

Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, July 24, 2001

SRJC Ranks First in Nation for Contributions

The Council for Aid to Education (CAE) recently published results of its 2001-2002 Voluntary Support to Education survey about private support to U.S. colleges and universities. SRJC was ranked number one among public, two-year colleges in the U.S. at total contributions of \$7,147,365. The last time SRJC was ranked number one in the CAE survey was for contributions in 1998-99, which were \$6,298,863.

Reservations for Harvey Hansen Barbecue Due August 14

Mark your calendars and send in your checks for the 19th Harvey Hansen picnic scheduled for Friday, August 22, 2003, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at SRJC's Shone Farm. This event gives us the opportunity to welcome new people to the college and reconnect with others we know and work with. A hayride, form tour and denoing to live provise by the Stove Marris and Mike Farrell Band (with Icel

farm tour, and dancing to live music by the Steve Morris and Mike Farrell Band (with Joel

Rudinow sitting in) will add to the festivities.

The menu will include BBQ tri-tip and turkey breast, salad, vegetarian beans, garlic bread, pesto pasta, and dessert. An educational wine tasting will be part of the evening, but please remember that no outside alcohol or children are allowed at the event.

The cost is \$12.50 per person, although new permanent SRJC employees who were hired within the last 10 months enter free as the evening's special guests. A small portion of each ticket (\$1 to \$2) will be donated to the Harvey Hansen Political Science Scholarship Fund.

Reservation forms have been distributed through campus mail and are due by August 14. Checks can be made out to SRJC. Contact Susan St. Clair in Business Services at ext. 1532 for more information.



Sonoma County Junior College District Personnel Agenda for July 2003

Management

Employment

- DeBella Bodley, Sandra: Temporary assignment emergency hire, (Interim) Director, A.D.N. Program, .50 FTE, replacement/R. Jayne, effective 7-1-03 to 6-30-04.
- Golden, Frances: Executive Assistant (Confidential), Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Assistant Superintendent, 1.0 FTE, replacement/M. Gaitan, effective 7-14-03.

Faculty

Employment

- Ackerman, Susana: Instructor/Modern & Classical Languages (Spanish), 1.0 FTE, replacement/L. Velasquez, effective 8-13-03.
- Kavinoky, Richard: Instructor/Mathematics, 1.0 FTE, replacement/E. Barker, effective 8-13-03.
- Nieto-Navarro, Sandra: Instructor/Mathematics, 1.0 FTE, replacement/K. Smith, effective 8-13-03.
- Purdy, Danielle: Instructor/Biology, 1.0 FTE, new position, effective 8-13-03.

Change from Classified to Faculty

 Larque, Laura: From EOPS Specialist/EOPS, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year to Instructor/Social Sciences (History), 1.0 FTE, replacement/M. Romo, effective 8-13-03.

Classified

Employment

- Eaton, Toni: Temporary increase in hours, Administrative Assistant II/ College Skills, 12 months/year, from .50 FTE to 1.0 FTE, reason/Non-Credit Matriculation funded, effective 7-1-03 to 12-31-03.
- Papa, Suzanne: Temporary increase in months, Career Developer/ Student Employment, 1.0 FTE, from 217 days/year to 238 days/year, effective 7-1-03 to 6-30-04.

Promotions/Transfer

- Butters, Sarah: Promotion/transfer from Account Clerk/Accounting, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year to Buyer/Purchasing, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, replacement/S. Cooper, effective 6-16-03.
- Lennox, Amy: Promotion/transfer from Clerical Assistant II/Counseling/ Reentry, 1.0 FTE to Service Facilitator/Disability Resources, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, replacement/L. Morales, effective 6-16-03.

Leaves of Absence

- Baumhoefer, Julia: Request for (partial) personal leave of absence without pay, Technical Writer/Computing Services, 12 months/year, from 1.0 FTE to .85 FTE, effective 4-29-03 to 5-23-03 and from .85 FTE to .80 FTE. effective 5-26-03 to 8-1-03.
- 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 7-1-03 to 12-31-03.

Approval to Hire

Classified

 Child Care Assistant (199 days/year, categorically funded), .84375 FTE, Child Development, replacement/A. Dorris-Peter.



July Employee of the Month Darci Rosales

Rosa Junior College's July Employee of the Month (EOM) Darci Rosales, Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) Program Coordinator. Darci was introduced at the July 8 Board of Trustees Meeting by her supervisor Tatjana Omrcen, Dean of Science and Applied Technology, and received an Employee of the Month plaque, season tickets to SRT, a gift voucher to the Culinary

Café, and other gifts from her co-workers.

"I whole heartedly support this nomination. Darci is an employee who makes a world of difference to the students. Recognizing her as EOM is a small step that will bring her important work to the attention of the broader college community," Tatjana emphasizes. Darci's colleagues agree that her broad contributions to the MESA program make her a highly effective and valuable SRJC employee. In just three years, she has built and expanded the MESA program to capacity, encouraging students to participate in MESA's enriching activities that range from fieldtrips to universities and academic excellence workshops to tutoring services, academic advising, scholarships, and internships. "I bird dog various program components, including academic and tutorial assistance, transfer assistance, career development activities, and the day-to-day running of the MESA Student Center. I balance what is mandated by the Chancellor's Office, the best practices of MESA statewide, and the real needs of our SRJC students," notes Darci about her role.

"As the director of the MESA center, Darci applies ample enthusiasm, creativity, and efficiency to enrich students' academic pursuits in engineering, math and the sciences," comments Vince Bertsch, Engineering/Physics Instructor. To her colleagues and students, the MESA program wouldn't exist without Darci's continuing commitment, as demonstrated in her willingness to go above and beyond to ensure students success, whether driving a van full of students all the way to San Luis Obispo, proposing that the department offer a course at Windsor High School and setting it up, or pursuing grants to seek out possible sources of new funds. Last summer Darci applied for and was awarded a MESA summer augmentation grant, and, more recently, in collaboration with Math and Engineering faculty, she wrote a successful proposal for a mobile computer lab, worth about \$100,000 for computers that will not only help her program, but will greatly benefit Math and Engineering students.

One of Darci's talents is her ability to create excellent networking opportunities for others by bringing together just the right people at events, committees, or work groups so that individuals discover how many skills and aims they have in common. Darci's efforts to support and improve related programs and services extend well beyond SRJC's departments of Math, Engineering and Physics, Computer Information Sciences, Life Sciences, and Chemistry. She also works to build the Alliance for Minority Population at Sonoma State University and MESA at Mendocino College and the local high schools. Her broad efforts have made her a key community resource. Darcy is also an active volunteer on several college committees, including

Congratulations to Santa Rosa Junior College's July Committee, Management Staff Development Team, and Self-Employee of the Month Accreditation Team.

"Darci is truly the best supervisor I have had the pleasure of working for. She has an amazing ability to work with a diverse range of people and personality types and to maximize each person's strengths. She realizes that each person is an individual, which is invaluable, especially for people who work in student services. She has an open door policy and is never too busy to talk to students, listen to their concerns, and help them find ways to make their class loads, work and personal life manageable," notes MESA's Administrative Assistant, Rowan Gard.

Darcy attributes her success at SRJC to being "a strong advocate for education and truly enjoying math and science. My analytical skills have prepared me for the challenges of implementing a startup program, and I thrive on a highly active environment that is defined by a wide variety of tasks that bring me into contact with all types of people. Coordinating MESA is a good fit for my skills, desires, and energy." She says that her greatest accomplishment at SRJC is "the presence that MESA has created on this campus. I know some students have successfully transferred because of MESA." Her greatest challenge at the college - "being housed in a portable building - as a high school teacher, a portable; in Assessment, a portable; in MESA, a portable." What she likes most about her job is being a "a jack-of-all-trades, which is reflected in the various events MESA brings to the students. I especially like the MESA support team, the students and staff." Others might be surprised to learn that Darcy "still remembers my first semester calculus, and, when needed, I serve as a substitute tutor."

Darci was born in Arcata, California, attended Arcata High School and Humboldt State University, earning a B.S. in liberal studies, a Multiple Studies Teaching Credential, and a Single Subject Teaching Credential in math. Her work experience includes two years coordinating the MESA Schools Program in Sonoma and Mendocino counties for California State University, Chico. In 1985 she moved to Healdsburg, where she spent 14 years teaching math at Healdsburg High School. She joined the SRJC staff in 1997 as a GED Testing Specialist, and became the MESA Program Coordinator in July 1999.

To Darci family is "part of my self definition." She is married to Celso Rosales and has three stepdaughters, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild and another on the way. Her maternal grandmother, who helped raise her with her parents, is pivotal to her life. Her hobbies include a variety of crafts, such as quilting, crocheting, papermaking, remodeling her home, and collecting recipes.

When she was told she was selected Employee of the Month, Darci said she "had a big smile followed by a grin. I am proud of my contributions to the MESA program at SRJC, yet I acknowledge that there are so many other people on campus

who impact a far greater number of students. Wow, EOM, what a club to join! I consider myself so fortunate, the people at SRJC make this college such a wonderful place to work."



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