

Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, February 28, 2003

Faculty Recognition Awards Nominiations Due March 7

It's not too late to nominate one or more of SRJC's finest faculty members for this year's Faculty Recognition Awards. The nomination categories are:

Unsung Hero, Outstanding Contributions by Adjunct Faculty Member,
Staff Development, Professional Achievement, Curriculum Development,
Publications/Fine Arts/Performing Arts, and the Chamber of Commerce
Excellence in Education Award. Please note that we have expanded the
Publications award to include works accomplished in the Fine and Performing
Arts. All Regular and Adjunct faculty including counselors, librarians and
other allied faculty are eligible for nomination.

Flyers with nomination forms have been distributed to all campus mailboxes, but if your flyer has gotten buried or misplaced contact Paula Burks by phone (xt. 4544) or e-mail (pburks@santarosa.edu) for a nomination form. Nominations are due on Friday, March 7.

"Our Star the Sun" Planetarium Show Begins February 28

A new Planetarium show at Santa Rosa Junior College's Planetarium titled'"Our Star the Sun" opens Friday, February 28, 2003. Shows will be presented through April 6 at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. on Sundays.

SRJC's Planetarium is located on the Santa Rosa campus in Room 2001 in Lark Hall. Tickets are sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each show for \$4/General and \$2/Students and Seniors.

The show focuses on how and when the Sun and planets were formed and what will eventually become of the Sun. The audience will also learn about sunspots, solar prominence, solar flares, and the solar wind, as well as other Sun-related phenomena such as solar eclipses, rainbows, and the aurora.

For more information about SRJC's Planetarium and "Our Star the Sun," contact the college's Community Education Office, (707) 527-4372 or go to the Web site at www.santarosa.edu/planetarium

FFAS Applications Available March 3

Applications for the 2002-2003 Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies (FFAS) awards will be available in the Academic Senate Office on Monday, March 3. The deadline to file applications is Wednesday, April 3 at noon. All full-

pplications is Wednesday, April 3 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 Andrea Proehl on ext. 4904.

Student Psychological Services Available

Student Psychological Services provides free, confidential, and professional individual, couple, family, and group therapy. This service is offered for registered (for credit) students at SRJC at both the Santa Rosa and Petaluma campuses. There is a wait list for therapy at this time, but students who request services will be seen within a few weeks of their request or immediate referrals will be provided.

Groups at Santa Rosa currently open:

Loneliness*

call Gordana at 521-7939

Woman's Art and Storytelling*

call Courtney at 524-1505 or Jirina at 521-7038 *These groups will close to new members once full.

There is also an ongoing drop-in

Stress Management group

12-1 p.m. Mondays in 1624 Emeritus Hall on the Santa Rosa campus.

Drop-in Crisis intervention and referral:

Santa Rosa Campus:

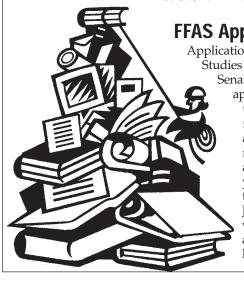
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m., Fridays at 3 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Petaluma Campus:

Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Students wishing to be seen for drop-in should arrive at Student Health Services one half hour previous to the drop-in time. Please let students know about these options. Call Lake McClenney at 524-1780 if you have concerns about a student. Contact Program Coordinator Rachel Schall at 524-1784 to arrange a classroom presentation on a mental health topic.



Employee of the Month Scott Lipanovich

Santa Rosa Junior College's Employee of the Month Scott Lipanovich has served for 16 years in the Circulation Department of SRJC's Plover Library as Library Technician. Scott was introduced at the Board of Trustees meeting by his supervisor, Joe Friedman, and received a plaque honoring him as Employee of the Month, as well as season tickets to Summer Repertory Theatre and other gifts from colleagues.

Scott's role as a Library Technician and evening supervisor has proven to be instrumental in providing SRJC students and staff with essential access to library collections and other research materials. Scott's key responsibilities also include maintaining library stacks and organizing the workflow in Circulation.

"If I had to choose one person who makes me proud to be on a team, it would be Scott," notes Library Technician

Donale Chastain. "I know I can count on him to work toward making Plover Library the best library north of the Golden Gate Bridge."

> Several winning qualities that are key to Scott's success as a SRJC employee include his strong team skills, dependability,

friendly approach, and deep concern that SRJC students receive a quality education. You might find him assisting international students during the challenging process of preparing and writing papers in English, or providing effective job training to student employees who learn to assist with diverse duties in the library. Whether Scott assists students or serves other visitors in the library, his strong dedication is clearly and consistently demonstrated.

Co-workers point out that Scott's personality naturally encourages positive work relationships. Librarian Andrea Proehl comments that it is Scott's proactive attitude and demeanor "that show how deeply he cares about

the quality of service he provides in the library." He skillfully and efficiently identifies and locates pertinent information that supports students' educational experience from the library's many collections. "He has an uncanny ability to diffuse potential problem situations with library patrons while he makes sure individuals feel everything possible is being done to meet their library, research, and informational needs," emphasizes Andrea.

If Scott doesn't know where to find the material students and staff need, he always knows someone who does." Scott goes the extra mile to provide top assistance," notes Donale. Always a good, active listener when helping students or staff, he gets to the heart of any request and searches out helpful and relevant information and resources, making him a top-notch resource person. "We know we can count on him to do his job and more, as he works cooperatively with students, staff, and co-workers," Andrea states.

In addition to Scott's strong commitment to his work and his respectful and patient approach to serving his co-workers and staff and students, he is also well read in American Literature and a highly active parent of two children in the Santa Rosa School District.

What perhaps best summarizes Scott's selection as SRJC's Employee of the Month is summed up in Andrea's comment: "Scott is a real team player and strives for excellence as a representative of the college." Congratulations, Scott, for a job well done!



Sonoma County Junior College District Personnel Agenda for February 2003

Management

Resignation

1. Morello, Joseph: Dean I, Physical Education, Dance & Athletics, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, effective 3-03-03.

Faculty

Employment

 Clemens, Daniel: Temporary contract, Instructor/Biology, .93335 FTE, semester sabbatical replacement/M. Hein, effective 1-13-03 to 5-23-03.

Classified

Employment

- Balmino-Graham, Deborah: Temporary increase in hours, from: Administrative Assistant I/Administrative Services, .60 FTE, 12 months/ year to: Administrative Assistant I/Administrative Services, .60 FTE, 12 months/year and Administrative Assistant I/Institutional Research, .25 FTE, 12 months/year, effective 1-1-03 to 6-30-03.
- Blach-Roberts, Jennifer: Temporary increase in hours, Science Lab Instructional Assistant/Biology/Life Sciences, 217 days/year, from: .8625 FTE to: 1.0 FTE, effective 1-13-03 to 5-23-03.
- 3. Dorris-Peter, Amy: Temporary decrease in hours, Childcare Assistant/Child Development, 199 days/year, from: .8438 FTE to: .6375 FTE, effective 1-1-03 to 6-30-03.
- Eakins, Douglas: Temporary increase in hours, Science Lab Instructional Assistant/Biology/Life Sciences, 217 days/year, from: .8250 FTE to: 1.0 FTE, effective 1-13-03 to 5-23-03.
- Obrador, Gilda: Temporary increase in hours, A & R Technician II/ Admissions, Records & Enrollment Development, 12 months/year, from: .50 FTE to: .75 FTE, effective 1/13/03 to 6-30-03.
- Tassano, Sandra: Temporary increase in months, Administrative Assistant III/Art Department, 1.0 FTE, from: 238 days/year to: 12 months/year, effective 6-01-03 to 6-30-03.
- 7. Weyker, Shirley: Continuation of temporary working out of class, Clerical Assistant I/Student Affairs, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, reason/coverage in absence of Administrative Assistant II, effective 1-1-03 to 5-1-03.

Promotions/Transfers

1. Nasseem, Parveen: Temporary Promotion, from: Administrative Assistant II/Matriculation, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, to: Assessment Coordinator/Assessment Services, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, reason/A. Chaney's absence, effective 12-1-02 to 6-30-03.

Leaves of Absence

- 1. Desai, Deepa: Request for continuation of temporary (partial) family leave of absence without pay, Payroll Specialist/Payroll, 12 months/year from: 1.0 FTE to: .80 FTE, effective 1-1-03 to 3-31-03.
- Froiland, Jessica: Request for (partial) personal leave of absence, Administrative Assistant II/English as a Second Language, 12 months/ year, from: .50 FTE to: .45 FTE, reason/educational purposes, effective 1-13-03 to 5-23-03.
- Palacios, Nieves: Request for maternity leave of absence, Custodian/ Facilities Operations, 12 months/year, maternity leave: effective 12-09-02 to 1-20-03, Vacation/CTO leave: effective 1-21-03 to 1-31-03.
- Tuscany, Barbara: Request for child rearing leave of absence, A & R Technician III/Admissions, Records & Enrollment Development, 12 months/year, from: 1.0 FTE to: .50 FTE, effective 1-13-03 to 6-30-03.

Intent to Participate in Early Retirement Option

- Cooper, Sandra: Buyer/Purchasing, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, date of hire: 7-27-81, resignation effective 4-30-03, retirement effective 5-1-03.
- George, Frank: Skilled Maintenance Worker/Facilities Operations, 1.0
 FTE, 12 months/year, date of hire: 3-01-83, resignation effective: 3-3103, retirement effective: 4-01-03.

Approval to Hire

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



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