



## What is the SRJC Foundation?

The SRJC Foundation is an IRS designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization organized to encourage private gifts, trusts, and bequests for the benefit of the college.

A twenty-five member Board of Directors governs the Foundation. Its membership includes professional, business, and philanthropic leaders who have a dedicated interest in the well being of the college.

The mission of the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation is to raise and administer funds in order to advance educational opportunities,

programs, services and projects of the college in cooperation with the Sonoma County Junior College District and the community it serves.

Since its formation in 1969, the Foundation has been instrumental in strengthening the steady growth in private giving to the college.

Charitable gifts that benefit the students, programs or services of Santa Rosa Junior College, with the exception of gifts of equipment or supplies, are processed through the SRJC Foundation.



The SRJC Foundation Office is located on the Santa Rosa Campus, in the Pedroncelli Center, 2032 Armory Drive.

Happy Holidays!

## Tax Free Gifts From Your IRA

The need for charitable giving has never been higher. As a result, congress included a special, temporary charitable incentive as part of the recently passed Pension Protection Act of 2006. The new law allows individuals 70-1/2 years old and older to transfer up to \$100,000 in a given year directly from an IRA to a charitable organization, like the SRJC Foundation, and pay no income tax on that distribution.

At age 70-1/2, holders of traditional IRA's must begin taking with-

drawals and that income is generally taxed. However, for qualified individuals, a distribution of up to \$100,000 in a given year, transferred directly to a charitable organization, will not be taxed under the new law.

It is important to note that the donation must be transferred directly from the IRA, by the IRA trustee, to the charity. Donors may not personally take possession of the withdrawn funds and later make a gift to a charity, and still benefit from a tax-free distribution.

The Pension Protection Act is only in effect until December 31, 2007. Speak with your IRA trustee or tax advisor to ensure this new, and temporary, opportunity meets your personal financial and philanthropic goals.

To learn more about giving opportunities to the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation, contact Executive Director Linda Frank at (707) 527-4797 or e-mail lfrank@santarosa.edu.

## Cultural Enrichment Funds

The SRJC Foundation *Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment* will award to the following three recipients for the 2007/08 funding cycle:

**Evolution of the Blues XIV**, a concert and "Artist in Residence." \$3,000 was awarded to the Arts & Lecture Committee for the Fall 2007 Semester. (Santa Rosa campus)

**San Francisco Mime Troupe**, a lecture & demonstration for Theatre Arts, was awarded \$1,050 for Fall 2007/Spring 2008. (Santa Rosa campus)

**Honoring Culturally Diverse Women:** An Interdisciplinary Oral History Project Celebrating Women's History Month was awarded \$1,500 to carry out its project activities in Spring 2008. (Petaluma campus)

## Did You Know?

The SRJC Foundation has awarded more than \$30,000 from the Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment since 2001. The first award cycle was for events held in academic year 2001/02. The most recent grant cycle is for projects that will be held during the academic year 2007/08.

The *Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment* was made possible through a legacy gift from Dr. Newman's estate to the SRJC Foundation.

## Peter & Olivia Leveque



Peter and Olivia Leveque received the 2006 SRJC Foundation Partnership Award for their volunteer work and long-time, generous contributions to the SRJC Foundation. Peter is a supporter of the *Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies*, and when the Life Sciences Department wanted to start an endowment for a lectureship, Peter and Olivia were the first to support the endeavor. The *Leveque Lecture Series* is named in their honor.

Together, they established the *Leveque-Garcia Scholarship Endowment* to benefit students of ethnic minori-

ties who are planning to enter the teaching profession. Supporting the efforts of future teachers is important to the Leveques.

The couple has also included the SRJC Foundation in their estate plans.

"We want to be able to leave a legacy for our family, our church and for the school. So for a relatively small investment, we can leave a reasonable gift to the JC," explains Peter. Their legacy gift will benefit the *Leveque-Garcia Scholarship*, the *Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies*, and the *Healthy Lives Campaign*.

## REACH Air Ambulance & The McDonald Family

The SRJC Foundation recently presented the 2006 Partnership Award to REACH Air Ambulance, Linda A. McDonald, widow of the late Dr. John L. McDonald, and the McDonald Family.

Following Dr. John L. McDonald's tragic plane accident on October 4, 2000, many colleagues, family and friends expressed their support towards his medical mission to emergency and trauma care. Thus, in his memory, the *SRJC Foundation John L. McDonald M.D. Paramedic Education*

*Scholarship* was established by his beloved wife and devoted children in 2001 to financially enhance goal directed EMS personnel of Sonoma County.

This scholarship is a loving tribute to eternally honor Dr. McDonald's life long vision to improve emergency care. Shortly after the fund was established REACH started the "*Dr. McDonald JUST GO! Run/Walk*," with the entire proceeds donated to the *John L. McDonald M.D. Paramedic Education Scholarship*.



Dan McDonald, Linda Ahmadi and Pat McDonald received the Partnership Award on behalf of REACH and the McDonald Family.

## Make a Gift

Tax-deductible gifts to the SRJC Foundation may be made for unrestricted use, allowing the Board of Directors to designate the funds to the area of greatest need.

Gifts may also be designated for a particular purpose on campus including support for a program, department, faculty fund, student activities or endowment. The following are ways of giving to the SRJC Foundation. All offer tax or estate planning advantages:

Cash • Gifts of real property • Appreciated stock  
Bequests • Charitable remainder trusts • Charitable gift annuities • Charitable lead trusts • Gifts of insurance or retirement plan assets • Voluntary Payroll Deduction • Memorial and honorary gifts

Contact the SRJC Foundation Office for more information.



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