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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, December 5, 2003

Select A Giving Tree Heart By December 9!

There's still time to visit the Giving Tree at the Santa Rosa Campus and select a heart to fill the wishes of children this holiday season.



Only 30 hearts remain on the Santa Rosa Campus tree. All the hearts on the Petaluma tree have been taken.

When you select a heart that holds the wishes of one of the many children of SRJC students enrolled in the EOPS, Disability Resources, Children's Center and CalWORKS programs, you will find joy in making holiday dreams come true.

Select a heart, fill the wishes by purchasing and wrapping your gifts, and then bring the gifts by **Tuesday, December 9** to Maria Gaitan on the Santa Rosa Campus. Once collected, the gifts will be distributed on December 16 and 17.

If you are unable to choose a heart but want to participate in this wonderful project, you may forward monetary donations to Maria.

We invite you to experience the great joy of making children's dreams come true through the Giving Tree Project. Call Maria Gaitan in the

President's Office on ext. 1826 with any questions. And best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season!

Send a Singing Holiday Telegram

Consider giving the gift of music to friends and colleagues this year! SRJC's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will deliver holiday singing telegrams on the Santa Rosa Campus through December 12, Monday and Wednesday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m. You can choose three carols for \$8. Choices include: *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World*, *O Come All ye Faithful*, *God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen*, and *Carol of the Bells*. Funds raised will help cover performance travel costs and to buy music. For more information call Ann Post, ext. 4665.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to SRJC Electronics Department Instructor Ed Sikes on the marriage of his daughter, Carrie Sikes, to Tracy Sheppard. The wedding took place on September 13 at Healdsburg Country Gardens. Carrie graduated from SRJC in 1996 and from UCLA in 1999. The couple is living in Windsor where Carrie is a pharmaceutical representative for Pfizer. Her husband is a partner in Western States Mortgage.

Don't Miss This Santa Photo Op!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will make two appearances on the Santa Rosa Campus this year! Staff and faculty and their friends and family can have a picture taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus on December 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Doyle Center Cafeteria, and on December 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the lobby of Burbank Auditorium. Photos are \$4, and all proceeds will benefit the Theatre Arts nominees to the American College Theatre Festival.

WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Jazz Combos

featuring Julian Lage on guitar

DECEMBER 8, 8:00 P.M.

Newman Auditorium • Free

Redwood Empire Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band

DECEMBER 9, 7:30 P.M.

Burbank Auditorium • \$5/general

Jazz Bands

featuring Scott Whitfield on trombone

DECEMBER 10, 8:00 P.M.

Burbank Auditorium

\$10/general, \$5/students & seniors

Chamber Concert

DECEMBER 10, 7:30 P.M.

Newman Auditorium • Free

Piano Performance and Ensembles

DECEMBER 15, 7:00 P.M.

Newman Auditorium • Free

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMBER CHORALE

DECEMBER 16, 8:00

Newman Auditorium • Free

Copy Center to Move

The Copy Center will move to the new Analy Village, Building A, west of Lark Hall on December 11. Graphics Services will still be located at 724 Elliott Avenue.

November Employee of the Month Greg Granderson

Congratulations to Greg Granderson, SRJC's Employee of the Month for November 2003. Since 1991, Greg has served as an SRJC Counselor, and he is currently Academic Senate President. His supervisor, Marty Lee, Dean of Counseling and Support Services, introduced Greg at the November Board of Trustees meeting where Greg was presented with an EOM plaque, season tickets to SRT performances, a gift certificate for the



Culinary Café, and other gifts from his colleagues. "Greg's willingness to step forward and to be counted whenever necessary is truly appreciated by everyone in the Counseling Department," Marty says, pointing out a key reason that Greg was nominated as Employee of the Month.

Greg worked as an EOPS Counselor at SRJC between 1991 and 1996, and has worked as a general Counselor since 1996 primarily teaching and counseling students. He indicates that his position is especially challenging because he "never does the same thing each day." Greg attributes his success at SRJC to his deep

commitment: "I care," and identifies "establishing the Human Services program in the Counseling Department" as his greatest accomplishment since joining the SRJC staff.

"The Counseling Department's Human Services certificate is known statewide as a model program, and Greg has advised other community colleges regarding the development of similar programs on other campuses," Marty notes. Instructor and Counselor Steve Morris adds that "Greg has been the driving force behind the new Human Services Career Certificate and each year he has served at the state level to ensure the quality of counseling throughout the state. His connections throughout the state helped him and the Counseling Department team quickly create an exemplary program that will greatly support the agencies that hire those well-trained employees."

Greg's history of contributing to students' success goes beyond his job description at the college and in the community. "Greg has actively assisted the transitioning process in both the Financial Aid Office, where he served as the Interim Director, and in the Counseling Department, where he served as the Department Chair during the time when a change in Student Services administration was occurring," says Marty. For three years he co-led a mentoring program for high school students in the Contra Costa College District called the Pyramid Program. Offered on Saturdays,

the unique activity mentors 16 to 18 year old boys who can safely share their concerns about conditions and experiences that could potentially block their educational pursuits.

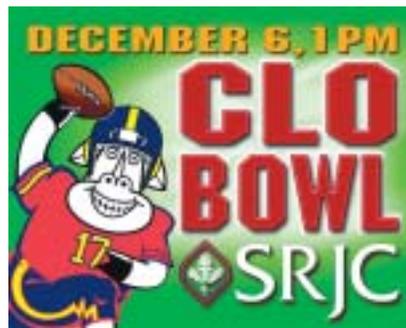
As a member of Sonoma County's 100 Black Men, Greg provides financial aid information to Black youth. "He brings to the students a special knowledge of historically Black colleges and universities in the United States, which is often the first time that many of these students have met someone with such a rich knowledge," notes Steve. Greg's demonstrated commitment to students and equity is also reflected in his presentation of the Counseling 74, Identity and Culture, classes, offering it even on Saturdays, in summer, or whenever students want the class. He would "offer it at midnight if students need it then, too!"

Each year Greg demonstrates dedication to the success of SRJC in a number of unique ways. One year he worked with students with disadvantaged backgrounds in EOPS. "When we needed help in Financial Aid leadership, Greg jumped right in to take charge," Steve notes. Greg served as the Department Chair for the Counseling Department, and is currently serving as the Academic Senate President. He began serving as the Academic Senate President in fall 2002, and was recently voted into the EOPS Hall of Fame. "Greg has provided statewide leadership through his work with the Academic Senate to define the role of community college counselors regarding the development of similar programs," Steve says.

Born in Queens, New York, Greg grew up around the globe, graduating from Augsburg High School in Germany. He attended the University of La Verne where he earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree. Before coming to SRJC, Greg was employed by El Camino College, Riverside City College, and Lassen College. Outside of work Greg enjoys sports and computers, is married to Charlotte, SRJC CalWORKs Instructor and Counselor, with whom he has four children and four grandchildren.

"Basketball has been a big part of Greg's life. As a college player and pro player in Arizona and as a high school and college official, Greg has had great success and can share terrific stories. He's also the most humble athlete I have ever met, and he wiped me out on the racquetball court when I first met him," says Steve. "Greg loves to travel and has been all over the world. He is considered by many species of fish and turtles to be one of the premier snorkel enthusiasts of all places tropical and warm. Finally, if you ever get to stand next to Greg at a statewide conference you're in for a treat. The man knows everyone...he really should run for governor!" says Steve. "Greg "is also a closet techie!" adds Marty.

On being selected as SRJC's Employee of the Month, Greg responded, "Who me? I am not ready to retire yet." Congratulations, Greg, as SRJC's Employee of the Month!



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