

Greetings from SLCC!

What a crazy year this has been! We have made many changes at SLCC to accommodate social distancing requirements, and we want you to know that these changes have made the college more accessible than ever. While our offices and classrooms may not be doing as much face-to-face interaction, we are making the most of online technology, so our students don't get left behind. As part of this effort, we will be sending bi-weekly emails to high school counselors and community members who we work with throughout the year to ensure that students have easy access to college. In our first email, we focus on the cost of an SLCC education and *College and Money* a free online mini-course that will teach students about college financing options and what they need to consider. Finally, because our faculty are an important part of what makes an SLCC education great, we focus on one of our valued instructors.

How much does it cost to attend SLCC?

Debbie Tabchouri, Director of Enrollment Management



I have asked this question many times to a room full of students who are moments away from registering their classes. Rarely has anyone known the answer. While this surprises me, I am relieved that they haven't let cost interfere with their academic pursuits. Approximately 60% of SLCC students received some form of financial assistance. [Read more about affordability.](#)

Free Mini-course on College and Money



SLCC is offering a free online mini-course by Financial Avenue called **College and Money** to upcoming high school graduates. Financial Avenue's *College and Money* mini-course covers managing the cost of college, so students don't end up paying more than they get out of their education. Your students can learn about choosing a school that meets their academic and financial needs, maximizing their financial aid, covering any expenses after financial aid, staying on track to keep costs down, and re-applying for aid each year. SLCC will select one student who completes the course to receive a **\$500 scholarship**. [Read more about the scholarship and how to complete the course.](#)

A Faculty Focus



An author, teacher, community activist, and mentor are just a few of the titles that Marcus Simmons holds with pride. To us at SLCC he is a welding instructor on the Acadian Campus in Crowley. He also recently published a book titled *Life Lies* that details how one can rise from the ashes of traumatic experiences to polish one's crown and experience the prosperity of life. The book is an inspiration for those who have struggled and seek a better path. Marcus understands these struggles firsthand because of the trials in his own youth where he experienced homelessness. These trials placed him on a path that led him to serve a prison sentence in Angola. He used that experience to change his life and the lives of others. In his own words "I believe it is my purpose and my passion to help other people living with trauma and pain in life, helping them to make sense of it, push through, and find their purpose". At SLCC we embrace the unique needs of our students with compassion and understanding. Marcus Simmons expanded upon this and has exemplified the great tenets of life to inspire the students he works with every day.

We are here to help!

If you have any questions about the application process or enrolling in courses, we can be reached in multiple ways. Please share this information with your students and their families.

- Email us at admissions@solacc.edu
- Call us at 337.521.9622
- Chat with us online from our webpage: www.solacc.edu/admissions
- Login to our weekly Q & A sessions from 3:00 to 4:00 on Wednesdays: www.solacc.edu/admissions
- Visit our [Information for Counselors](#) page on our website
- Schedule private **Webex sessions** for a class or community group