



# Inside Solano

STAYING COMMITTED AND CONNECTED February 10, 2020

## AutoTech Students Participate in Unique Internships



On January 21, SolTrans and National Express Transit kicked off their first Maintenance Internship Program. National Express Maintenance Manager, Anthony Alves, created this two-year, paid internship program to give hands-on experience in a fully-functioning maintenance garage to students pursuing a career in automotive technology. He saw an opportunity to utilize the students enrolled in the Automotive Technician Program at Solano Community College (SCC) and the need for recently certified mechanics to replace those retiring.

Interns were required to have completed a maintenance-related course at SCC within the last two years and hold a valid driver's license. Alves decided on the finalists for the internship by looking for one final thing: the hunger to learn. Four interns made it into the inaugural technician internship: Juan Eddie Ortega, Demadjeo Simon, Francis Nnalis and Tim Mates (pictured).

SolTrans has a very diverse fleet of buses that provide local service in the cities of Benicia and Vallejo, SolanoExpress buses provide connections to BART and Amtrak, and Paratransit buses for individuals with disabilities. The more diverse the service needs, the more knowledge and skills are needed to support the various types of vehicles that provide the service. The bus fleet itself is diverse because it is comprised of vehicles from different manufacturers and uses different fuel sources: diesel, diesel-hybrid, all-electric, and compressed natural gas (CNG).

Congratulations to our students for taking the opportunity to learn outside the classroom!

# HEAL the Community with "Mama C"

**S.O.A.R./M.E.N. Program Present:**

## Charlotte Hill O'Neal

**When: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**  
**Where: Denis Honeychurch Boardroom, Bldg. 600**  
**Date: Feb 18th, 2020**



### HEAL the Community with "Mama C"

Charlotte O'Neal is a writer/poet, visual artist, musician, healer, longtime community activist and Director of United African Alliance Community Center (UAACC) based in Tanzania, East Africa. UAACC is a non-profit, community-based organization focusing on healing the community by providing a diverse array of art and media projects in rural Africa.

Please join us for a conversation with Charlotte O'Neal as she talks about her experience as a member of the Kansas City Black Panther Party in the late 1960s and her life as an American exile living in Tanzania.

*"What a joy to share about our work... We believe that inspiring young people to greater positive heights will help to change the world!" ~Mama C.*

If you have any questions, please contact S.O.A.R. at [soar@solano.edu](mailto:soar@solano.edu) or call (707) 864-7194.

### M.E.N. Program

Motivated, Educated, and Noble is a support group program designed to increase the retention and academic success of African American male students attending Solano Community College by providing resources, safe spaces, and student mentors to its respective members.

### S.O.A.R. Program

Students Overcoming Adversity and Recidivism supports formerly incarcerated students. We understand the unique challenges formerly incarcerated students face. We are here to help students navigate those challenges and achieve their academic, personal, and career goals.



## College Behind Bars Film & Discussion

SOAR and PBS KVIE present:

# College Behind Bars

Film & Discussion

*College Behind Bars*, a four-part documentary film series directed by award-winning filmmaker Lynn Novick, produced by Sarah Botstein, and executive produced by Ken Burns, tells the story of a small group of incarcerated men and women struggling to earn college degrees and turn their lives around in one of the most rigorous and effective prison education programs in the United States – the Bard Prison Initiative.

*This modified film screening will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by PBS KVIE featuring two alumni of the Bard Prison Initiative, Salih Israil and Tamika Graham.*

This is a FREE event. Seats are limited so reserve yours in advance at:

[blogs.solano.edu/theater/index.php/tickets/](https://blogs.solano.edu/theater/index.php/tickets/)

Parking is available in Lot 2 – Free after 5pm

Questions? Contact SOAR at:  
[soar@solano.edu](mailto:soar@solano.edu) or (707)864-7194.



**SOLANO**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 27th, 6pm – 9pm  
Solano College Theater, Bldg. 1200  
4000 Suisun Valley Road  
Fairfield, CA 94534

**SOAR** **PBS KVIE**  
STUDENTS OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AND RESILIENCE

## New Deputy is SCC Alumnus



Let's welcome Deputy Sheriff Karnjit Purewal to SCC! Deputy Purewal has been with the Solano County Sheriff's Office since 2016. Deputy Purewal has worked various assignments such as Patrol, Court Services and Transportation.

Prior to working for the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Purewal attended Solano Community College and later transferred to California State University, Sacramento where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Deputy Purewal was born and raised in Solano County and continues to reside in the community.

Deputy Purewal looks forward to developing relationships with the students and staff at Solano Community College and creating a safe and welcoming environment for all.

## SCC Theater Alumna to Perform "Conversation Hearts"

SCC alumna to perform a music tribute to love in the production, "Conversation Hearts," which returns Feb. 16 to the Harbor Theater.

A variety of vocalists, accompanied by Mike Williams, will carry Valentine's Day celebrations into the weekend.

Vacaville native and SCC alumna Kaitlyn Cavazos is one of the singers. This is her first time doing the show. She'll sing a duet with Jeremy Kreamer and a song from "The Last Five



Kaitlyn Cavazos is one of the singers featured in "Conversation Hearts."  
(Courtesy photo)

Years."

"I wouldn't say it's a love song but it's definitely a heart conversation," she said of the solo.

She and Kreamer have performed together in "Annie" as well as a holiday cabaret show.

Cavazos started in youth theater and went on to perform in Solano Community College productions such as "Rent," "How to Succeed in Business Without Trying" and "Frog and Toad."

She met show host – and performer – Barbara McFadden doing youth theater. McFadden directed a production of "The Wizard of Oz," for which Cavazos was cast.

Cavazos saw a theater show when she was about 8 and got "hooked."

"Theater will always be part of my life," she said. It's a lifestyle, she said.

"It's going to be a super fun show," Cavazos said of "Conversation Hearts." "Barbara comes up with the most fun things to do. I'm excited to see what everyone else does." The show also includes songs from Danielle DeBow and Michael Scott Wells, who met doing theater. They married in the fall of 2017 and welcomed a son last year. Frank Salamone is a vocalist for the Alive Music Orchestra, a big band in Vacaville, as well as a pastor in Dixon.

'Conversation Hearts'

- 4 p.m. Feb. 16
- Harbor Theater, 720 Main St., Suisun City
- [www.suisunharbortheater.org](http://www.suisunharbortheater.org)

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## Athletics News



**Men's Basketball:** Sophomore **Dunnell Stafford** led all scorers with 24 points to lead the Falcons to a series-tying win over Merritt, 82-69, on Friday evening.

Stafford added 10 boards and three steals to his efforts. Sophomore **Jordan Adams** counted 17 points, while sophomores **Uriah Benning** and **Berry Roseborough** chipped in 13 points apiece.

Solano (11-13, 6-6) head to Marin next on Wednesday, Feb. 12 for a 5:30 p.m. tip.

**Women's Basketball:** Sophomore **Vanessa Hughes** paced the Falcon offense in the team's 64-56 win over Merritt on Friday evening.

Hughes scored a team-high 17 points with six rebounds and three steals. Freshman **Zaire Brown** counted a double-double with 13 points and 12 boards, adding a pair of steals, while freshman guard **Lexi Derf** put up 14 points off the bench.

Solano was edged in the second quarter, heading into the break down by three, but easily rebounded in the second half to hold on for the win.

The Falcons (14-9, 9-2) head on the road to Marin next on Wednesday, Feb. 12. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

**Swimming:** The swim team did great at the City College of San Francisco Invite. **Pamela Kennedy** was second in the 100 Backstroke with a 1:06.09, fourth in the 50 Freestyle with a 27.01. **Tyler Walhood** was 4th in the Men's 100 Breaststroke with a 1:06.94.

**Baseball:** The Solano baseball team's late rally fell short in its 5-4 series finale loss at Sierra on Friday afternoon.

Sophomore **Brandon Herter** and freshmen **Nathan Jessell** and **Herbie Lane** collected two hits each with Herter and Lane each counting a double. Sophomore **Matthew Hansen** earned two of the team's three RBI.

Sophomore starter Connor Corporale (0-2) was charged with the loss on the mound after throwing 5.1 innings, allowing four runs on three hits and striking out a pair.

Solano (2-4) looks to rebound when it hosts Skyline on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. at Laurel Creek Park.

**Softball:** The Solano softball team split their home opener this weekend, falling 11-4 to college of sequoias and beating Shasta college 7-3. **Ari McIntye** shined on the mound only allowing 7 hits in 6.1 innings of work against Shasta. Bats were alive with both **Hailey Enriquez** and **Lyndsey Urricelqui** going 3-7 on the day. The falcons also had a triple play in the top of the 2nd inning of the second game. Shasta lines into a triple play, shortstop Alves to second baseman Ibarra to first baseman Shumway.

**Tennis:** Women participated in their first Modesto Tournament this past week and returned with match experience, success and a better understanding of the season ahead.

Ten Community/Junior Colleges competed: Solano, Sierra, Modesto, San Francisco City, Folsom Lake, American River, Diablo Valley, Reedley, Shasta & Chabot. The tournament allowed for competing schools to play individual line-up competitions for 6 Single's Lines and 3 Double's Lines. Here are the results:

#1 - Melanie Fisher won the Back-Draw after losing her first match against the second seed from Sierra.

#2 - Yanci Yanez made it to the semi-finals of her draw.

#3 - Aleena Edney made it to the semi-finals of her draw.

#4 - Sarah Crismon won her first match and lost to the second seed of her draw in the next one.

#5 - Rozell "MaiMai" Constantino made it to the semi-finals of her draw.

#6 - LeAnn Wu made it to the finals of her draw.

Fisher/Edney, Yanez/Constantino, Crismon/ Emily Lemus played the #1-3 doubles respectively; Yanez/Constantino made it to the semi-finals.



## Games This Week

Feb. 11

Softball at Diablo Valley, 10 am

Softball vs. Feather River, 12 pm

Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Foothill, 2 pm

Baseball vs. Skyline, 2 pm

Feb. 12

Men's Basketball at Marin, 5:30 pm  
Women's Basketball at Marin, 7:30 pm

Feb. 13  
Baseball vs. Santa Rosa, 2 pm  
Softball at American River, 12 & 2 pm

Feb. 14  
Men's Basketball vs. Alameda, 5:30 pm  
Women's Basketball vs. Laney, 7:30 pm

Feb. 15  
Baseball at Santa Rosa, 1:00 pm



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