Dear Colleagues:

**Solar Installation Inauguration**
An important highlight of the past week was the inauguration of the solar installations that serve three of our SCC sites. In her message to the District, County Supervisor Linda Seifert encouraged us to pick a project that the county and the College could work together on wherein the College could play a leadership role. Her recommendation came at the same time that the Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE) division has taken on a similar joint project that was funded through the Green Education Grant. This project included the Green Employer Council, which emphasized College leadership in the area of sustainability. Paul Fair, who managed the Green Grant for us, is currently spearheading efforts for continued resource sustainability.

**Academic Conversations in Vallejo**
Trustees Keith, Young, and Thurston hosted, with the support of College staff, three public “conversations” for citizens of Vallejo to discern academic offerings they would like to see offered at the Vallejo Center. The citizens’ responses were quite useful. Some of their ideas will be incorporated into our Educational Master Plan.

**Winters Project Leads the Way**
Recently, a meeting was held with personnel from the Winters Joint Unified School District. This meeting focused on offering a Biotechnology Engineering program at Winters High School in partnership with SCC. We agreed to have the College participate in offering classes and academic activities such as field trips for this program as early in the students’ academic career as possible. The desirable outcome will be a stronger College involvement with the Winters Public Schools and a strengthened curriculum.

**Meeting with Kaiser**
Dr. Maurice McKinnon, I/VP Diane White, and I met with the CEO of Kaiser, Max Villalobos, and his Nursing Facilities Directors. We discussed the pending nursing shortage that is likely to occur in the next few years and how Kaiser and the College can work together to ensure that graduate nurses are ready for employment. With over 200 Nursing major students waiting to enter the Nursing program, we have the student enrollment to meet the local demand, but we will
need to build more facilities and add staff to serve them. At our meeting, we addressed how our organizations can work more closely together.

**Visioning Sessions for Jimmy Doolittle Center**
Consultants hired by the Jimmy Doolittle Board and I met with several community leaders to discuss the next step in the Jimmy Doolittle Center project. This meeting provided additional support for the College and the Center to continue to work together to create facilities at the Nut Tree Airport that can be used to further the education of our students and to serve the community.

**Student Riders Committee**
ASSC initiated a Student Riders Committee that is investigating improved transportation for our students. The committee has worked successfully with the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) to provide financial support for students and is exploring how services can be improved through a partnership with ASSC. Feedback to Interim Director for Student Development, Dr. Jose Ballesteros, would be welcome. The current transportation system for our students is quite complicated.

**Napa Supervisor Bill Dodd**
The Honorable Bill Dodd is running for a seat in the Assembly that represents parts of Solano County and Winters. He paid us a visit on Friday to learn about community college issues. Trustee Martin and I discussed with him what we are about and how we work with the state. We shared with him our challenges and proposed a few solutions to improve opportunities for our students.

**Hosting Fall Sports Colleagues**
I hosted a dinner at my house on Friday for the SCC Soccer team and the Bay Valley Conference Champs in Volleyball. Over 30 attendees were present, including Trustees, Educational Foundation Board members, coaching staff, support staff; and, of course, our wonderful student athletes. Women from both sports have represented the College very well. I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the students and sharing Haitian hospitality with them. My appreciation to our coaches for the continual work they do with our SCC student athletes.

**Women’s Basketball Team Advanced to Second Round**
In front of a supportive and enthusiastic crowd of SCC students, faculty, staff, Trustee Brown, and parents, our basketball team took on Cosumnes River College and won their play-off game by a nice margin. Solano will take on Fresno City College in Fresno on Wednesday, March 5 (tonight) in a Nor Cal quarterfinal. Game time will be at 5:30 p.m. in a doubleheader with the Fresno men's team. Go Falcons!
Happy Women’s History Month

If women could go into your Congress, I think justice would soon be done to the Indians.

*Sara Winnemucca, Piute tribe activist, 1883*

Never limit yourself because of others’ limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination.

*Mae Jemison, astronaut*