

Judy Stedman Honored as June Employee of the Month

"In my book she deserves this honor every month," emphasizes SRJC English Instructor Anne Ysunza as she described the many reasons why Judy Stedman was selected as the SRJC *Employee of the Month*. Doug Garrison, Executive Dean of the SRJC Petaluma campus, and SRJC English instructor Gloria de Blasio introduced Judy at the June 11, 2002, Board of Trustees Meeting in Petaluma.

Judy has been working as an Adjunct English Instructor and Instructional Aide at the Petaluma campus since fall 1994, making notable contributions that strongly support both instructional and operational activities. While many people could not switch roles as effectively as Judy does, she demonstrates an ease when 'wearing two hats' and a deep dedication to her students and SRJC colleagues. As an Instructional Aide she assists the English faculty in and out of the classroom by working directly with students, preparing materials, and grading papers. As an Instructor she assumes complete responsibility for the design, delivery, and evaluation of all course materials.

When asked what she likes most about her job, she readily responds, "That's easy! My students and my colleagues. I love the unpredictability of students, the way they teach me as much as I teach them. And it's a pleasure to work with intelligent instructors who share so many interests in common."

"Students can't wait to take Judy for their next class, because she makes learning fun for them," Anne Ysunza says. One student commented that, "Judy is just great! She really knows how to explain things, and she's got a good sense of humor."

SRJC English Instructor Gloria de Blasio describes Judy's commitment to her students' success as exemplary. In 1999-2000, when Judy worked as a temporary, full-time English Instructor for nearly two months for Gloria's Critical Thinking class, "students praised Judy for her ability to engage them in critical thought and content and for helping them enhance their ability to write argumentation," Gloria says. "All feedback regarding Judy's teaching from faculty and students alike is always very positive. I am impressed with the classroom rapport in which students were actively engaged in the learning process and proud of their mutual successes. Her natural wit and excellent command of the English language enables Judy to drive her students toward language mastery. She is a gifted wordsmith."

Judy's supervisor and the Executive Dean of the Petaluma campus Doug Garrison remarks that it is Judy's combined qualities of sincerity, compassion, and sensitivity that allow her to effectively help students meet their changing, individual needs.



Keenly committed to the overall development of the Petaluma campus, Judy also contributes to a variety of activities outside the classroom. Her involvement in committee work includes serving as Adjunct Faculty Representative on the Steering Committee of the Petaluma Faculty Forum since 2001, working on the SEED 7 committee from fall 2000 to spring 2001, and participating in the Literature Committee since spring 2000. She is actively involved in the Arts & Lectures program to help accomplish the group's aims that are geared to support community arts programs.

Further evidence of Judy's commitment to her profession and community is her involvement with the Petaluma Poetry Walk and serving on the Sonoma County Poet Laureate Committee since 2000. Many people in Sonoma County know Judy as a published poet who is highly regarded and active in the community, including her work as a founding member of Girl-by-Girl since 2002, an organization that mentors underprivileged girls.

Judy was born in Spring Valley, Illinois, and grew up in Tempe, Arizona, where she attended Tempe Union High School. She earned a B.A. in political science from Arizona State University, a J.D. from the College of the Law, University of California, and an M.A. in English and creative writing from San Francisco State University. Her professional experience before joining SRJC included working as

an attorney in general practice law, a real estate broker, and a manager of an animal veterinary clinic. Judy moved to Sonoma County when she and her then veterinary husband left San Francisco because they preferred the small town life of Petaluma. She has a sister in New Mexico and visits her niece in Seattle several times a year. Judy's hobbies include reading, especially mysteries, and writing poetry. She also loves movies.

Judy's reaction to being named the SRJC Employee of the Month, "Absolute delight! I am greatly honored."

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Partnership Breakfast Set for August 28

SRJC staff and faculty can make reservations through August 6 for the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Education and Business Partnership Breakfast by calling the Chamber at 545-1414. The breakfast will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, at the Vineyard Creek Hotel, Spa & Conference Center in Santa Rosa. Tickets are \$20 per person.

The annual event recognizes exemplary teachers from kindergarten through the university level. This year's SRJC nominees for the Excellence in Education Award are Sally Heath, Engineering/Physics; Peg Saragina, Business Office Technology; and Dianne Smith, Behavioral Sciences. Nominations for the awards are sought from all schools nationwide. All nominees are honored at the event and one teacher from each educational level (elementary, middle, high school, junior college, and university) will receive an award.

We Tip Our Hats

Davis Bynum 'Shone Farm' Fumé Blanc 2001 Sauvignon Blanc was listed under "Top Picks" in the Food Guide section of *Sunset Magazine's* June 2002 issue. The wine, which is made from grapes grown by SRJC viticulture students, is described as having "sassy grapefruit and melon flavors, with penetrating acidity, but a rich core." *Sunset* adds, "Try with crab cakes!"

Leave Donations Needed

Two classified employees, April Chaney, of SRJC's Assessment Office, and Barbara Tuscany, of the Admissions, Records and Enrollment Development Office, need sick leave time to cover extended absences. If anyone can donate sick leave, vacation or comp time hours to help extend their leave, donation forms are available from Danielle Donica at ext. 4785 or Susan Muskar at ext. 1624 in Human Resources.

Next Week at Summer Repertory Theatre

The following plays will be presented next week by SRJC's Summer Repertory Theatre (SRT). The SRT Box Office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The cost of individual tickets are: **Musicals:** \$14/adults; \$12/youth and seniors; **Plays:** \$12/adults; \$10/youth and seniors. Special ticket prices are available for **Sunday evening performances and matinee performances:** Musicals: \$12/adults; \$10/youth and seniors; Plays: \$10/adults; \$8/ youth and seniors. For more information, contact the SRT Box Office at 527-4343.

Sunday	6/23	Honk! The Ugly Duckling	2 & 7:30 PM	Burbank
Tues.	6/25	Honk! The Ugly Duckling	8 PM	Burbank
Tues.	6/25	Sylvia	8 PM	Newman
Wed.	6/26	Honk! The Ugly Duckling	8 PM	Burbank
Wed.	6/26	Sylvia	8 PM	Newman
Thurs.	6/27	Sylvia	8 PM	Newman
Fri.	6/28	Sylvia	8 PM	Newman
Sat.	6/29	Sylvia	2 & 8 PM	Newman

