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Congratulations to Heather Schumacker on receiving the Excellence in Teaching Award for 2016-2017. It’s been my pleasure to watch Heather’s teaching for the past 3 years. In particular, I like how she helps her students develop their oral presentation skills in ECON 1740. Some of her students come to class the first day completely unprepared to speak before their classmates. By the end of Heather’s class, they are able to present quite professionally. Many of them choose to make their final presentations at Finals Jam, and I love to sit in and observe. Heather makes good use of guest speakers, and incorporates civics and geography into her economics class.

Heather has attended Westminster, Colorado State University, University of Puget Sound, UofU, BYU, SUU, UVU, SLCC, Florida Keys Community College, and Western Washington. She has bachelor’s degrees in Accounting, Economics, Zoology and Biological Sciences. She has an MBA and graduate certificates in Economics and Finance.

Heather used to compete professionally in ballroom dance in all styles (Latin, Rhythm, Standard, Smooth, West Coast Swing, Show dance). She also enjoys oil painting.

Please join me in congratulating Heather on all her accomplishments.

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Congratulations to Lon Schiffbauer, who has been selected as the 2017 SLCC Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. Lon is an Assistant Professor of Business Management and Research Director with Vivify, a business strategy consulting firm, dedicated to helping companies develop thriving organizational cultures. In addition to his academic and consulting background, Lon has over 25 years’ experience working for such companies as FedEx, Intel, and eBay, as well as a variety of small to mid-sized companies around the world. Lon holds an MBA and Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. He is also SPHR certified with the Society for Human Resource Management.

Lon grew up in Palo Alto, CA, then went on to study and work in England, France, Japan, and Malaysia, before settling in Sandy, Utah.
Skills USA Competition
Culinary Students Take Gold and Bronze Medals

By Chef Jeffrey Coker, Culinary Arts Associate Dean

SLCC Culinary Institute is proud to announce that six of our students earned medals in the Skills USA competition held on March 24, 2017. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your dedication to making these students shine and realize their goals. It is an excellent representation of our programs! Wishing the best of luck to our Gold medal winners as they will move on to represent Utah in the National finals to be held this June in Louisville, KY. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

David Chen, Gold, Culinary Arts
Allen Pereira, Gold, Restaurant Service
Carolina Dominguez, Bronze, Job Skills
Ian McKeever, Gold, Customer Service
Tomas Keene, Gold, Action Skills
Tawnee Ruiz, Bronze, Commercial Baking
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Since my beginning, I have strived to do my best and learn as much as possible. It paid off as I received above average grades and the recommendations from many of my instructors. Throughout my education, I have supported myself and found a new strength in my ability to succeed in my academic endeavors and my need for a fulltime job and sometimes more than one. If it had not been for the amazing professors and educators pushing me to continue I may have buckled under the pressure.

Along with my fellow students I have had the honor of meeting and being instructed by some of the most amazing educators, professors and business professionals. I have been granted the privilege of getting to see the inside workings of some amazing businesses and learned a snapshot of what it takes to be successful and humble in any business setting. I have learned of hardship and perseverance through times that seemed the most bleak and desperate and how a little faith and some hard work paid off creating a relentless and caring company.

Accounting Faculty Retiring

Lynnette Yerbury

By Paul Benner, Accounting, Finance & Economics Associate Dean

This semester we sadly acknowledge the retirement of one of our most beloved and respected professors. This year, Lynnette Yerbury has decided that after 30 years at Salt Lake Community College, she is ready to retire from full-time teaching.

It is easy to enumerate all the accomplishments and accolades that Lynnette has collected over her 30 years of service to the college. Those things can be seen on her impressive resume and in her ePortfolio. Over the years, Lynnette has been willing to take on the tough assignments. She led the improvement of the assessment processes in the School of Business and the College. She served two admirable years as the Division Chair for Computer Information Systems, Marketing, and Paralegal Studies, dealing with the administrative side of the job. She has been a source of support to me as well, both as an advisor and as a friend. She has mentored new faculty members and adjuncts. She has received the Excellence in Teaching award twice.

Most of all, Lynnette has been a strong supporter of students. She has frequently led students on their alternative spring break activities. When she does, she always returns with a big smile and renewed energy. Watching Lynnette enjoy her work inspires those around her.

Please join me in congratulating Lynnette on a stellar career at Salt Lake Community College as she continues on her life’s journey to wherever she would like to go. Thank you, Lynnette.

School of Business Graduate of Excellence

Megan Gardella

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My name is Lance Atkinson and I graduated from SLCC with an Associate Degree of Computer Science and Information Systems. I am now currently attending the University of Utah, focusing my studies towards a Bachelor's Degree in Entertainment Arts and Engineering. I have met so many wonderful friends and mentors at SLCC and can only hope to continue to meet equally amazing people. In the future, I wish to work as a programmer in the video game industry. I want to thank my instructor Margret Posch for kindling my love of learning and programming and being one of the biggest inspirations in my education.

“Lance has been an amazing student and we'll miss seeing him around. He has been a fast learner, a hard worker, and a great friend to many of his peers. We congratulate him to his achievement and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.” - Assistant Professor, Margret Posch

Michele’s high school years came with significant challenges and turmoil and after graduation her love of playing outside and travel kept her content for many years as she learned about the world at large. She excelled as a paraglider pilot and instructor for many years but knew that she wanted to invest more in herself. She had always had a knack for business and technology and wanted an opportunity to learn more and increase her value while focusing on expanding her natural strengths in management, process, business and communication. At 33, she moved back to her home city to enjoy her family while attending Salt Lake Community College. A new friend, a paragliding student, helped her see more precisely the correct path, a degree in Computer Science and Information Systems. It started with algebra, something that had been no more than a bad word for 15 years. Getting an A in that class set the bar high, and through dedication and energetic engagement in her education, Michele has earned an A in every class since. She is extremely excited to already be working at a much greater capacity, and making strong headway towards the goal of higher value and task-oriented employment that will allow her to continue to travel and be outdoors. The experience of being a student, and a very non-traditional one at that, gave Michele a new way to expand and evolve, making the decision to go back to school one that she will forever be grateful for.
Francesca Shepherd is the youngest of five children, and the first daughter to attend and graduate college. She is a single mother to an amazing little boy named Lestat who has Down syndrome. SLCC was highly recommended due to their ABA accredited Paralegal Studies Program to her, and three years ago she started her journey as a full time student. Choosing a degree that was designed to catapult her into a career was a necessary move for her life, now she knows she can continually provide for her son and herself throughout their lives. Choosing to be a full time student, in addition to being a full time parent, and working to provide for her small family has been a tumultuous journey, albeit an extremely rewarding one. The knowledge imparted by amazing professors, the critical and free thinking that has been encouraged, and the remarkable people she’s had the opportunity to meet have all contributed to her successful completion of this program. Oh, and lots of coffee! It is because of her education and upcoming graduation from the Paralegal Studies program that she recently started her first legal position at a small firm, and without SLCC that door would not have opened.

Andrew was born in California to Earl and Kris Murphy. As a military family Andrew lived many places both domestic and international. Andrew relocated to Salt Lake City in 2004 for work where he met his husband. With encouragement and support from his husband he started at SLCC. Now, Andrew has graduated with his AA in Business from SLCC and is currently pursuing a B.S. in Business Management from the University of Utah. Drew enjoys spending time travelling the world with his husband and friends and can be found most weekends playing games with friends and family.

I came from Chile to Utah seeking good snow. After my second trip, I heard about SLCC and I decided that I was going to give it a chance. The first couple months were really hard due to the language barrier but after the first semester, I was able to adapt and learn the language really well. My experiences at SLCC are only good memories. Thanks to the marketing program and teachers I was able to get an internship at Brighton Ski Resort this season where I put in practice everything I learned at SLCC. In the future, I will continue in the ski and snowboard marketing industry because that is my passion.
Lamoure Rolle, Accounting AAS

Lamoure Rolle is the only daughter of proud middle class Bahamian working Mother Alexandria Rolle. From her humble beginnings at the Fresh Creek Primary School, Lamoure went on to achieve great academic success at Central Andros High School having graduated with both honors and as Salutatorian of the graduating class of 2013. Miss Rolle, or “Nika” as her loved ones and close friends affectionately refer to her, expressed an overwhelming interest in tertiary education. Consequent to that, she sought the privilege and esteem honor of a college education at Salt Lake Community College in hopes of earning Business degree. The transition was not easy for her being an international student, having been raised on the cozy Island of Andros, found in the Bahamas, all her life. Nonetheless, Lamoure adjusted well to life in the Metropolis of Salt Lake City, and at Salt Lake Community College. As aforementioned, her desire was to earn a Business AS Degree, but after much wise and insightful consultation from the devoted SLCC advisors, the revelation that an Accounting Associates of Applied Science Degree far better suited her in reaching her educational aspirations. During her time of studies at SLCC, Lamoure was not only recognized on both Dean’s and President’s Lists for her scholarly achievements, but was a proud member of the SLCC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and fervent part time worker in the SLCC Testing Services Department. She attributes the weight of her achievement to her Professors and the many personnel of the faculty at SLCC. After a fantastic run at SLCC Lamoure graduated with Honors, an Accounting AAS Degree, and Certificates of Proficiency in Business Basics, Accounting Essentials, and Intermediate Accounting. Subsequent to her graduation in summer 2016, Lamoure has enrolled at the University of Utah to further her academic pursuits with a strict focus on Accounting.

Luis Salguero, Economics AS

Luis Salguero moved to Utah from California when he was 12 years old. He graduated from Taylorsville High School in Taylorsville, Utah. A few years after graduating, he joined the United States Air Force and worked as a network and computer systems administrator. It was while he was in the Air Force that he started reading books about business and economics. Less than a week after returning to Utah, he signed-up for classes at Salt Lake Community College and decided to major in Economics. During his free time he tutors his friends that need help with math and some other classes, does web design, and studies various programming languages. His plan is to use his knowledge and interest in technology and economics to create his own business.
Ryan Frye, Culinary Arts AAS

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Ryan Frye found his calling to cuisine while skiing and working in Park City, UT. He enrolled in the Culinary Institute at Salt Lake Community College in the Summer of 2015. He embraced his new career with passion and found a job where he could explore all the new techniques he learned in school. While climbing through the ranks as a line cook, he introduced the concept of a bread and pastry program at Avenues Proper Restaurant in Salt Lake City, UT. Since November of 2016, he has created all of the desserts and breads for the restaurant, and continually introduces new and exciting elements to the menu. Upon graduation, he will continue to work as Pastry Chef at Avenues Proper, with a promising future to expand the bread program, and obtain an Executive Pastry Chef title, over all restaurants owned by the Proper company. Ryan expressed, “I hope to travel, discover, and learn a little bit more each and every day.”

Christopher Marsh, Business AS

Christopher Marsh has a passion for learning and strives to improve himself constantly through education and hard work. He firmly believes that his time with Salt Lake Community College earning his AS in Business is an important step in living up to his full potential. He would like to thank the faculty and staff that he had the privilege to meet and work with for helping him attain his goals. He would also like to thank his family for their support these past few years he spent as a full-time student at SLCC. In his free time, Chris is passionate about listening to educational podcasts, reading, hiking and walking.

Chris is starting his time at the University of Utah in the fall of 2017 and is planning to major in accounting with a goal of one day becoming a managerial accountant. Through his experience at SLCC this goal which once seemed like a far off idealistic dream has become attainable and is something Chris is determined to reach.

Aaron Glade, Business Management AAS

Aaron Glade is a great young business professional – hard working student that is dependable, confident, and performs tirelessly. He currently resides in the Salt Lake valley with his beautiful wife. For the past nine years, Aaron has been apart of the ownership and operations of Taffy Town, Inc., working in various positions in management. He will graduate in May with an Associate of Applied Science in Business Management. He has applied to BYU-Idaho in hopes of completing a BS in Applied Management online.