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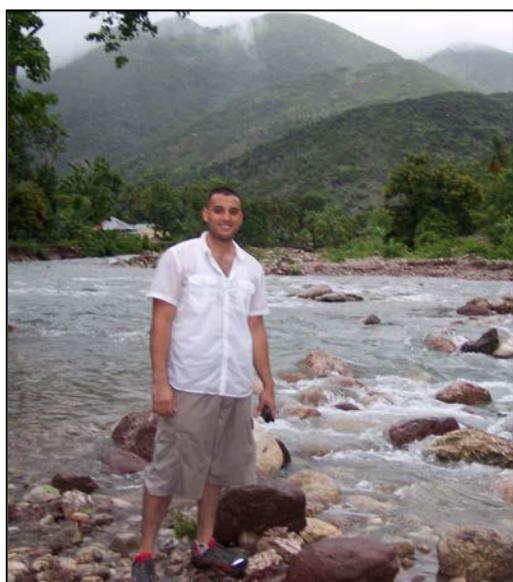
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SCC MESA Student Awarded \$5,000 Grant Scholarship

FAIRFIELD, CA, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012: The Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement Program (MESA) at Solano Community College (SCC) is proud to announce that MESA Student, Arturo Castillo, was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the 2012 Dwight David Eisenhower Community College Fellowship Program. The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) awards fellowships to exemplary students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines. This program advances the transportation workforce by attracting the brightest minds to the field through education, research, and workforce development.

In addition to receiving the scholarship, Mr. Castillo will have the opportunity to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) annual meeting in Washington, D.C., January 2013. The



TRB engages professionals worldwide in a broad range of interdisciplinary, multimodal activities to lay the foundation for innovative transportation solutions. As Mr. Castillo pursues higher education in Civil Engineering, the scholarship will assist him in achieving his goal to transfer to Sacramento State University next Fall semester.

Not only is Arturo a dedicated student, but he also took the lead on working with Water and Education International (WEI), a non-profit organization, and assisted fellow MESA students to plan and build a K-12 school in Chereffe, Haiti.

In 2011, Arturo was elected by the Associated Students of Solano College as their Legislative

Advocate. Throughout his academic career, Arturo has held leadership positions in the Puente club and the MESA Student Society.

About The Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement Program:

As one of the country's most innovative and successful programs, MESA works with thousands of educationally disadvantaged students. The program is designed to help students to excel in their efforts to earn math-based degrees.

MESA works closely with industry partners and the University of California, California State University, the California Community Colleges, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the State Department of Education. MESA is nationally recognized for its innovative academic development program.

About Solano Community College:

The College has served as the preeminent educational institution in Solano County since 1945 when it was founded as Vallejo Junior College. In the early 1970s, the College moved to its present Fairfield site, and is currently serving over 20,000 students throughout the academic year.

In addition to the main campus in Fairfield, the College has one Center in Vacaville, and one in Vallejo. To further serve the community, SCC offers courses at Travis Air Force Base, and operates a School of Aeronautics at the Nut Tree Airport.

Currently, Solano Community College offers Associate Degrees and Certificates in various disciplines, to include transfer courses to CSU and UC, and provides training in several trades. For more information, please visit us at www.solano.edu.

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