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Accessing the Accreditation Self Study Draft

The first draft of SRJC's Accreditation Self Study is now available to the campus through Outlook. You may access the document via "Public Folders" under "Accreditation." Hard copies are also available at each library reserve desk. Public forums will be held as follows:

Wednesday, February 13, Noon-1:30
Pedroncelli Center Meeting Room, Santa Rosa campus

Wednesday, February 13, 3-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Mahoney Library, Room 154, Petaluma campus

Wednesday, February 20, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Pioneer Hall, Santa Rosa campus

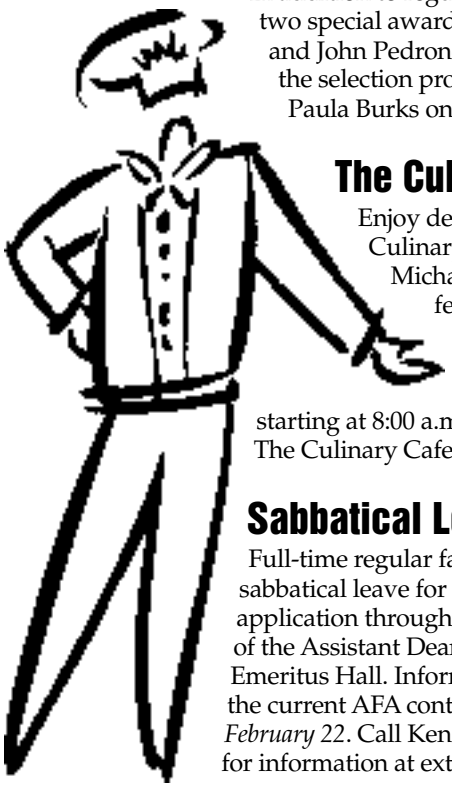
After hearing comments from the public, the standard committees will work on a second draft of the Self Study, which will be presented to the college community on March 29 (Professional Development Activity Day).

FFAS Applications Available February 19

Applications for the 2001-02 Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies (FFAS) awards will be available in the Academic Senate Office on Tuesday, February 19, 2002. The deadline to file applications is Friday, March 15 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.

In addition to regular FFAS awards, this year's awards will include two special awards, the Randolph Newman Award and the Chris and John Pedroncelli Award. The FFAS application will be used in the selection process for all awards. For more information, contact Paula Burks on ext. 4544.



The Culinary Cafe Now Open for Lunch

Enjoy delicious, fresh food prepared and served by SRJC's Culinary Training Students under the direction of Chef Michael Salinger. A regular a la carte menu will be featured each Friday, with 11:15 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. seatings. Buffets are scheduled for March 1 and April 12. Reservations are recommended, and are taken by voicemail (527-4999, ext. 1254), starting at 8:00 a.m. each Tuesday for the upcoming Friday seatings. The Culinary Cafe will operate through May 17.

Sabbatical Leave Applications Due Feb. 22

Full-time regular faculty who are interested in applying for a sabbatical leave for the 2003-2004 academic year may pick up an application through February 22 from Becky Brown in the Office of the Assistant Dean, Letters & Social Sciences, Room 1576, in Emeritus Hall. Information about sabbatical leaves can be found in the current AFA contract. *Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 22*. Call Ken Magoon, chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee for information at ext. 4234.

From Institutional Research

U.S. Census figures indicate that the population of Sonoma County residents aged 18 years or older totaled 346,461 in 2000. According to SRJC's Office of Institutional Research (OIR), during calendar year 2001, SRJC enrolled a total of 65,331students (unduplicated headcount); 59,799 credit and noncredit students, plus 5,532 community education students. As a result, approximately 19 percent of the college-aged county population in 2001 enrolled at SRJC.

Between 1991 and 2001, SRJC enrolled 247,460 individuals in credit and noncredit courses (unduplicated headcount).

Fifty percent of Sonoma County high school graduates enroll at California community colleges, which is the highest rate for any county in the state. Of the students who graduated from Sonoma County public and private high schools in 1999, 44 percent (1,844) enrolled in SRJC in fall 1999. Six percent enrolled in other California community colleges.

Petaluma Student/Staff Events Set for February

A *Staff/Student Mixer* is schedule on the Petaluma Campus in Room 154, Mahoney Library, on Thursday, February 14 from noon to 3:00 p.m. *Student Information Day*, sponsored by the Petaluma Campus Council, will be held Thursday, February 28, from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Petaluma Campus Quad or in the Mahoney Library or Atrium, should it rain. A barbecue will be held as weather permits. Refreshments will be served at both events.

For more information about both events, call Jack Esmeijer, Vice President of the Petaluma Campus Council, at savveyj@yahoo.com

MESA Honored: SRJC Alum Spotlighted

Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA), a statewide program that operates a center on the Santa Rosa campus, received the Innovations in American Government Award in January. The award is a project of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Ford Foundation, and the Council for Excellence in Government. One of only five winners of this prestigious national award, MESA was selected from a highly competitive field of over 1,200 nominees by Governor Gray Davis (MESA is the only California winner of the award). The award honors programs that exhibit outstanding problem solving and creativity in the public sector.

SRJC and MESA alum Rebecca Ramirez recently delivered a strong message to MESA students at Healdsburg and Windsor high schools, "Education is not an option. It's a priority!" Speaking at the Annual Student Recognition Banquet sponsored by the Sonoma Field Station MESA School Program, Rebecca reflected how highly she values education, since her own life is a testament to its power. Her success story was recently spotlighted in MESA's national newsletter, *Perspectives*.

The sixth of nine children in her family, she was born in a tiny Mexican village with no running water. As she pursued her dream of a better life, Rebecca overcame numerous setbacks, but eventually graduated from Healdsburg High, earned an associate in science degree in electronic technology from SRJC, and transferred to UC Davis as an engineering major. Currently, an electrical engineer at Cierra Photonics in Santa Rosa, Rebecca develops thin film optical filters used for the Internet and other methods of communication. "One thing that I stress to MESA students is that education really gives you the foundation to have choices in life," notes Rebecca.

According to SRJC's MESA Center Director Darci Rosales, MESA supports over 32,000 educationally disadvantaged students statewide to excel in math and science. Contact Darci at 524-1859 for more information about MESA.

Computer Training Sessions Scheduled

SRJC staff and faculty will be able to learn new computer skills or become more proficient at familiar software through workshops, coordinated by SRJC's Computing Services Department and Open Learning Office. The 2-hour sessions, led by John Hemenway will take place on the Santa Rosa campus in February, March and April as follows:

Feb. 20	Outlook for Macintosh	2-4 p.m.	1261 Barnett Hall
Feb. 21	Outlook for PC	1-3 p.m.	2812 Maggini Hall
Feb. 27	Photoshop for Macintosh	2-4 p.m.	1261 Barnett Hall
Feb. 28	Photoshop for PC	1-3 p.m.	2812 Maggini Hall
March 6	PDFs for Macintosh	2-4 p.m.	1261 Barnett Hall
March 7	PDFs for PC	1-3 p.m.	2812 Maggini Hall
March 13	Outlook for Macintosh	2-4 p.m.	1261 Barnett Hall
March 14	Outlook for PC	1-3 p.m.	2812 Maggini Hall
March 20	iMovie for Macintosh	2-4 p.m.	1261 Barnett Hall
April 10	Outlook for Macintosh	2-4 p.m.	1261 Barnett Hall
April 11	Outlook for PC	1-3 p.m.	2812 Maggini Hall
April 17	Word/Excel for Macintosh	2-4 p.m.	1261 Barnett Hall
April 18	Word/Excel for PC	1-3 p.m.	2812 Maggini Hall
April 24	Outlook for Macintosh	2-4 p.m.	1261 Barnett Hall
April 25	Outlook for PC	1-3 p.m.	2812 Maggini Hall

You can sign up for any of the sessions at **www.santarosa.edu/training**

Correction: CATE Training Workshops

In last week's *Insider* an error appeared in the article titled "CATE Training Workshops Scheduled." The correct Web address for CATE training workshop information is http://online.santarosa.edu/tech

We Tip Our Hats

Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies Instructor **Judith Thorn** was elected President of the Western Pacific States Division of the Community College Humanities Association (CCHA). CCHA is the only association dedicated to serving community college instructors in a wide variety of specialties, ranging from philosophy and English to history and humanities. Judith previously served as CCHA Vice-President. Congratulations, Judith.

CIS Saving Trees!

SRJC's Computer Information Sciences Department (CIS) is saving forests by utilizing PDF files, Web pages, and email instead of paper in the classroom. The latest tally shows that CIS is saving 55,000 sheets of paper (110 reams of paper!) each semester.

Some of the numerous methods that CIS instructors apply to avoid wasting paper include holding classes online, using class Web sites, conducting tests online, assigning 'paperless' homework, placing class materials online, and other innovative methods. Instructor Dave Harden leads the pack in his department, saving 22,500 sheets of paper each semester by conducting all of his programming classes completely online.

CIS Department Chair Cyndi Reese says that for those interested in 'going paperless,' CIS offers an eight-week class in Adobe Acrobat. *Adobe* will also be making a special presentation on the Santa Rosa Campus on April 26. Watch for information about the upcoming presentation on email, or call Cyndi for more information at 527-4293.

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