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When: All Day
Where: South City Campus, George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Gallery

Summer Full Term Registration Open

When: All Day
Where: SLCC

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Business Leaders Forum - Rogelio Franco

When: 12 pm - 1 pm
Where: TR Campus, BB 119

Oxfam Hunger Banquet

When: 5 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: TR Campus, Student Event Center

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Distinguished Faculty Lecturer, awardee Lon Schiffbauer

When: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
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When: 1 pm - 3 pm
Where: TR Campus, STC Copper Room

SLCC Publication Center Workshops - Combine Pages + Circuitry (= Magic)

When: 2:30 pm - 4 pm
Where: TR Campus, AAB 137

Free Immigration Workshop: DACA, Citizenship, & Deportation

When: 5 pm - 6:30 pm
Where: TR Campus, Student Event Center

Climate Refugees; Movies That Matter Screening Series

When: 6 pm - 8 pm
Where: South City Campus, Screening Room

2018 Student Art Showcase Awards & Opening Reception

When: 6 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: South City Campus, Atrium

Cabaret

When: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Where: South City Campus, Black Box Theatre

American Classic Series Presents: A View from the Bridge

When: 7:30 pm - 9 pm
Where: South City Campus, Grande Theatre

Friday

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Student Art Showcase

When: 10 am - 6 pm
Where: South City Campus, Multipurpose Room

Baseball v. CSI (DH)

When: 1 pm - 5 pm
Where: JOR Campus, Cate Field

Cabaret

When: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Where: South City Campus, Black Box Theatre

American Classic Series Presents: A View from the Bridge

When: 7:30 pm - 9 pm
Where: South City Campus, Grande Theatre

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Baseball v. CSI (DH)

When: 12 pm - 4 pm
Where: JOR Campus, Cate Field

Cabaret

When: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Where: South City Campus, Black Box Theatre

American Classic Series Presents: A View from the Bridge

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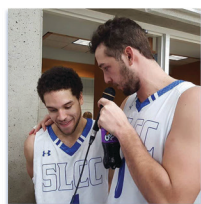
When: 10 am - 2 pm
Where: TR Campus, LAC

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Refugee Club helps foreign students feel at home

Eric Jensen

Contributing Writer

The Refugee Club at Salt Lake Community College is a diverse group of fun-loving students with one goal: community. The club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Taylorsville Redwood Campus on the second floor of the Student Life Center. The group is designed to help students study, acclimate to the culture, and create a community of other individuals in the same situation.

"I got involved with this club because I am very studied when it comes to school but it is always nice to have extra help with essays and someone to say, 'hey that's wrong, we can make it better by doing this differently'", says Brian Silva, a computer science major from Chile.

Jesse Mlu, an international student from France, had other reasons for joining the club.

"I wanted to see people from different backgrounds and the struggles they are facing so we can learn how to help each other", says Mike.

Mlu has always wanted to help people. He came here when he was 10 for a better education and wants to be a business entrepreneur so he can help people who are struggling in Third World countries.

The club focuses on culture, and for good reason. When asked, almost all of the group was most shocked by the drastic change in culture when they came to America. The American culture is much more private and closed than the Chilean culture, for example. Here, when we see someone we don't know well walking down the street we usually wave, nod, or give a hand shake. However, in Chile you would give someone you know a giant hug and maybe a kiss to greet them.

"We are more than just refugees, we are people," says Sarah Achir, a pre-health science major from Iraq. She left Iraq when she was 14 and lived in four different countries in four years during her journey to the United States.

"It is not as simple as just getting on a plane and then you are in U.S. I had to leave Iraq when the war started, so we went to Syria, but then it became too dangerous there and we tried to go to Iran but there were problems there. We then went to Turkey and then finally to the United States. I missed so many years, it is difficult because you stop studying for yourself and then you have to learn the traditions and customs for each new country and then the next year we have to move again."

Not all members of the club came to SLCC to escape bad circumstances. Some of the members came for the chance to receive a better education.

"I just came here for a better education," says Gemechu Ahmed, a student doing his general studies from Ethiopia. "You know back home we only get to go to school in Ethiopia until the third grade then your education is over," says Ahmed.

Members of the Refugee Club consider themselves Americans and they want to make life for themselves and others better. They have come a long way just to attend a community college, just to take advantage of an opportunity. They are people, they are students, they are dreamers, they are us.



Photo Courtesy of Voices of Utah

This sign signifies that all students are welcome and unified as part of the Refugee Club.

How can you get involved?

1. Go to slcc.edu/sll
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After historic season, men's basketball **reloads** for new start

Marcos Aragon

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A historic 30 win season for the Bruins' was something the team can be proud of, but an early exit in the NJCAA playoffs left the team with a feeling they weren't used to often: the agony of defeat.

"Usually after every game, you're giving them a little pep talk, give them a little 'Hey we need to do this to be better, but it's kind of your final game,'" says head coach Todd Phillips. "It was hard, to be honest. We didn't talk much. Guys got a little teary eyed and I told them, 'It should sting. It stings and it should sting. That's what happens when you give everything you got. There's a time when it hurts.'"

Phillips adds, "Sometimes kids are afraid to get their heartbroken a little bit. I told them, 'You gotta give everything you got and your heart's gonna break, but that's how you know you put everything in to it.' So many people are like 'Oh, I don't wanna give everything I got because I don't wanna say I failed', but it's okay to lose, it's okay to fail. That's how you learn and that's how you grow."

The team felt the joys of victory just a couple weeks before the NJCAA tournament with a Region 18 title win on the road and a home victory over Arizona Western College in a district playoff game. The season should be considered a success with how the team dominated the regular season and the SWAC tournament.



Courtesy of SLCC Athletics

Bruins forward Kur Kuath reacts to in-game action during a Bruins home game earlier in the season.



Courtesy of SLCC Athletics

Bruins guard Jordan Gilliam goes up for a layup against a defender during a game at Bruin Arena earlier in the season.

When the Bruins entered the regular season, they were an astonishing 16-1, with their only loss at the hands of Mesa Community College just a few days after Christmas. The Bruins proceeded to mop the floor with the rest of the conference, going 10-2. The combined scored from the two Bruin losses is a total of six points.

Defense was the identity of Coach Phillips' squad this year. His defensive anchor was Kur Kuath, a 6'9" big man with a wingspan that seemed to span the length of the Jordan River. Kuath was among the top shot blockers in the country, earning himself a scholarship to the University of Oklahoma.

Phillips had high praise for Kuath, calling him "probably best shot blocker I've ever coached".

And in front of Kuath was his former high school teammate, Bushmen Ebet. Ebet is an athletic guard who used his speed to pick off passes and rack up steals for the stingy Bruins defense.

SLCC will have to replace their entire starting lineup from this season. Phillips is losing sophomores Christian Gray, Isaiah White, Dalvin Brushier, Alec Monson, Kuath, and Ebet, but he has tremendous faith in the freshmen from this year and the incoming class.

"I'm excited about those guys, they're really good leaders. It's Matt Lindsay, Josh Colon, Hunter Schofield, it's those three guys coming back. We had a redshirt sitting out that will help us. They're all really good leaders, they're tough kids who saw what it takes to win and I think they'll be better next year," says Phillips.

The roster turnover rate for two year colleges is naturally fast, so look for next season's Bruins to be a different looking team. Defense might not be the calling card for SLCC, it could be talented offensive unit with good three point shooters. Lindsay off the bench was the team's best sharpshooter at times. Colon is lightning quick with the ball in his hands and can get to the hoop at will. Schofield is a high motor rebounder with size and a nice back-to-the-basket game.

The 2018-2019 team will grow over the course of the season, and aim for another trip back to Hutch for the NJCAA Tournament.

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Lady Bruins season ends, team **looks** to next year

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The Lady Bruins huddle around Coach Specketer during a recent game at Bruin Arena.

During basketball season, Salt Lake Community College usually hangs banners for championships, region titles, and recognitions of athletic excellence. But this season, the Lady Bruins were able to hang a different banner; one signifying head coach Betsy Specketer's 500th victory after 22 years as head coach. This was a shining achievement after another successful season for the Lady Bruins.

On November 18th 2017, Specketer and the Bruins defeated Midland College on their home floor, 54-51, in an overtime thriller. That game was the one where Specketer earned her banner. Six days later, at Bruin Arena, there was a pregame ceremony honoring Specketer and her career at SLCC. And then four quarters later, the Bruins lost to Casper College, 77-72.

Specketer doesn't look at the banner anymore. "As fun as it was for people to maybe put that whole celebration together and as nice as it was to be recognized, as far as for me, the loss put a little damper on the whole thing," says Specketer with a laugh, "I was actually just happy to get the night over with and get on to the next game the next day."

Specketer went on to say, "When I look up at the banner, every time I might do that which isn't very often, it's going to bring back memories of 22 years. It's not really that one game, it's a lot of years, a lot of players, a lot of hard work from a lot of different people to make it happen. I didn't do it all alone, you can't. That's what the banner really means more to me. It's just so many people and the hard work they put in to make this happen. And that's gratifying, I'm pleased with that."

SLCC's coaching staff is widely recognized as an elite unit under Specketer with assistant coach Marcilina Grayer at her side. Grayer was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's "30 under 30" list for her work with the Bruins. Grayer, a former player for Specketer, is the only coach from the SWAC to ever earn a spot on the list.

As for the team, the Lady Bruins finished this season with a great record of 26-6, going an

unblemished 9-0 on the road. The best teams always know how to win on the road, and this Bruin team was certainly among the best in the country all season long.

Led by the phenomenal sophomore Tia Hay, the Bruins earned their fifth straight conference regular season title. Hay will be long considered as one of the greatest basketball players to ever wear the SLCC blue and yellow. Her scoring ability is second to none, as she averaged nearly 20 points a game. Hay has been instrumental for the team since she first arrived on campus two years ago.

With a combination of great coaching and talented players, the team was able to overcome early injuries. Just a few short weeks before the postseason, the Bruins had to add volleyball star Lia Finau to the team just to have enough bodies to last the remaining weeks.

Hay and Specketer were named the Region 18 Player of the Year and Coach of the Year, respectively.

In the SWAC tournament, the women continued their winning ways, rolling through their two games

by an average of 10 points. But a heartbreaking one point loss in the NJCAA tournament sent the Bruins home early.

"It's just unfortunate, I think had we won that game, we would have been better in the next one, I really believe that," says Specketer. "That's kind of what happened the year before, every game we played we got a little bit better against better competition. We just got tripped up on that first game."

Departures from the team include sophomores Tia Hay, Ariel Miller, Jamaica Christensen, Nani Tonga, Kimauri Toia, Rian Rawlings, and Lia Finau. This class won 56 games in two years, along with back to back region and SWAC titles, something that SLCC has never done as a program.

The freshmen on the team know it's now their turn to carry the torch next year and get themselves back to the pinnacle of women's basketball.

"You don't really need to challenge (the freshmen) much, I think they know," says Specketer. "They know what's kind of expected of them, this program, to get to that level and get back there... That was a tough loss, but now we move forward."

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The Emerald Project helps spread Islam awareness

Michael Jacobsen

Contributing Writer

The Emerald Project is a non-profit organization based out of Salt Lake City, Utah, that seeks to combat Islamophobia by engaging in dynamic dialogue with the greater community. Emerald Project managers, Satin Tashnizi, Faeiza Javed, and Nora Abudan wish to define the teachings of Islam by separating religion from culture and from politics.

In 2017, Emerald Project was able to kick-start their mission after winning the Salt Lake Community College Shark Tank Award. Their presentation had judges personally donating to their cause. Now, they can be found hosting private classroom talks at University of Utah and Utah Valley University. Some of the students at Salt Lake Community College also have had the opportunity to engage with them in classroom sessions. Additionally, they have presented to The American Association of Women Psychologists, the FBI and trained the UTA Police Force.

This idea is a response to fears cause by 9/11, as well as travel bans in place for people from mostly Islamic countries. The public may not know exactly why these laws have been put in place. Some see these laws as being used by lawmakers to legitimize ideological causes, and that it is a political issue, not a national security problem.

“Public opinion has an impact on national and local decision making. There are real repercussions in being afraid of the wrong things,” says Tashnizi.

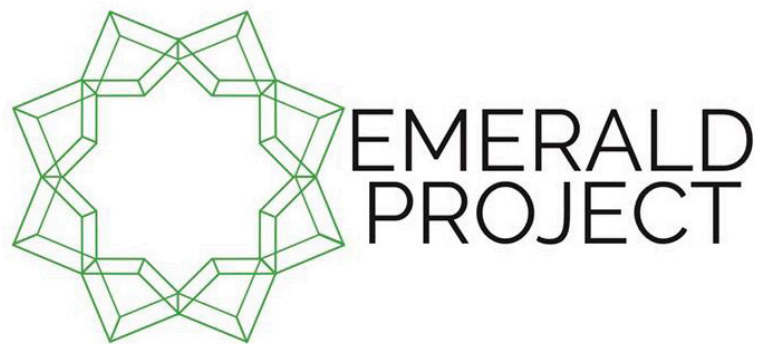
Tashnizi studied Political Science with an emphasis in Middle Eastern Studies in college and wishes to use what she has learned to help other Muslims feel accepted in their community. When Islam is tied with extremism in mainstream media sources, the definition of both can be blurred. Tashnizi hopes to talk with people who have misconceptions of Islam and those who are curious and want to know if what is portrayed in TV, radio and movies is accurate.

The team hopes to be noticed by the Muslim community who may be experiencing negative effects of how they are portrayed in media. The Emerald Project looks to reach more people with their new campaign that is dedicated to sharing the stories of Muslims of all ages and backgrounds. They hope to serve as a resource for people who are looking to understand what it means to be Muslim. They do this by offering different personal stories from everyday people as well as striving to give a voice to other Muslims.

Those interested in attending an Emerald Project presentation can find them at the Marmalade Branch Public Library on April 10th at 6:00pm. Emerald Project will be hosting a panel of young men in the community to talk about their identity as Muslim men and what the separation of Islam and culture looks like to them.

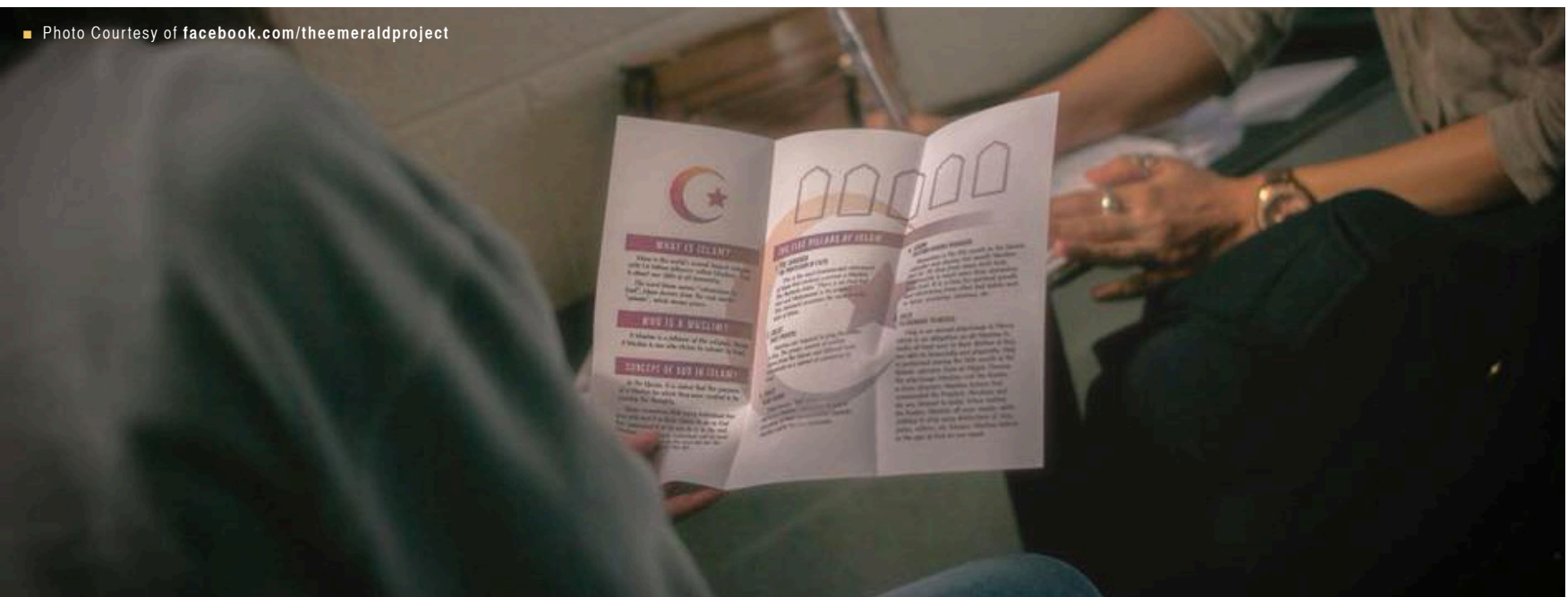
Other information on the organization can be found on their Facebook Page (Emerald Project) and on their Instagram @emeraldprojectslc.

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The goal of The Emerald Project is to help the public understand that all Islamic people don't reflect events that have happened in the past.

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The Emerald Project spreads awareness about the Islamic people through many different ways, including events such as the Islamophobia Series.

Fill your **belly** with the Bruin Cupboard

Amie Schaeffer

Contributing Writer

The Bruin Campus Cupboard is one of the services offered at Salt Lake Community College. There are many people in our community that do not have food security. The Bruin Campus Cupboard wants you to know that they have your back and your stomach.

“Our mission is to feed as many students as possible. Hunger is a huge problem, especially for college students who may be struggling with student loans, paying rent and so on. Having enough food is essential to succeeding in school and accomplishing day to day goals,” says Grace Lee, Bruin Campus Cupboard Coordinator at South City Campus..

This is a unique program run by students and is available to all students, faculty and staff at SLCC. The only requirement is your OneCard and you can receive up to four bags of groceries per month. Besides having access to nutritious food, you can also find items such as toiletries, diapers and school supplies.

“We want students to know that there are resources to support them, and that we do not want to see them fail because of a lack of basic needs. We understand that being a student can be financially, physically, and emotionally taxing and we want to take the pressure off as much as we can to help you succeed,” says Lee.

This service would not be available without volunteers and donations. Donations can be taken to either South City (Room SCC 1-061D) or Taylorsville Redwood (Room STC 015) campuses. There is a donation bin that is checked daily if you need to stop by after hours. If you are interested in giving larger donations, or perishable items, the volunteers are happy to arrange a time when those can be received. High demand items include meat, fresh produce and eggs. Honey and jams are also items that are not donated often.

“There is more than enough food in this country for everyone to have full bellies. Our job is to make sure that food is dispersed in a way that everyone gets the most out of it while also preventing food waste,” says Lee.

Non-food donations including hygiene products and other necessities are very much appreciated.

“Here at South City, we focus a lot on providing hygiene products for students including toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, razors and shaving cream, sponges, soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, brushes, as well as diapers and feminine hygiene products. If it’s that time of the month and you are without supplies, Bruin Pantry’s got your back! Also, school supplies are something we do not get often and would be nice to have available for students from time to time. The Taylorsville Redwood Campus pantry has started a closet of clothing items for job interviews, so professional attire can be donated to there,” says Lee.

Volunteers are welcome to donate their time, which can include helping with deliveries, breaking down boxes or signing people in at the front desk. There are also work-study positions at the pantry available by application.

The Bruin Campus Cupboard tries to keep a wide variety of foods and other amenities available to students, but they would love to hear thoughts and comments on what items students would like to see stocked.

“We are trying to reach as many students as possible and will probably be expanding to more social media networks in hopes of letting more students know about the great foods we have available, as well as making it as convenient as possible for students to be aware of what we have to offer,” says Lee.

For a list of desired items you can go to slcc.edu/thaynecenter/docs/bruin-campus-food-pantry-needs.pdf. In addition, you can check Bruin Campus Cupboard on Facebook for updates on deliveries and a list of new items received.

The Bruin Campus Cupboard was recently part of the Food Access Workshops held at select campuses, Utahns Against Hunger (UAH) also participated. UAH outreach manager, Melissa Jensen, stated around 50% of students experience hunger or food insecurity. She would like to see the stigma lifted from using such invaluable services.

“Part of your tuition pays for these services. If you’re not eating well, you’re not going to do well,” says Jensen.

Her goal is to get these resources into the hands of students and to let them know it is a no judgement zone. Many students may also qualify for SNAP, (formerly food stamps) as well as other programs. For more information visit uah.org.

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The image shows a large, vertical sign for the Bruin Campus Cupboard Food Pantry. The sign has a blue top section with the word "Bruin" in a large, white, cursive font, and "CAMPUS CUPBOARD" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. In the center is a circular gold seal with a bear's head and the text "SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE" and "EST. 1944". Below the seal, the words "Food" and "PANTRY" are written in large, bold, red and black fonts respectively, with "(AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS)" in smaller black text between them. At the bottom right of the sign, it says "SCC (Rm. 1-061D)" and "TRC (STC Rm 015)". The sign is decorated with a row of small, stylized bear icons at the bottom. Below the sign, there is a blue banner with the text "BRING YOUR ONECARD TO SIGN IN" in white, and a red banner below that with the text "Come check out what delicious & nutritious food we have available!". In the bottom right corner, there is a green starburst graphic with the text "Spring 2018" and "Hours & Location on back" with an arrow pointing right.

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