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Services for Veterans

Navy veteran David Wilson shares his SLCC experience







What's Hip, Hot, & Happenin' on Campus

Multicultural New Student

Campus (see www.globeslcc.com/

Where: Oak Room, Taylorsville Redwood

Where: The Grand Theatre, South City

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Wednesday

Tech Day @ SLCC

When: 8 am - 1 pm

Where: On the corner of the Alder Amphitheater, Student Center and the Library on the Taylorsville Redwood

Leave Your Mark on America

(student handprint flag art) When: 10 am- 1 pm

Where: Quad, Jordan Campus

Club Rush & Resource Fair

When: 11 am- 1 pm

Where: East Entrance Lawn, South City

Campus

Thursday

Workshop: 'Choosing a **Business Entity'***

When: 8:30 am - 12 pm

Where: Miller Corporate Partnership

Center (MCPC), Miller Campus

(Registration required, call 801-957-5200)



"The Muslims are Coming!"*

(documentary film explores issues from POV of Muslim-American comedy tour)

When: 12 - 2 pm

Where: The Grand Theatre, South City



'Forever Plaid' Musical

When: 7:30 pm

Where: The Grand Theatre, South City

Campus

Friday

Social

Campus

When: 4 - 7 pm

calendar for details)

'Forever Plaid'

When: 7:30 pm

Saturday

'Forever Plaid'

'Forever Plaid'

When: 7:30 pm

When: 2 pm

Campus

Tuesday

Workshop: Be a Scholarship Winner!*

When: varied by locations

Where: STC 223, Taylorsville Redwood Campus, 1 - 2 pm, Alumni Room, South

City Campus, 3 - 4 pm

Club Rush & Resource Fair

When: 11 am- 1 pm

Where: Quad, Jordan Campus



Disability Awareness Week: Assistive Technology Fair*

(showcasing interactive technology)

When: 11:30 am - 1 pm

Where: Atrium, South City Campus (Free

pizza provided)

Presentation: Profiles in Leadership

When: 5 - 7 pm

Where: STC Oak Room, Taylorsville

Redwood Campus

Workshop Part 2 - Web Writing 101: Creating an Online Sensation

When: 6 - 8 pm

Where: SLCC Community Writing Center, Library Square (Registration required, call

801-957-2192)

Sunday

'Forever Plaid'

When: 7:30 pm

Where: The Grand Theatre, South City

Campus

Monday

SLCCSA: Q&A on the Way!

(answer a question right to win a prize)

When: varies by location

Where: Library Square Campus, 10 am, Airport & Westpointe Campuses, 12 pm



Disability Awareness Week: "Careers & Disability" Panel **Discussion***

When: 12 - 1:30 pm

Where: Student Event Center, Taylorsville Redwood Campus (Free pizza provided)

DWS-Gay Writes Group

When: 4 - 7 pm

Where: SLCC Community Writing Center, Library Square (Registration required, call

801-957-2192)

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DRC assists students with disabilities

Rachel Folland

Contributing Writer

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) covers the needs of those with learning, mental and physical disabilities. Creating awareness is one of the components this center strives to achieve.

"I think for a lot of students – they aren't comfortable with disclosing their disability," says Director Candida Darling. This is one reason that awareness is important, so that students feel comfortable requesting accommodations from their instructors.

If one has a disability and needs assistance, the first thing to do is visit the DRC. One of the advisors will assess the disability and, if it meets certain requirements, they will determine which accommodations the person needs. Students may require note-takers, extended time on tests and/ or assistive technology.

"The DRC helped me get books-on-tape, note-takers, as well as extra time on tests," says Juliet Taaffe, a student with a learning disability who uses DRC services. She also received tremendous assistance from Advisor Steven

Lewis. "He's a nut, but a great guy to work with," says Taaffe. "The DRC is a great place to get help. The people are great to work with. I would recommend anyone with a disability to go there."

There are varying types of disabilities, with some hard to pinpoint. "If someone uses a wheelchair, it is easy to know their disability. Learning disabilities are hidden so they are much more difficult to identify,"



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> - Candida Darling SLCC DRC Director

says Darling. When students are willing to disclose their disability to an advisor, especially if it's a learning disability, they will be able to succeed better in school.

There are some students who have never been introduced to the DRC. Student Becci Combs did not know the DRC even existed at Salt Lake Community College until her first day of school. "I know professors have mentioned it in class," says Combs.

Presently, the DRC is working on establishing a student club organization for students with disabilities. The plan is to raise awareness of disabilities at SLCC and in the community. The students involved will work on service projects and participate in social events.

If a student has a learning disability, there is a process involved with getting help from the DRC. One will need documentation from either a doctor or other specialist. The DRC will take whatever history the student can provide. The next step is to meet with an advisor to discuss options. The advisor will let the student know if any additional necessity is required. Once the student is approved for services, one will need to give an accommodation letter to their professors each semester.

For more information, please contact the DRC at www.slcc.edu/drc or the DRC office of your preference.

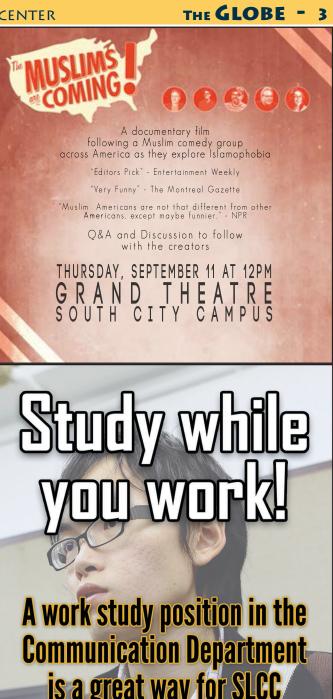
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Jordan Campus, HTC, Rm. 101B 801-957-6360 Mon - Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm

Miller Campus, MSEC, Rm. 130 801-957-5308 Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

South City Campus, Rm. 1-061 E-A Phone/TTY: 801-957-3258 Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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No veteran left behind with SLCC DRC and Veteran Services

Damien Holmes

Contributing Writer

Military veterans have faced many cl whether in basic training or in serving o time. After the smoke settles and that la veteran stands alone wondering what to school to pursue new careers.

Salt Lake Community College's stud experienced a steady flux of active duty veterans from the different branches of service. For these students, there is an even bigger challenge. It includes having to go back to school to learn a new career. For some, it also includes dealing with day-to-day issues with a

"For a guy like me, it is very hard to understand new technology these days," says Navy veteran David Wilson. Wilson is majoring in Mass Communications at SLCC and wants

to have a radio talk show. "I think [disabilities are] a double-edged sword that needs a new blade. I mean there is always some kind of adjustment to the amount of money you get almost every year."

According to the Disability Resource Center's (DRC) website, their main goal is "to facilitate equal access and inclusion of students with disabilities at Salt Lake Community College, and to empower students to become self-advocates."

Resources like the DRC provide services to people with learning disabilities. Veterans with disabilities can also seek help with the DRC if they are having trouble with note taking for lectures. Different types of listening devices can be provided for helpful note taking. Veteran Services (Vet Success) on campus helps guide students like these down the path to their careers, educating them about different types of VA educational benefits that are available to them and integration into the college environment. Labs and tutoring can be attained in the Student Center or through Veteran Services.

For more information on how to sign up for resources, contact the DRC at the Redwood Campus (801) 957-4659, www.slcc.edu. Veteran Services can be contacted at the Redwood Campus (801) 957-4289 and South City Campus (801) 957-3010, www.veterans@ slcc.edu.





Comfortable interior of the SLCC Veterans Office for idividuals and groups to meet.

Employing Vets with Disabiliites

Veterans have much to contribute to the workplace; including skills, resillience, teamwork, loyalty, discipline, & adaptability. This is the case for the approximate 50 percent of veterans who return from service with a disability. Employers want to do the right thing, but need to consider workplace practices, as two recent studies reveal that employers may be unfamiliar with what the law requires. The following steps may be of assistance.

- 1. Separate myths from misconceptions in general, workers with disabilities perform as well as other employees.
- 2. Know the unique disabilities of many veterans today, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) & traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- 3. Make sure your diversity plans (for recruiting, hiring, & supporting employees with disabilities) include people with disabilities.
 - 4. Learn about available resources & support for hiring veterans with disabilities
- 5. Forego going it alone consider asking consumer organizations & advocacy agencies to provide help---beginning with the ADA National Network at 800-949-4232 or visiting www. adata.org.
- 6. Make sure managers have the information needed (i.e., mid-level managers may do the main hiring & job placement, but may not be fully informed as to how they make needed accommodations).
- 7. Be prepared to accommodate both physical and non-apparent disabilities, as wrong assumptions can easily be made.
- 8. Find out how to include veterans with disabilities into your hiring practices, by visiting the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs "Employers Hiring Veterans" website.
- 9. Know the laws applying to employment & veterans with disabilities. For example, individuals with disabilities are not required to tell employers about their disability when applying for jobs. The Uniformed Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) applies to veterans with disabilities in the workforce. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to all individuals with a covered disability, including veterans. Learn about USERRA at The U.S. Department of Labor's USERRA Advisor at http://www. dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm. Learn about the ADA via ADA National Network at 800-949-4232 or visiting www.adata.org.
- 10. Be aware as to how individuals with disabilities are currently treated in the workplace. Are they being accommodated to perform their duties, or do they fear termination by the mere disclosure of their disability? Find out how your workplace can and should be supportive to people with disabilities by visiting the Making Work Happen for Veterans tutorial at http:// www.makingworkhappen.com/Veterans.cfm.

This information is summarized from "Ten Tips for Employers: Tapping into the Talents of Veterans with Disabilities" and is reprinted courtesy of the ADA National Network.



Disability Awareness Week

By Jennifer Vasquez Acevedo





A fter such success last year, Salt Lake Community College welcomes back Disability Awareness Week. This year, much like last, Disability Awareness Week will show great appreciation and recognition for those with disabilities who are part of the SLCC family. There will be four different events throughout the week of September 15 -19. The main goal is to bring awareness to SLCC students both with and without disabilities about the different resources that are available within the school and in the community. There will also be a training workshop for faculty that same week.



"The purpose for this is to get people to understand the misconception around those with disabilities, but also to show those who have disabilities that they are not different from the rest of the students, they just do some things differently," says Candida Darling, Director of the Disability Resource Center (DRC).





On Monday, Sept. 15 at noon there will be an Employment and Disability Panel discussion. The purpose of this particular event is to raise awareness of those with disabilities, about all the great work opportunities that lie ahead of them. This will be held in the Student Event Center located at the Taylorsville Redwood Campus.

On Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. there will be an Assistive Technology Fair. This fair will allow students with disabilities to see the important role that technology can play in their life and the impact it can have in order to be successful in college. This will take place at the South City Campus Atrium. Free pizza will be served at the event.



On Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. the film "Going Blind: Coming out of the Dark about Vision Loss" will be shown. This documentary helps encourage and inspire people to be grateful for the gift of sight, but also sets awareness about vision loss. There will also be a discussion afterward, so audience members can join and express their thoughts. This will take place at Taylorsville Redwood Campus, in the Technology Building, room 203.



On Friday, Sept. 19 returning comedian Samuel Comroe will be showing the audience that you can laugh through any situation no matter how hard it might be. Comroe will be speaking at noon and at the comedy show at 7:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Taylorsville Redwood Campus, in the Student Event Center.



Student Life & Leadership played a huge role in putting this event together as they have put their best efforts foreward. Students are encouraged not to miss out. Come and help make this another great Disability Awareness Week. Also, remember that there will be free pizza Monday and Tuesday.

Graphic by Brandon Porter

Gideom's Feet: Overcoming Obstacles

by Garrett Despain and Brook Bartlett

Gideon DiMeglio is just one of thousands of new freshman at SLCC this fall, carrying his fair share of credit hours at the South City Campus. He has been hauling books, texting new friends, and is now looking forward to turning 20. But, unlike other college students celebrating their birthdays, DiMeglio will be eating his cake with his feet.

"I didn't realize I was different until the second or third grade," said DiMeglio. "But I honestly didn't care. If anyone asked me anything, I would just explain I was born with it and it's just the way I am." It was something he was born with and doesn't know life with any additional limbs other than his legs and feet. "I call them my half legs," said DiMeglio.

As a youth, winning friends wasn't as difficult as DiMeglio's parents had worried. He had loyal buddies as early as kindergarten that palled around thinking "no big deal" of their disabled friend. But come junior year of high school, the teasing ramped up. "I made sure to keep good friends around," he said. "They stood up for me whenever someone would poke fun." The unified front worked, the teasing eventually subsided, more friends came along, and DiMeglio could focus on developing his talents.

"My feet became my surrogate hands," said DiMeglio. Over the years he developed skills that most people would deem impossible. One such skill is drawing, a creative outlet that dates to his childhood. In fact, he is so good that he is majoring in visual arts with a focus on illustration and hopes to make a career of it. Using only his feet, DiMeglio writes, draws, eats, plays video games, and even texts on his phone.

What about sports and outdoor activities?

DiMeglio's wheelchair has seen a lot of miles and served him well—he's thinking it's time to replace it, perhaps after he graduates. With a push of a button it automatically lowers, allowing him to scoot himself into the seat, roll upright and take hold of the joy stick with his feet to hurry along to his next class.

Out of the chair Gideon enjoys horseback riding once a week for therapy. He has been repelling in his wheelchair, and his brother-in-law carries him in a special backpack for hiking and snow skiing adventures. He has even climbed to the famous "Angels Landing" in Zion National Park.

Do the SLCC facilities accommodate his needs?

As for routine college work, prolonged writing does take a toll on DiMeglio's back, and he has a student note-taker to help him keep up in classes.

"I don't have any problems getting in or out of the buildings on campus," he said. There is, however, "the occasional head bump to the door opener."

Does anything annoy him when strangers approach? "I don't mind people asking me questions, but it bothers me when people assume that I need help when I don't." He said it also bothers him when people think they are being funny and shake his chair.

DiMeglio has a great sense of humor and likes to ignite fantastic mental images for children who approach him for an explanation of no arms. "I tell them that I got attacked by crocodiles," he said. "They love it."

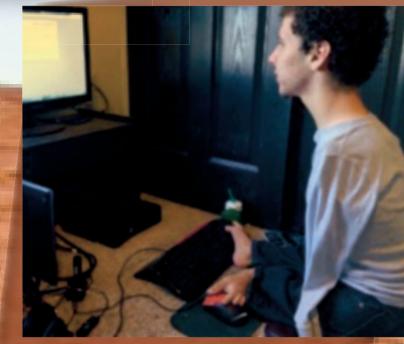
DiMeglio loves the college life and delights in making new friends. "Say hello," he offers to any who sees him hurrying here to there. DiMeglio is just another freshman this fall, but one who in the very literal sense has a leg up on all the rest.

DiMeglio creates art piece using his feet and toes.



DiMeglio's The Globe cover sketch.

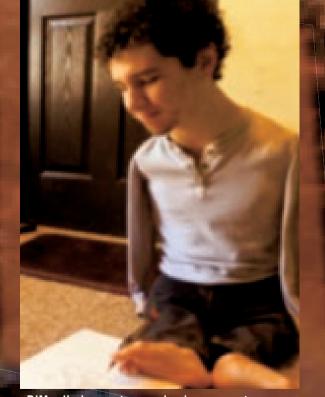




DiMeglio loves playing video games on the computer.



Both quick & efficient, DiMeglio texts on his cell



DiMeglio hopes to one day have an art career.

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Farewell My Comic Con - A Last Look at Fall 2014 - SLC Festival

Looking Slick at Comic Con

Aldo Gomez

Staff Writer

Salt Lake Comic Con (SLCom) returned and left once again. The event has grown larger and brought with it a large amount of attendees, which ended up being a problem.

The 2014 event featured a large amount of celebrities ranging from wrestling legend Hulk Hogan, Ghostbuster star Ernie Hudson and even veteran Stan Lee. The convention also played host to over 400 vendors, artists, writers, and cosplayers, but at the sacrifice of walking space and an odd layout.

The artists' alley was a packed area where attendants could interact with non-local and local artists like SLCC student Eilonwy Kimball of Plot Bunny Studios. Kimball is a returning artist from the previous April event, Fan Experience, and had a booth in the Artist Alley near the registration area. Kimball and Plot Bunny Studios had sold out of several watercolor prints by Saturday, the last day of the convention.

SLCom's ticket sales matched the large number of celebrities, artist and guests with attendance numbers around 120,000 as estimated by co-founder Bryan Brandenburg.

SLCom initially broke previous records by reaching over 92,000 attendees, more than April's FanX's numbers for its Saturday attendance. However, with large numbers of attendees can come confusion and chaos.

Thursday was not a very smooth day for both volunteers and attendees as many attendees could not enter the Salt Palace Convention Center. Attendees had to line up to redeem their badges and once that was done, had to get into another line to actually enter the convention floor at 2 p.m.

The SLCom staff did not give any numbers as to how many were unable to enter the convention floor, but Brandenburg and staff did give Thursday attendees a free pass to enter either Friday or Saturday in order to appease complaints. Positive comments about the convention itself also stemmed from many celebrities, including Marvel Comics legend Stan Lee praising the convention.

"You people have the greatest comic con in the world," said Stan Lee during a convention panel.

More information for future SLCom events can be found on the official website at www.saltlakecomiccon.com.



It was 'Morphin Time!' as original Power Rangers Johnny Yong Bosch (Black Ranger) and Jason David Frank (Green Ranger) took questions from the audience in their panel.



SLCC's booth offered free portraits & demonstrations at SL Comic Con.



WETA attraction (L), Rick Graham, SLCC Instructor, shows artwork (C), & SLCC students at Abraham Tinklepaugh, Tessah Snow & Lucy Long (R).

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Club Rush Makes Touch Down

Kachina Choate

Editor-In-Chief

The college experience is full of learning and fun. One way to get the most out of college is to join a club. This week is Club Rush Week, where many clubs will be looking to recruit new members.

Each year over 60 clubs and special interest groups are formed at SLCC. Clubs and organizations are set up to bring together students who have similar interests, hobbies, or cultural heritage.

SLCC's Student Association is hosting Club Rush Week on September 9 at South City Campus, September 10 at Taylorsville Redwood Campus and September 16 at Jordan Campus.

Students, for the benefit of students, form clubs. They promote overall wellness and quality of life. If you can't find a club that fits your needs and would like to start one, you can do so by visiting slcc.edu/clubs-and-organizations.

Students can get information and a full list of clubs at the Student Life and Leadership office located on the second level of the Student Center at Taylorsville Redwood Campus or online at slcc.edu.



Roadmap to Employment

Douglas Thom

Faculty Contributor



SICC student Jestin Blake found himself unemployed a little over a year ago. He searched for a job in various places and found one in the halls of SLCC.

"I stumbled upon The Student Employment Services and almost immediately found a job," said Blake.

Student Employment Services are designed to help students find a job. Whether it may be in their field or in something that they are interested in. The program provides several beneficial services for SLCC students. The program offers students free workshops, resume reviews, and internships. A job list is updated weekly for students to view and apply.

"It was easy to find a job through the student employment Services," said Blake.

Blake had attended a workshop sponsored by the Student Employment Services at the Taylorsville Redwood Campus. He then proceeded to checking the job listings provided by the program. Blake had come across a job at the Taylorsville Redwood Campus and set up an appointment with one of the advisors from the program.

"After I found the jobs I was interested in the advisors were able to set me up with interviews," said Blake. "Shortly after which I had snagged the job."

The job listings are frequently updated for students. The advisors then sit down with the student help prepare for an interview. "I received a part time position at the Redwood Campus Computer Workshop area and I did it with the help from Student Employment Services," said Blake.

An appointment can be arranged with a Career and Student Employment Services employee at the Taylorsville Redwood Campus, South City, Meadowbrook, and Jordan Campus. The career advisors sit down one on one with students and help them get the job that they are looking for. The advisor will review the students resume and help them improve it.

The Student Employment Services is hosting several career workshops this fall semester. If you are interested in attending career workshops at The Taylorsville Redwood Campus call 801-957-4014 or E-mail studentemployment@slcc.edu. If you are interested in attending the workshops at The South City Campus call 801-957-3047 or E-mail doug. thom@slcc.edu.



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