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ACCREDITATION TEAM RETURNS TO SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FAIRFIELD, CA, OCTOBER 19, 2011: The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) will be visiting Solano Community College (SCC) from October 24-27, 2011.

The ACCJC accredits associate degree granting institutions in the Western Region of the U.S., also known as the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

"It is with open arms that we welcome our colleagues from throughout our accreditation region to Solano Community College," said Jewel Laguerre, President-Superintendent of Solano Community College District. "The peer-evaluation process, also called accreditation in the United States, is the best of its kind in the world. It gives peer faculty, staff and administrators an opportunity to gauge the extent to which a college or university is living up to some standards that are agreed upon."

Comprehensive accreditation visits take place every six years to assure the public that an institution continues to meet eligibility requirements, accreditation standards, and Commission policies.

"We are excited to showcase our programs, our faculty, staff, students, administrators and our Board of Trustees. At the same time, the reviewers will serve as consultants to us to give us feedback on what we are doing well and the few areas where we still need to make progress," said Laguerre.

Solano Community College completed its Institutional Self-Study Report of Reaffirmation of Accreditation in August of 2011, in preparation for the visit. The accreditation visiting team is being chaired by Mr. Jerry Patton, President of the College of the Desert, who has served on 13 previous accreditation visits.

"Solano Community College is happy to participate in the self-study process, not only because of the requirements, but because it allows us to reflect on us

as an institution for the work we have been doing over the past six years," Laguerre said.

The visiting accreditation team schedule and biographies can be found on SCC's Web Site at www.solano.edu.

About Solano Community College

The College has been an icon in the county since 1945 when it started as Vallejo Junior College. In the early 1970s, the College moved to its present Fairfield site. The College serves over 12,000 students every semester and over 20,000 over the academic year. In addition to the campus in Fairfield, the College has two Centers at Vallejo and Vacaville, and offers courses at Travis Air Force Base. The College operates a School of Aeronautics at the Nut Tree Airport. The College offers Associate Degrees and Certificates in various disciplines and provides training in several trades. For more information, please visit us at www.solano.edu.

Vision Statement - Solano Community College will be a recognized leader in educational excellence — transforming students' lives.

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