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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, March 30, 2007



SIGN UP TODAY! Day Under the Oaks May 6 – New Changes Underway!

On May 6 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM SRJC will hold the 29th Day Under the Oaks on the Santa Rosa Campus. This year there are some important changes and new incentives to encourage and support your involvement in Day Under the Oaks.

We're Seeking DUO Leaders & Volunteers!

Since many individuals who have long served with such dedication on the DUO Committee have recently retired or will soon retire in the years ahead, it's vital that we identify new DUO leadership and event volunteers now to continue this wonderful tradition. This year we invite staff members to volunteer to help plan the event as new leaders or work at DUO on May 6 as event volunteers. Plus, we need the participation of many more of our faculty! To encourage you all to become actively involved and invested in DUO, we have added new incentives:

For Faculty!

New this year! Faculty participation in Day Under the Oaks is now eligible for Flex Credit! Up to 6 hours will be available, depending on your level of participation. More details to follow in upcoming *Insiders*.

For Classified Staff!

New incentive! With permission from your supervisor, you are now eligible to help with DUO for Flex or Comp time (for time). Talk with your supervisor, and fill out the volunteer form on the DUO Web site. You can choose when you help out!

Sign Up By March 31 -Volunteer Clubs, Craft Vendors, Departments

It's time to sign up now to participate at DUO by filling out the right form on the DUO Web site at www.santarosa.edu/about_srjc/day-under-the-oaks. You may now submit forms online or print them out and return them to Public Relations by the March 31 deadline. (Be sure when filing out the forms to put a value in every field; don't leave any blank. Use zeroes or "NA" in fields that don't apply.)

Doyle Library & Multilevel Parking

With both of our gorgeous new facilities open during DUO, we can expand the area of the event closer to the parking facility and the library with new booths and activities.

Remember that Day Under the Oaks offers an unmatched opportunity once a year for SRJC's instructional departments, programs, and services to directly promote to students and community members the value of what they offer. There's nothing like it. **Please join us this year! Call 527-4266 with questions or help to sign up!**

Nominations Sought Floyd P. Bailey Award

The SRJC Alumni & Friends Association is seeking nominations for the Floyd P. Bailey Award, an award that is presented at Day Under the Oaks to an individual who has made significant contributions to the improvement of the College. Nominees' should have extensive volunteer involvement in one or more college areas, have provided service above and beyond their stated position, served extensively on collegewide committees, developed innovative programs or services, represented SRJC outside its service region on boards/committees/evaluation teams, etc., on their own time.

To submit nominees, complete and return the nomination form as PDF and Word documents for your convenience either by e-mail to rcutcher@santarosa.edu or through campus mail to the SRJC Alumni & Friends Association. **The deadline for nominees is April 4.** Those submitting a nomination will be entered into a drawing to receive a free SRJC Alumni & Friends Association t-shirt!

NC⁵ Symposium March 30

SRJC faculty and staff are invited to attend the "Northern California Community College Computer Consortium Symposium" that will be held on the Santa Rosa Campus on March 30 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Doyle Library. Flex credit for faculty is available for this event. Contact the Staff Development Department to apply. The cost of the symposium is \$25, which includes morning snacks and lunch served by Highfeather.

Will Baty and Russ Bowden will provide a tour of the new library to interested attendees.

The overall theme of the symposium is "Technology in the Classroom: Lessons We Have Learned," with focus on two questions:

What ways have you seen technology used to effectively improve learning?

When is educational technology just not worth it?

If you're interested, need additional information, or wish to register, access www.nc5.org. If you want to help lead a discussion, contact Program Coordinator Robert Caruso at bob@alwaysangels.com.

Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies Applications Available Due April 18

Applications for the 2007-2008 Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies (FFAS) awards are now available in the Academic Senate Office. The deadline to file applications is Wednesday, April 18 at noon. All full-time faculty who have been members of the SRJC faculty for at least two years and new faculty who are approved at the March Board of Trustees meeting for a third year contract are eligible to apply.

FFAS is an independent faculty-run fund built from the generous donations of faculty, administrators, the SRJC Foundation, and friends. Every spring semester FFAS helps support a number of worthwhile projects, such as sabbatical projects, although grants may also be used to supplement other conventional college funding sources. If there's a conference you'd like to attend or training or a special project you'd like to participate in to increase your effectiveness in the classroom or broaden your knowledge in your field of expertise, please pick up an application today.

Many have filled out voluntary payroll deduction authorization forms so that more funds will be available for faculty to grow and develop in their areas of expertise. You will receive a voluntary payroll deduction authorization form in the next few weeks. Grants will be presented at the annual Soup Fest held on Wednesday, May 9 at Safari West to celebrate together with soup, French bread, cheese, wine, music, and good company for FFAS members and friends.



15th Annual "President's Address to the Community" May 31

On Thursday, May 31 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Walter Haehl Pavilion on the Santa Rosa Campus, SRJC's Superintendent/President Robert F. Agrella will deliver the 15th annual "President's Address to the Community."

Hosted by the SRJC Foundation Board of Directors and President Agrella, the "State of the College" address will be delivered during a catered luncheon. Dr. Agrella will also present "The President's Medallion" to **Mrs. Constance Mahoney** in recognition of her outstanding service and support that profoundly enhances Santa Rosa Junior College.

Individual tickets are \$40. Sponsorship tables starting at \$500 may also be reserved and provide preferential seating for eight, special acknowledgement at the luncheon and a listing in the event program.

To make reservations, contact the Foundation to make reservations at 527-4348 or e-mail cmeydenbauer@santarosa.edu.

March 2007 Employee of the Month Marc Berger

Congratulations to Marc Berger for being nominated the Santa Rosa Junior College Employee of the Month for March 2007. A Network Technician for Computing Services, Marc was introduced at the March Board of Trustees meeting by his supervisor Mike Flaa, Supervisor, Campus Data/Telecom, Computing Services, and received an EOM plaque, season tickets to all SRT performances, vouchers from the Culinary Café, and other gifts from colleagues. "Marc goes above and beyond expectation. He did a magnificent job with the new library, he takes care of all incoming computer inventory, and maintains his customer workload with skill. He is a fine human being, and a better person could not have been chosen for this award. I am extremely pleased," says Mike.

As a Network Technician, Marc's key responsibilities includes serving as the primary Macintosh specialist for Computing Services and handling imaging, support, and network integration for the Mac platform on college computers and servers. Marc serves as key specialist for imaging and support of the new Doyle Library public access systems, helps coordinate the inventory processing for bond funded technology, and processes inventory of surplus items. "Marc accepts all challenges whenever presented," Last year he was in charge of procuring the best vendor to deploy over 700 public access computers for the library. He handled this and his heavy workload with aplomb," notes Mike.

What might surprise others about Marc's work, it's two-sided. On one hand he performs tasks that everyone sees, like installing computers and replacing damaged hardware. On the other hand, he does much people don't see. "I want people to know that network technicians work on more than just desktop computers," Marc says. "In Computing Services, technicians maintain a large server room where they continually learn and implement new backend technologies. We oversee a gigantic network, including a wireless infrastructure; we also handle many tasks like cataloging old computers and removing them via surplus." He notes, "When Computing Services set up the wireless connection to hook the Shone Farm up to SRJC's network, we used a weather balloon and binoculars to sight the 10-mile path to correctly aim the wireless antenna. You could say we are the renaissance folk of technology," Marc states.

Marc attributes his success at SRJC to his "commitment to education." When he joined the SRJC staff full time "I felt comfortable working in an environment where I knew I could help others learn. SRJC's community atmosphere has been beneficial to me in return." His greatest accomplishment, contributing to the Doyle Library technology transition: "The project was a major undertaking involving the coordination of different groups of people, numerous technological systems and software packages, printing needs, and security. The magnitude of this deployment required input from staff, faculty, and students. I could not have done it without the support of my coworkers and others on campus that were instrumental in coordinating the massive rollout." To Library Technician II, Library and Info Resources Janice Wien, "While everyone in Computing Services helped get the computers up and running for the library opening, but Marc was our point person. He did an amazing job coordinating the project, and also put in many evenings

and weekends to accomplish the work, yet he never complained, but saw the project as a reflection of his commitment to students and staff. He always treats everything he does for us in the same way." Marc finds that the challenges on the job "are what makes my work that much more pleasurable. Troubleshooting . . . and finally coming up with a solution, can be quite rewarding." What he likes most about his job: "The support base of coworkers and people across campus that are now more than colleagues to me, they have become my friends."

Marc's commitment to quality service and his positive attitude have earned him the respect of staff members, students, and faculty. "Marc works incredibly hard and with a deep sense of responsibility. He is always patient and persistent whenever helping us and wrestles with a problem until it is solved to everyone's satisfaction," says Janice. Dustin Zuckerman, Periodicals, Library and Info Resources, adds "He is refreshingly considerate to those of us who are not that computer savvy. When I discuss work with Marc I always notice his enthusiasm for being a part of SRJC." "Marc is so reliable, always has a smile on his face, and is energetic and positive, which make workdays better for everyone. He is a

true humanitarian and we need more people like him. I am a better person for knowing Marc, and the college is far richer since he has been employed," Mike says.

Born in Northridge, California, Marc lived in San Diego until 1986 when he moved with his family to Sonoma County after his father assumed a position at The Press Democrat. After graduating from Santa Rosa High School, Marc earned an associate's degree from SRJC and B.S. from UC, Santa Cruz. Before joining the SRJC staff he was a prep chef at East Side Oyster Bar, a sales rep for HSC Electronics and a computer tech

for Bonny Doon Winery. Hired by SRJC in 1997 as a CIS Student Lab Technician, he was a STNC and PC/Network Technician in CS (1997-1999), a STNC Network Technician (summers 2000-02), and since 2002 a full-time Network Technician.

Marc regularly volunteers at Day Under the Oaks and for the Northern California Macintosh User's Group (NCMUG). He is active in LandPaths to help protect Sonoma County from over development. His hobbies include hiking, biking, exploring the region, and geocaching to search for hidden caches using a handheld GPS device he coordinates from a Web site. Marc also loves astronomy and hopes to become a docent at SSU's observatory at Sugarloaf Ridge next year. He especially enjoys having his immediate family in the community: His father is a well-known wine writer and SRJC adjunct faculty member; his stepmother produces a weekly wine newsletter; and his mother is a nurse at the Sonoma Development Center and an accomplished quilter. He has two brothers, one working for Apple, the other who hopes to work in the movie industry.

Marc's reaction to being named Employee of the Month, "I was surprised and honored to be named Employee of the Month. I thank you, and hope to serve the college for many years to come." Congratulations, Marc, for a job well done!



Raoul Yriberri Classified Staff Recognition & Awards Dinner April 5

On Thursday, April 5 in the Doyle Café on the Santa Rosa Campus,
the annual "Raoul Yriberri Classified Recognition & Awards Dinner" is scheduled:

5:00 – 5:30 PM – MEET AND GREET
5:30 – 7:00 PM – DINNER AND PROGRAM

The awards that will be presented at the dinner include:

OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR OF CLASSIFIED STAFF
PAUL BIELEN - FACILITIES OPERATIONS

OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER
BYRON CRAIGHEAD - PE, DANCE, ATHLETICS

OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED STAFF MEMBER ~ AN "UNSUNG HERO"
RAOUL YRIBERRI - PURCHASING

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE BY A CLASSIFIED STAFF MEMBER
DINNA LOPEZ - EMERITUS SERVICE CENTER

AWARDED BY ACADEMIC SENATE
OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED STAFF MEMBER
KIMBERLY KALEMBER - PETALUMA CAMPUS

AWARDED BY THE MANAGEMENT TEAM
ABOVE AND BEYOND
SARAH HOPKINS - HUMAN RESOURCES

THE PAT TOGNOZZI CLASSIFIED SENATE SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDED BY CLASSIFIED SENATE
JOSH CHELINI,
SON OF ANN CHELINI, FACILITIES OPERATIONS,
AND GRANDSON OF JOAN MCMURRAY FROM A&R.

The Buffet Dinner Menu includes:

MIXED GREEN SALAD,
CUMIN-SPICED CARROT SALAD,
CHICKEN WITH TOMATOES/ARTICHOKES,
RICE PILAF, ROLLS, AND DESSERT.

The cost of the event is \$15.50 per person, and checks should be made payable to the "SRJC Classified Senate."

Submit your name, phone, department, name(s) of any guests and number of reservations, and enclose payment. Submit check and information to the Classified Senate Mailbox. **The deadline to make reservations in March 30 at noon.**

Retirement Dinner Scheduled April 27

You are invited to honor SRJC's 2006-2007 retirees on Friday, April 2 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at a dinner in their honor to be held in the SRJC Café at Doyle Student Center. Dinner seating promptly at 5:45 PM and the program will begin at 7:00 PM.

The dinner menu includes a choice of chicken or vegetarian entrées, including a choice of hearts of Romaine with toasted pecans, an entrée of citrus glazed chicken breast with sweet pea and orzo pasta risotto and strawberry and rhubarb crisp. The vegetarian entrée is sweet pea and orzo pasta with asparagus and wild mushrooms.

The price of the dinner is \$18 per person.

Submit checks to Maria Gaitan in the President's Office by the April 20 deadline. Checks should be made out to "Santa Rosa Junior College."

This year's Retiree Dinner will honor 23 retiring SRJC employees!

SUSAN BALDI, LIFE SCIENCES

BENJAMIN BENSON, BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

JODY BRENNAN, COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

HOWARD BRYAN, BUSINESS OFFICE TECHNOLOGY

SARAH BUTTERS, PURCHASING

BYRON CRAIGHEAD, PE, DANCE & ATHLETICS

RICHARD DILLON, FACILITIES OPERATIONS

MARY LOU ESCOBEDO-GROSS, CHILD DEVELOPMENT

GEORGE GRIJALVA, DISABILITY RESOURCES

JULIE HAHN, COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

PETE HARDY, PUBLIC SAFETY

THOMAS HOPKINS, DISTRICT POLICE

WENDY KRUPNICK, AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

LORENE LAKE, BOOKSTORE

BETTY LARSON, BUSSMAN SERVICE CENTER

LORIN LEITH, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

JOANN MOOREHEAD, TUTORIAL CENTER

BRENDA NICHOLS, DISABILITY RESOURCES

BRIAN O'BRIEN, LIFE SCIENCES

VERA PRESTON, TUTORIAL CENTER

JEANNE RIEDEL, CHILD DEVELOPMENT

ELLEN SWENSON, HEALTH SCIENCES

RICHARD VERA, INDUSTRIAL & TRADE TECHNOLOGY

Nominations For Faculty Awards – Due March 28

This year's SRJC Faculty Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 3 from 3:00-4:30 PM in the Doyle Student Center Staff Lounge. The Faculty Recognition Committee requests nominations for SRJC's Academic Senate Faculty Recognition Awards for 2006. **Nominations are due by Wednesday, March 28.**

Nominate one (or several) outstanding faculty members for an award. All regular and adjunct faculty, including counselors, librarians, and other allied faculty, are eligible for nomination for any or all awards. SRJC students and employees may submit nominations via e-mail, preferably as an attachment in MS Word to: pburks@santarosa.edu. Nominate a deserving faculty member for one of the following awards:

- Unsung Hero
- Outstanding Contributions by Adjunct Faculty Member
- Staff Development
- Professional Achievement
- Curriculum Development
- Innovative Use of Technology in Education
- Publications/Fine Arts/Performing Arts
- Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Award - If you are submitting nominations for this award, be sure to address the following criteria in your supporting nomination statement: develops programs that promote student achievement; supportive of all students and reflects a caring attitude; role model/mentor for other instructors; participates in community service activities that benefit students.

For each nomination, include your name, department, phone number, and a supporting statement (250 words). For more information contact Paula Burks at pburks@santarosa.edu or 527-4544.

Teach in Europe!

SRJC's Study Abroad program is accepting applications for faculty interested in teaching in the fall 2008 London, fall 2008 Spain, and spring 2009 Florence study abroad programs. The deadline to apply is Friday, September 21. Faculty from all disciplines is encouraged to apply. Participating faculty will also serve as advisors to students during the program. Any proposed curriculum to teach abroad must have broad student appeal. Faculty is also expected to recruit students for the program. You must spend a considerable amount of time prior to departure assisting with the program promotion and student orientation to ensure adequate enrollments. You can obtain applications by calling the Study Abroad office at 527-4441.

Women's History Month

The following events scheduled during Women's History Month are free and open to the public. All events are facilitated by members of the SRJC Women's History Month Committee.
Call 524-1767 or 527-4586 for information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, NOON TO 1:30 PM, DOYLE LIBRARY, ROOM 4245

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 7:00 TO 8:30 PM, DOYLE LIBRARY, ROOM 4246

Women of Kenya: Changing the Face of Africa.

Women's groups in East Africa dedicated to the empowerment of girls and women are flourishing. Kathleen Kraemer will share photographs from her volunteer work with the Kenyan grassroots organization, "Mama na Dada."

WORK OF LITERARY MERIT LECTURE SERIES LESLIE MARMON SILKO'S CEREMONY

For 25 years, SRJC's English Department has chosen a Work of Literary Merit (WOLM) for over 1,000 English 1A students to read each semester. The WOLM for spring 2007 is Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko. A lecture series is planned by the English Department to supplement the teaching of this novel. Students writing research papers about Ceremony, Native American culture, or history can also consult the WOLM Web page at <http://www.santarosa.edu/library/Refs/wolm/index.shtml>. Everyone is invited to attend the free Work of Literary Merit Lecture Series.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 12:15 PM, NEWMAN AUDITORIUM, SANTA ROSA, 7:00 PM, MAHONEY LIBRARY, PETALUMA

"COMING HOME:

GREG SARRIS TALKS ABOUT LITERATURE AND PLACE"

Greg Sarris, author of Grand Avenue

Career & Employment Center Open House April 3

To kick off the first Board approved Career Awareness Month, SRJC's Career & Employment Center will host an Open House in Rooms 1434/1440 in Bussman Hall from noon to 1:30 PM and 5:00 to 6:00 PM on April 3 on the Santa Rosa Campus.

The Open House creates the opportunity to learn what the Career Center and Student Employment offer students and the community. Staff will be on hand to answer questions, literature will be available about the center's resources including job leads and employment tips, plus refreshments will be served and a bookstore gift certificate given away as a door prize. For more information about the open house, call Caroline Mercer on ext. 4763.

East of the Sun & West of the Moon Opens April 27

Theatre Arts will perform "East of the Sun and West of the Moon" adapted by playwright Tina Howe. Directed by Wendy Wisely, the magical Norwegian fair tale is brought to life through the fusion of eastern and western theatrical styles. Full of surprises the journey of a girl named Tove across the globe is a great family adventure. Performances are:

April 27, 28, May 2, 3, 4, 5*, 5, 6, 6**, Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

8:00 PM, *2:00 PM, and ** Special Performances: Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 PM

Tickets are \$8 to \$15 each.

Call 527-4343 to order tickets or online at www.santarosa.edu/theatrearts

Career Expo & Job Fair 2007

**Explore Over
160 Job Training
Programs!**

**Wednesday, April 25
10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Santa Rosa Campus
Haehl Pavilion**



**Meet with Over
100 Employers!**

**FREE Professional
Resume Review**

**Win Prizes
iPods and more...**

**For list of participating employers and other information:
www.santarosa.edu/career**

Sponsors: Exchange Bank, Lescure Engineering, St. Joseph Health System



Parking Structure Open On Limited Basis

While the new multilevel parking structure on the Santa Rosa Campus has opened, limited access continues for parking until the northern ingress/egress to Mendocino Avenue is clear and site work and the completion of street safety improvements are completed.

It is anticipated that there will be limited parking access through Spring Break, but complete utilization of the building will occur before Day Under the Oaks on May 6. Much interior work is still underway, including work on the elevator and clock tower. It is hoped that the clock tower/carillon system will be operational by April 15.

Feel free to walk around the structure and along the nearly completed entry beautification project at the north end of Bailey Field, which includes wide walkways, new landscaping, ornamental fencing, and site of future food kiosk!

Bear Cub Athletic Trust Spring Fling March 30

The "2007 Bear Cub Athletic Spring Fling" is scheduled at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building on Friday, March 30. No-host hospitality begins at 6:00 PM. Dinner served at 7:00 PM. Music will be performed by the Caribbean Connection from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

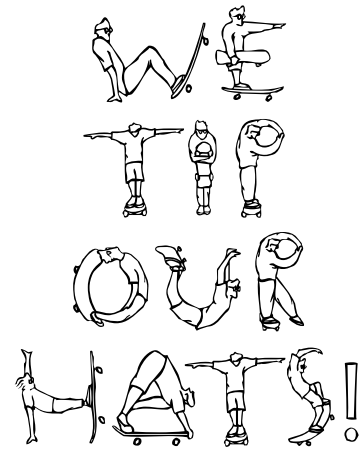
In addition to dinner and music, there will be a live auction, a silent auction, and drawings for raffle prizes.

Ticket prices for the Spring Fling are \$45 per person and can be purchased from any Santa Rosa Junior College coach or by contacting Bob Lombardi at 695-9451.

All proceeds from this fund-raising event benefit the students of SRJC's Physical Education, Dance & Athletic Department programs. Call 527-4695 for a recorded message about the Spring Fling.

In Sympathy

On behalf of the college community, our deepest sympathy to **Linda Dunnivant**, Administrative Assistant in Health Sciences, whose husband **Jim Dunnivant** unexpectedly passed away on March 9. Jim and Linda were married for 34 years and shared their lives with their son Michael James. Jim was a middle school teacher in the Santa Rosa City Schools for 32 years, teaching English, journalism, and literature. A tribute and celebration of Jim's life will be held in Santa Rosa in April. Call 545-0551 for details.



Political Science lecturer **Mike Kiraly** presented a paper titled "Tomb Art as Cultural Representation" at the annual Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars Conference in San Antonio, Texas, on March 29.

"Dr. McDonald JUST GO! Run/Walk" April 22

Support the SRJC Foundation John L. McDonald MD Paramedic Education Scholarship by participating in the "Dr. McDonald JUST GO! Run/Walk" on April 22 at the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport. The event spotlights REACH Air Ambulance's service to the community, which has provided medical transports via helicopter for the past 20 years. See you April 22!

"Just Go!10k run and 5k run/walk"

Race Starts 8:30 AM

Race Day Registration 7:45 AM

Open house and barbecue follow the run/walk 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Run event winners win a helicopter ride after the event.

Special appearance at lunch by "Snoopy."

Call 324-2400 for more information.

Strollers/Dogs welcome.

Register by downloading a registration form at www.reachairambulance.com



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