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Vallejo Congratulates 665 Local University Graduates

The time has come for caps to fly and diplomas to be signed. Vallejo's universities have finished final exams completing the semester and graduation ceremonies will continue into June.

The **California Maritime Academy** held its commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 11 as proud cadets walked across the stage. A total of 202 cadets representing six major fields of study and one Master's program participated in the ceremony:

- 17 cadets received a Master of Science in Transportation and Engineering Management
- 22 cadets received a Bachelors of Arts in Global Studies and Maritime Affairs
- 36 cadets received a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration
- 31 cadets received a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering Technology
- 72 cadets received a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation
- 23 cadets received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- 1 cadet received a Bachelor of Science in Facilities Engineering Technology.

Touro University California will hold its commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 2 at the Masonic Auditorium in San Francisco. Touro is excited about its largest graduating class with 463 graduates in seven different fields:

- 43 students will receive a Master's of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
- 89 students will receive a Master's of Public Health
- 65 students will receive a Masters of Education
- 103 students will receive a Doctorate of Pharmacy
- 10 students will receive a Master of Science in Medical Health Science, Emphasis in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 137 students will receive a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine
- 16 students will receive a Master of Science in Medical Health Science

Vallejo is proud of all its graduates and wishes everyone the best of luck in the future.



Affordable Care Act Implementation Forum

With the Affordable Care Act in place, creating improved health care access for millions of people, U.S. Representative Mike Thompson, Health and Human Services Regional Director Herb Schultz and Small Business Administration District Director Mark Quinn, are coming together to Vallejo to talk about the law's implementation.

The **small business forum** will address questions about the Affordable Care Act and the affects the law will have on everyone, particularly small business owners.



This will be the first forum done by the group of three representatives and will feature a brief introduction by Congressman Thompson and a presentation about the law by Director Schultz and Director Quinn. The forum will then allow for a question and answer session at its close.

The forum is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall of Solano Community College's Vallejo Center, located at **545 Columbus Parkway**. The forum will be geared toward small business owners, though everyone is welcome to attend.

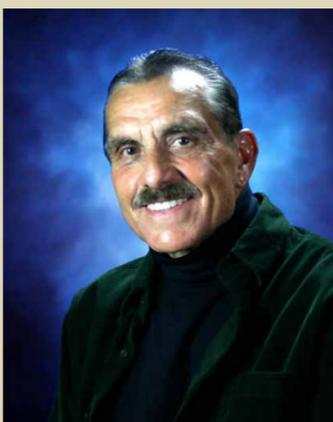
Vallejo Educator Named Solano County Teacher of the Year

Vallejo's own Mr. Angelo Bracco, a **Vallejo City Unified School District** (VCUSD) Special Education Teacher, has been named Solano County Teacher of the Year. Bracco has shown inspiration through commitment as a lifelong learner and continues to demonstrate dedication to the belief that all children can achieve.

Bracco is a retired Police Officer of 27 years from the San Francisco and Concord Police Departments. He has been a teacher with the VCUSD for the past 14 years. While active, Bracco received Police Officer of the Year with both the departments. He said teaching has been a rewarding experience, different from his previous work.

"Being a teacher is a lot more difficult than being a police officer," said Bracco. "It's a journey, and not all start at the same starting line."

Bracco was nominated along with 13 others from Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun, Dixon and Benicia, but was ultimately chosen for his assistance in developing effective interpersonal skills and positive self-images, as well as his classroom management techniques. Bracco currently teaches a combined class of all middle school grades at Solano Middle School.



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Kaiser Vallejo Wins National Award for Environmental Stewardship in Health Care

Kaiser Permanente's **Vallejo Medical Center** has been named as "Partner for Change" in 2013 by **Practice Greenhealth**, a national organization that promotes green practices, construction and resource conservation in health care.

The award recognizes healthcare facilities that continuously improve and expand upon their mercury elimination, waste reduction, recycling and source reduction programs. Kaiser Vallejo was one of 29 Kaiser facilities around the country to be honored with the award.

"Kaiser Permanente believes in health," said Max Villalobos, hospital administrator and CEO for Kaiser Permanente's Napa Solano Area. "Awards for our environmental stewardship highlight that we excel not only in providing excellent care to our members, but that we also lead the way in green practices, which benefits us all."

At minimum, facilities must be recycling 15 percent of their total waste, have reduced regulated medical waste, are well along the way to mercury elimination, and have developed other successful pollution prevention programs.

Practice Greenhealth is a non-profit organization that supports stewardship and helps develop best practice in the health-care community.

The organization believes that sustainable health care is good for the environment, good for patients and staff, and good for the bottom line.

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