefits and receiving academic counseling here. As well, agencies such as the Veterans Affairs Vet Center, VA Health Care Services, Workforce Development Board of Solano County, and Solano County Veterans Service Office will have an active presence in the VRC.

Which is why the college, at Wednesday's ceremony, will be recognized as the first Purple Heart Community College on the West Coast.

Athletics This Week

August 21

1:00pm Volleyball 12 Team Scrimmage vs. Solano

August 24

5:00pm Women's Soccer Alumni Game vs. Solano



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