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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, May 23, 2008



Commencement Saturday, May 24 - Celebrate Our Students' Success

The college community is invited to attend SRJC's Commencement Ceremony this Saturday, May 24 at 10:00 AM on the John Surryhne Outdoor Stage on the Santa Rosa Campus. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony at the west pathway behind Bailey Hall near the Art Museum for graduates and their guests.

This year's student speakers are Phyllis Alabona ("No Age Limit") and Helena Woolums ("Beauty Will Save the World"). SRJC's Concert Choir will sing "Music Down in My Soul" by Moses Hogan; Jody Benecke will conduct and Leslie Dukes will provide accompaniment on the piano. Soloist Emma Boss will present the "Star Spangled Banner," and Sherry Jo Hays and Terri Davis will serve as signers. A pen and oak seedling will be presented to each graduate by members of the SRJC Alumni Association. Vice President Student Services Ricardo Navarrette and Dean, Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Kimberlee Messina will read the names of graduates. Academic Senate President Greg Granderson will present the Class of 2008, and Board of Trustees President Richard W. Call and Superintendent/President Dr. Robert F. Agrella will present diplomas.

Members of the college community are urged to attend this lovely, moving occasion in honor of graduating students.

President's Address to the Community May 29

On Thursday, May 29, Superintendent/President Robert F. Agrella will give the annual President's Address to the Community. The reception begins at 11:00 AM in the Haehl Pavilion on Santa Rosa Campus, followed by a luncheon with hundreds of college and community members in attendance. Wilson Craig, the 2008 President's Medallion Recipient, will be honored for his outstanding service and support to SRJC. Wilson, a teacher, traveler, philanthropist, retired SRJC faculty member (who still teaches French), and 1956 SRJC alumnus, has supported SRJC in many ways for over 50 years.

Make your reservations before the deadline on Tuesday, May 27. Individual tickets are \$40. Call the Foundation Office at 527-4348 or e-mail cmeydenbauer@santarosa.edu for more information.

CalPERS Long-Term Care Program Workshop

Thursday, May 22 1:30 – 2:30 PM , Doyle Library, Santa Rosa Campus Room 4246 - ground floor
Space is still available. RSVP via e-mail or phone to emcpherson@santarosa.edu or 527-4852.



Vice President Groninga Floyd P. Bailey Award Recipient

On Sunday, May 4 at the 30th Day Under the Oaks, Vice President of Administrative Services Dr. Curtis Groninga was presented with the prestigious Floyd P. Bailey Award. He received a beautiful plaque from SRJC's Alumni and Friends for "providing service above and beyond" and for leading the college through years of complex construction projects on both campuses.

Established 1971, the Floyd P. Bailey Award - named for SRJC's first President - is presented annually to an individual who "has made a significant contribution to the betterment of Santa Rosa Junior College." The first recipient of the Bailey Award was the college's second President, the late Dr. Randolph Newman.

The college community congratulates Dr. Groninga, and thanks him for his significant contributions to the college.



Plover Center Open House May 21

The college community is invited to an Open House in the newly renovated Plover Center on Wednesday, May 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Drop by and see where all the one-stop services to our students is conveniently situated.



Host Homes Sought For Swedish Instructors

Nine instructors and administrators from Sven Eriksonsgymnasiet in Sweden are coming to SRJC for a five-day visit from June 11 through June 16. The group is responsible for the program that sends Swedish students to SRJC each spring. The teachers are visiting to attain a frame of reference for the students' experiences and to work with college instructors to exchange ideas about teaching. The Swedish Project needs families to host a Swedish teacher for six days. For a great experience, please give Corinne Kriegel a call at 527-4999, ext. 4971 or e-mail her at ckriegel@santarosa.edu.

About May 30 Paychecks

Pick-up-Checks will be available in the Accounting Office on Thursday, May 29; however, do not cash checks until Friday, May 30. Automatic Deposit will occur to accounts on Friday, May 30. For employees who normally have their checks mailed, and advice of deposit slips will be mailed on Thursday, May 29. Give Deepa Desai a call with any questions, ext. 4500.

Summer Hours - May 26-August 1

Starting the week of May 26, 2008, the District will implement the 4/10 work week, which is four days per week, Monday through Thursday, from either 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM with a half hour lunch, or to 6:00 PM with an hour lunch. This schedule will be in effective until August 1, 2008.

Offices should plan on being open between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The College will be closed from Friday through Sunday. Any requests for exceptions to the normal public hours must be recommended to the employee's immediate supervisor and component administrator. If approved, the requests will be forwarded to Human Resources. The full text of the Summer Hour Agreement may be reviewed in Appendix G1 of the SEIU/District contract. Contact HR with questions.

11th Annual ESL Scholarship & Completion Ceremony May 22

The ESL Department will hold its 11th Annual ESL Scholarship and Completion Ceremony on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 PM in Newman Auditorium. The event spotlights students who have successfully completed ESL's top level courses and those who are awarded scholarships. Jane Saldana-Talley, Vice President/Executive Dean of the Petaluma Campus, will speak on behalf of the college. Rosalva Reyes, a student who completed the ESL program and graduated from SRJC, will also speak as a returning student. Canta Flor will provide the entertainment and feature Margarita Montes, ESL Testing Specialist and adjunct instructor, and Carlos Aguilar. Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony, and all are welcome to this joyous evening.

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Dates

At this busy time of year, there are many important dates to remember. Mark your calendars!

Saturday, May 24 - Graduation, Santa Rosa Campus

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day - College Closed

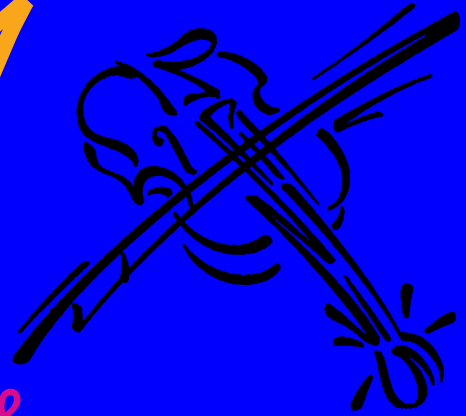
Monday, June 16 - Start of Summer Session

Thursday, July 3 - Independence Day Holiday - College Closed

Monday, August 18 - Fall Semester Classes Begin

Spring 2008 Concert Schedule

Season Finale



Baroque Sinfonia & Symphonic Chorus

Directed by Nick Xenelis/Dan Earl

Saturday, May 31, 8:00 PM

TBA - For info call 527-4999 ext. 9228 • \$15 General, \$10 Students/seniors

Sunday, June 1, 8:00 PM

Jackson Theater, Sonoma Country Day School • \$15 General, \$10 Students/seniors

Housing for SRT Students & Faculty Needed

The 2008 Summer Repertory Theatre season is close at hand with over 100 students arriving on campus from across the state May 22-24. Temporary housing is still needed for about 10 SRT students from May 23 through June 2, before they will move to their full-time summer housing at the Sonoma State University dorms. SRT students will be on campus from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM six days a week, so they will spend very little time in the houses taking them in. If you have a spare room that's available for this short time period, SRT would be very grateful. If you can house a student during this short period, we will gladly send you one SRT Flex Pass (valued at \$65) for each student that you host. Redeem the Flex Pass for any combination of SRT shows you prefer to see during the summer.

Arrival and Departure - Students arrive between Thursday, May 22 and Saturday, May 24 depending upon their scheduled start date. Students leave temporary home for the dorms on Monday, June 2.

Student Work Week - Work hours are 9:00 AM to 9:00-11:00 PM daily, with 1 hour lunch break and 2 hour dinner break. Work days are Friday, May 23 to Sunday, June 1 with a free day on Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day).

Housing for SRT Faculty Member Sought - SRT also has the need to house visiting faculty. SRT needs a private studio apartment, sublet or house-sitting arrangement from May 22 to June 30, preferably within a few miles of SRJC. SRT offers a rent stipend up to \$700. Housing must be furnished and have a private entrance, kitchen, and bath.

Contact James Newman at 527-4221 or jnewman@santarosa.edu or Shannon Stevens at 527-4419 or sstevens@santarosa.edu.

Save the Date - August 12 Chamber Education & Business Partnership Awards

Sign up before summer break for the 23rd Annual Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Education & Business Partnership Breakfast that will be held on Tuesday, August 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 AM. Held at the Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa at 2777 4th Street in Santa Rosa, the event brings the business and education communities together to recognize the outstanding contributions made by Sonoma County K-college teachers.

This year SRJC's Philosophy Instructor George Freund will be honored with other nominees for the exemplary contributions made to education and the community.

The Chamber Breakfast is a wonderful way to support and honor George and other outstanding teachers. To reserve your spot at the breakfast, send a check written to the "Chamber of Commerce," (notation "Partnership Breakfast") \$30 per person (a table for eight is \$325 to Public Relations before July 30 and PR will take reservations and checks to the Chamber. If you don't make reservations in PR, you must take your checks to the Chamber by August 6.

GALEAF Potluck May 24

The annual GALEAF - Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends end-of-year potluck is scheduled on Saturday, May 24 at 5:00 PM. For more details, give Rhonda a call at ext. 4586.



Baby News!

Wonderful news from the Petaluma Campus, **Candice Longoria**, Financial Aid Technician, gave birth to Jesi Olivia Ari Shavon Longoria on Monday, May 19 at 1:00 PM. Baby Jesi is 7 lbs 4 oz and 19 inches long. Congratulations, Candice and family on Jesi's arrival.

Apply to Teach In Europe

SRJC's Study Abroad Program is now accepting applications through Friday, September 19 from faculty who are interested in teaching in London in fall 2009, Paris in fall 2009, or in Florence in spring 2010. Instructors from all disciplines are urged to apply. Those teaching in the program will also serve as advisors to students and invest their time in helping recruit students to the program to ensure adequate enrollments. Proposed curriculum to teach abroad should have broad appeal to students. For applications, call Study Abroad at ext. 4441 or e-mail ljohns@santarosa.edu.

In Sympathy

On behalf of the entire college community, we extend our deep sympathy to **Alicia Jourdain**, Administrative Assistant III for Steve Cohen, Dean of Business and Computer & Information Sciences, and members of her family at the passing of her sister, **Tammy Artz-Carlyle-Rosen**, on May 12. For six years, Tammy courageously fought breast cancer. She and Alicia were very close sisters and together participated in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer to raise funds for cancer research. Alicia plans to participate again in the two-day marathon on July 12 and 13. If you wish to support her participation for cancer research and to honor her sister, contact Alicia on ext. 1792.



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