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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, January 31, 2003

Sabbatical Leave Filing Period Opens February 3

Full-time regular faculty who are interested in applying for a sabbatical leave for the 2004-2005 academic year may pick up an application between February 3 and February 21 from Becky Brown in the Office of the Dean, Letters & Social Sciences (Room 1576, Emeritus Hall). Applications are only available during this filing period and must be submitted by Friday, February 21. Information about sabbatical leave can be found in the current AFA contract. For additional information, contact Ken Magoon, Chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee, ext.4234.

Natalie Rogers Presents "Expressive Arts for Peace" Feb. 10

Natalie Rogers, Ph.D., renowned psychotherapist and pioneer in the field of expressive arts therapy, will present a free slide/lecture on "Expressive Arts for Peace: Using the Creative Process to Connect to the World," Monday, February 10, in Newman Auditorium, Emeritus Hall. Sponsored by the Arts & Lectures Committee, the presentation will begin at 12:15 p.m.

The author of *The Creative Connection: Expressive Arts as Healing and Emerging Woman*, Rogers is a professor at the California Institute of Integral Studies, the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, and Distinguished Consulting Faculty at Saybrook Graduate School. She is the daughter of Carl Rogers, one of the most influential humanistic psychologists of the 20th century. "It was our hope that we would collectively create a vision for a world without violence," she said. Contact Community Education Office at ext. 4372 for information.

Facts From Institutional Research

Nearly two-thirds of college students in the state of California attend a community college (there are 108 public community colleges in California). The next largest percentage (15%) attend one of 23 California State University campuses, such as our local campus, Sonoma State. Twelve percent of California college students attend an independent (private) college or university, such as the University San Francisco, Dominican University of San Rafael, Stanford University, Heald Business College, etc.

The remaining eight percent (8%) of California college students attend one of the 10 campuses of the University of California.

The Office of Institutional Research has proudly launched a new Web site at <http://www.santarosa.edu/research> to provide easier access to data and information for SRJC faculty, staff and administrators. The site links to OIR reports and Fact Books, internal and external data sources, and various other sites that provide statistics and other information relevant to community colleges and SRJC in particular. OIR credits their STNC Richard Applegate with designing and developing the Web site. Let OIR know of any suggested additions or changes you might have for their site!

Culinary Cafe and Bakery Open for Business!

The SRJC Culinary Cafe is now open and serving lunch Wednesday-Friday, 11:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at its new location at 458 B Street at the Brickyard in downtown Santa Rosa. Reservations are not necessary, except for parties of five or more. Phone reservations are taken only during the following times: Wednesday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. by calling 576-0279.

Before coming to campus in the morning, stop by the Bakery at the Culinary Arts Center. Select from a variety of freshly baked items, such as Danishes, croissants, muffins, tea breads, scones, puff pastries, English muffins, and bagels. Prices can't be beat, ranging from 50 cents to \$1.00. To accompany your pastry, order an espresso, cappuccino, mocha, latte, hot chocolate, tea, or regular coffee—all for very reasonable prices. Also, come by after work and take home a loaf of bread (whole grain, sweet, sourdough) for only \$2-\$3, or some pastries or cakes for dessert. The Bakery is open Monday-Friday, 7:30-2:00.

One hour of free parking is available in the 7th Street parking garage.

The Bakery, as well as the Culinary Cafe, is run by students who are enrolled in one or more of the Culinary Arts certificate programs: Culinary Arts, Baking and Pastry, Table Service/Front House Operations, and Support Services.

We Tip Our Hats



Karen Stanley, SRJC P.E. Instructor and Women's Soccer Coach, will be the keynote speaker at the Sonoma County's Human Race 2003 Breakfast of Champions kickoff event. The event is scheduled on Wednesday, January 29, at 8 a.m. at the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa. Past speakers have included Dusty Baker and Ronnie Lott. Ticket information is through the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County at 573-3399. Sonoma County's Human Race is the single largest community fund raiser in the county, and Sonoma County's Human Race is the biggest Human Race in the entire nation!

Sebastopol Commercial Pilot and SRJC Aeronautics and Earth and Space Sciences Instructor, Arthur Hayssen recently was awarded a Master Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI) certification by NAFI, the National Association of Flight Instructors. The designation is notable since there are approximately 81,000 CFIs in the U.S. Fewer than 300 have achieved this distinction. Arthur Hayssen is one of only 22 California aviation educators to earn this prestigious "Master" title. He owns and operates North Coast Air, a flight school at Charles M. Schultz Sonoma County Airport (STS), and is the Aeronautics Program Coordinator at SRJC. He also serves as an Aviation Safety Counselor for the Oakland Flight Standard District Office of the FAA, and is a leader in mountain flying and other seminars and clinics for pilots.





Sonoma County Junior College District Personnel Agenda January 2003

Management

Work Outside Calendar

1. Hager, Stephanie: Project Coordinator/Consumer & Family Studies, 1.0 FTE, 238 days/year, maximum 88 hours, effective 7-1-02 to 6-30-03.

Faculty

Employment

1. Fountaine, Drew: Temporary contract, Instructor/Business Administration, .91936 FTE, sabbatical replacement/R. Check, effective 1-13-03 to 5-24-03.

Leaves of Absence

1. Karraker, Roger: Request for medical leave of absence, Instructor/Communication Studies, 1.0 FTE, effective 12-21-02 to 7-1-03.
2. Kraemer, Kathleen: Request for personal unpaid leave of absence, Faculty/Disability Resources, 1.0 FTE, effective 2-24-03 to 5-24-03.

Intent to Participate in Early Retirement Option

1. Smith, Karl: Instructor/Mathematics/Petaluma campus, date of hire: 9-1-68, resignation effective 5-24-03, retirement effective 5-25-03.

Classified

Employment

1. Garcia, George: A & R Technician II/Admissions, Records & Enrollment Development, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, replacement/A. McLeod, effective 1-6-03.
2. Smith, Jane: Laboratory Assistant III/Business, CIS, Off-Campus & Weekend Programs, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, replacement/D. Hiett, effective 12-16-02.

Promotions/Transfers

1. Brady, Carrie: Promotion from: Administrative Assistant I/Agriculture & Natural Resources, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year to: Administrative Assistant III/Agriculture & Natural Resources, 1.0 FTE, 238 days/year, replacement/J. Kay, effective 12-11-02.
2. Green, Donna: Transfer from: Account Technician II/Bookstore, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, to: A & R Technician III/Health Sciences, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, replacement/L. Cox, effective 11-19-02.

Shift Differential

1. James, Daniel: Police Officer/District Police, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, effective 12-1-02.
2. Kalogiannis, Marie: A & R Technician III/Admissions, Records & Enrollment Development/Petaluma campus, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, effective 12-1-02.
3. Long, Sara: Coordinator, Admissions, Records & Enrollment Development/ Petaluma campus, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, effective 12-1-02.
4. Miller, Debra: Microcomputer Lab Specialist I/SRJC Technology Academy/Petaluma campus, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, effective 8-21-02.
5. Willat, David: Police Officer/District Police, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, effective 12-1-02.

Resignation

1. McQuirk, Paul: Microcomputer Lab Specialist I/SRJC Technology Academy/Petaluma campus, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, effective 12-2-02.

Approval to Hire

No recommended actions for approval to hire prior to next board meeting.

Employee of the Month: Ruben Ochoa

Ruben Ochoa's custodial position at the Petaluma campus gives him a unique opportunity to work with staff and students by providing essential maintenance services that ensure the smooth efficiency, care, and comfort of the beautiful campus. Fulfilling a variety of tasks on the Petaluma campus with consistent efficiency and a proactive approach has earned Ruben great respect from the Petaluma team.

"Ruben enlightens and enlivens the Petaluma campus. His energy and concern for his fellow men and women are apparent in all that he does," says Ruben's supervisor, Jim Rose, Dean of Instruction at the Petaluma campus. Ruben was introduced at the Board of Trustees meeting as Employee of the Month, and was presented with season tickets from SRT and a plaque honoring him as an EOM recipient.

Having joined the SRJC staff at Petaluma in 1998 as a Custodian, Ruben's primary responsibilities focus on maintaining the campus environment. His hard work and diverse contributions reflect an outstanding employee who is strongly committed to task and team. "Ruben has a sincere desire to help students and co-workers. He obviously cares about students, staff, and his colleagues, and works diligently to make the Petaluma campus a welcoming and caring place to work and learn. His cheerful attitude and enthusiasm for his work and SRJC also contribute significantly to the positive environment of the campus," Jim Rose emphasizes. Bookstore Specialist Melanie Heisler concurs. "Ruben is very helpful to students and fellow employees, and students and staff frequently comment on his upbeat, friendly personality. He is a kind and caring person who is committed to doing his job in an outstanding manner."



It appears unanimous at Petaluma that one of Ruben's key strengths is his willingness to pitch in and help in any situation. Always performing his assigned duties with care and dedication to quality, staff members frequently call on him for assistance, which he offers with grace and good humor. "Ruben continually strives to improve himself and his commitment to SRJC, which is evident in his attention to learning new skills and an ongoing thirst for knowledge," Jim notes. Melanie notes that he is always ready to lend a helping hand. "The bookstore has unique problems and Ruben is dependable and responds in a timely fashion. He always completes his job with a smile and a positive attitude," she says.

Whether it is simply delivering supplies, replacing lighting in difficult areas, or dealing with seemingly impossible plumbing situations, Ruben is a professional. "He is not only an excellent custodian, but a model of a hard working, dedicated, and loyal SRJC employee who is admired and loved by students and staff." Many members of the Petaluma team point out that Ruben is polite, considerate, generous, and easy to talk with, making him "an asset to the entire campus." While Ruben takes great pride in his work, "one of his most endearing traits is his cheerfulness and sense of humor."

One example of the impact that his contributions have on SRJC was demonstrated in the wake of September 11 when Ruben initiated a fund drive on campus for the Red Cross World Trade Center Disaster Relief Fund, which resulted in the collection of \$1,600. "He embodies the best principles of a dedicated and diligent member of the Petaluma campus team," Jim Rose says.

Ruben was born, raised, and educated in Aquililla, Michoacan, Mexico. Now living in Napa County with his wife and three children, he is involved in coaching baseball and soccer leagues, reflecting his love of basketball, soccer, and swimming.

He indicates that his biggest challenge when joining SRJC was—"the employment interviews because of my nervousness." What he likes most about his job is "working and interacting with students and staff, working on floors, and serving SRJC." He notes that what others would be most surprising about his work "is that it's more complicated than first observed; it is not that simple."

When Ruben was notified that he was selected SRJC's Employee of the Month, he was "gratified and appreciative." "Thank you for this honor!" Congratulations, Ruben, for an outstanding job!

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