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Graduation is Just Around the Corner!

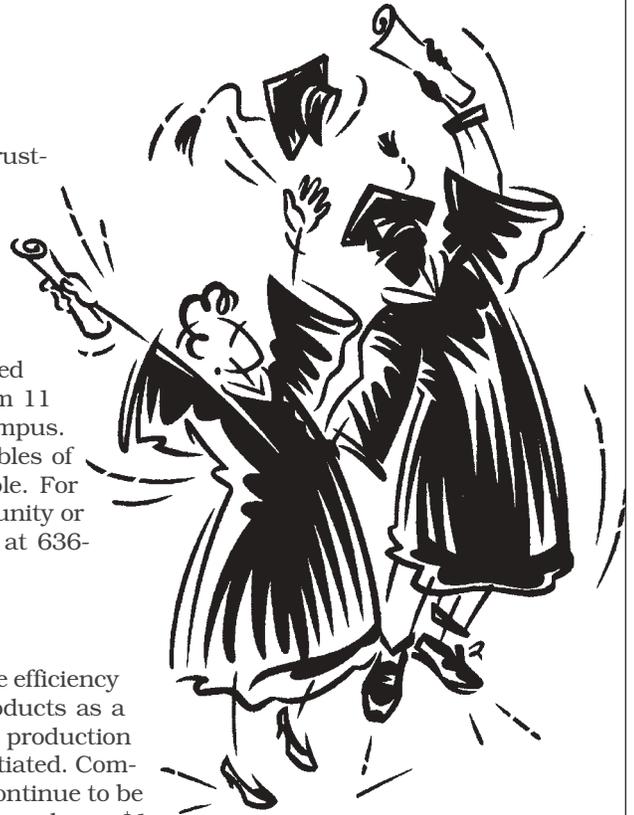
SRJC's 84th commencement will be held on Saturday, May 24, at the outdoor stage just north of Burbank Auditorium under the oaks on the Santa Rosa campus. Should it rain, the ceremony will take place in Haehl Pavilion. Graduating students will arrive at 9:30 a.m., the commencement ceremony will take place from 10:00 a.m. to noon. A reception will immediately follow in the Doyle Student Center.

This year's commencement speakers are graduating students Christy Somers and Karin Warltier. The SRJC Concert Choir will perform during commencement. ESL Counselor Karin Guzman and Transfer Center Director Roberta Delgado will read the names of graduates. Academic Senate President Greg Granderson will present the Class of 2003, and Board President W. Terry Lindley and SRJC President Robert F. Agrella will present diplomas. Come and celebrate our students' accomplishments on May 24!

President's Address to the Community Scheduled May 29

Sonoma County community leader and past SRJC Board of Trustees member Christine Pedroncelli will be honored for her years of service on Thursday, May 29, when she receives the President's Medallion at Santa Rosa Junior College's President's Address to the Community.

The annual luncheon, which is open to the public, features a state-of-the-art college address by SRJC President Robert F. Agrella and the Medallion Award presentation. The event, hosted by the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Haehl Pavilion on SRJC's Santa Rosa campus. Individual tickets are \$40 per person while sponsorship tables of eight with preferred seating are available for \$425 per table. For information about SRJC's President's Address to the Community or to make a reservation for the event, contact the Chamber at 636-2841.



Hang on to Your Schedule of Classes!

Numerous measures have been taken at SRJC to increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of SRJC programs, services, and products as a result of the state's significant budget cuts. A change in the production and distribution of the *Schedule of Classes* has also been initiated. Complimentary copies of the *Fall 2003 Schedule of Classes* will continue to be mailed to each residence in the District, but the college will now charge \$1 for each additional copy of the *Schedule*.

The printed *Fall 2003 Schedule of Classes* will be mailed to the service region May 16. In addition, postcards will be mailed to 20,000 post office boxes throughout the District that announce the availability of the printed *Schedule* to residents who may wish to order it. Staff members who need a *Schedule* to do their job will receive one complimentary issue of the *Schedule*.

Additional printed *Schedules* for internal distribution and use by departments may be requested through Cheri Winter on ext. 4520.

Schedules may be purchased for \$1 starting May 19 at the following sites:

- Santa Rosa Campus: Bookstore, Admissions & Records Office, Community Education Office
- Petaluma Campus: Bookstore, Admissions and Record Office
- Windsor Public Safety Training Center: Administration Office

Direct any questions to the Scheduling Office at ext. 4520 or to the Office of Academic Affairs at ext. 1514.

Newman and Bailey Awards Presented at Day Under the Oaks

SRJC student and Phi Theta Kappa member Kasia Roca , and Steve Morris, SRJC Counselor and Instructor, were honored by SRJC's Alumni and Friends Association during this year's Day Under the Oaks.

Kasia received the Randolph Newman Service Award that includes a \$1200 scholarship. Each year the scholarship goes to a transfer student who has demonstrated academic excellence and an involvement in college service and community service projects. Kasia has earned Dean's Highest Honors for four consecutive semesters at SRJC, and worked in the CalWORKs office at the college. She also served as a volunteer at Madrone Elementary School. Her goal is to earn a B.A. degree in Psychology and to become a marriage and family counselor or a licensed clinical social worker.

Steve Morris received the Floyd P. Bailey Award, which is presented in the spirit of SRJC's first president, Floyd P. Bailey, to a person who has made outstanding contributions to SRJC. Steve was nominated by retired Dean of Counseling Evelyn Pollard. He has served as Director of Entertainment for Day Under the Oaks for 14 years, and has been active with SRJC's Alumni Association. He is also on the Santa Rosa High School reunion committee for the class of '67. Steve began his career with SRJC at an early age. At the time of his birth his parents resided in the Quonset village, located where the Emeritus Hall and Plover Library now stand, built to house GIs and their families after WWII. Steve later attended SRJC classes himself, and eventually joined the SRJC Counseling Department in 1987. His 30's/40's swing band, The Steve Morris/Mike Ferrell Quartet, frequently plays at college and community events.

Diesel/Equipment Tech Holds Open House

The 2nd annual Open House and Outstanding Student Tool Awards event was held in the Lounibos Hall by the Diesel and Equipment Technology program May 5, to connect students with visiting employers and spotlight the program and the success of its students.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the outstanding students of the year, Eddie Deniz of Petaluma, now employed by Lubrivan Truck Services, Inc., and Jose Castro of Santa Rosa, now employed by Peterson Tractor Co. Inc. The awardees received a tool chest with a set of high quality tools valued at \$4,000.00 each. The students will graduate from SRJC in approximately two semesters, and both have been offered permanent employment by their current employers.

The event was made possible by the Whiting Endowment, Peterson Tractor Company, Inc., the Tech Prep Program at SRJC, Eve Nighswonger, Robert Cook, Jay Conrad, and a host of Sonoma County employers who actively support SRJC's Diesel/Equipment Technology Program. Call Dex Rammage, ext. 2601, for more information.

SRT Puts Up Fencing May 22

An SRT Scene Shop fence will be installed on the morning of May 22 with a removal date of July 18. Do not park in the section of "C" lot between Assessment and Tauzer Gym on May 22, or you may find that your car will be fenced in by the end of the day! SRT Artistic Director Frank Zwolinski, says, "We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as SRT goes into high gear for its 32nd season!"



Farewell to Friends and Colleagues

After working at SRJC as an adjunct instructor and counselor for nearly 20 years, I am retiring at the end of the spring 2003 semester. As many of you know I have a full life as an artist and writer, and welcome the opportunity to pursue these interests on a full time basis. I would like to express my deep gratitude to all of my colleagues and the many individuals with whom I've worked at Santa Rosa Junior College. I am fortunate to have gained not only computer skills, but also a great many friends at SRJC. I wish all a fond farewell. – Marylu Downing



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