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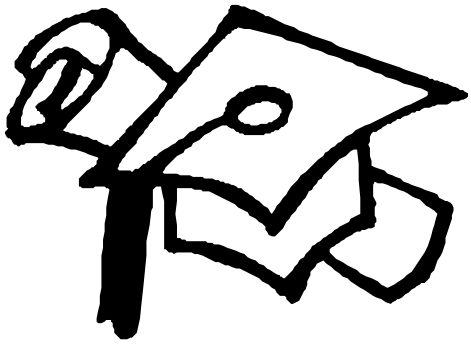

Graduation Is Just Around the Corner!

SRJC's 85th commencement will be held on Saturday, May 22, 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 Kim McGrath and Mark Taylor. The SRJC Concert Choir will perform during the commencement. Kimberlee Messina and Ricardo D. Navarrette will read the names of graduates. SRJC President Robert F. Agrella will present the candidates for graduation, and Board President Don Zumwalt and Dr. Agrella will present diplomas. Come and celebrate our students' accomplishments on May 22.

President's Address to the Community Scheduled May 27

Long-time supporters of Santa Rosa Junior College and the SRJC Foundation, William O. and Patricia B. Pedersen, will be honored for years of service on Thursday, May 27, when they receive 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 SRJC Foundation Board of Directors and Dr. Agrella, will be held from 11:00 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 are available for $500, Gold Sponsor preferred seating tables for $750, and Premium seating for eight is $1000. Reserved, Gold, and Premium table seating includes program and table recognition. For information about SRJC's President's Address to the Community or to make a reservation for the event, contact the Foundation Office at 527-4348.

SRT Puts Up Fencing May 19

An SRT Scene Shop fence will be installed on the morning of Wednesday, May 19 with a removal date of July 15. Do not park in the section of "C" lot between Assessment and Tauzer Gym on May 19, or you may find that your car will be fenced in by the end of the day! "No Parking" signs and barricades will be placed in the area between the fence and Tauzer Gym to mark off space to be used for driving around the fence. Do not park in these spaces or between barricades. SRT Artistic Director Frank Zwolinski, says, "We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as SRT goes into high gear for its 33nd season!"

SRT Seeks Summer Hosts

Each summer SRT has 150 actors, technicians, and support staff who come to Santa Rosa to participate in SRT's season. Arriving this year on May 22, the summer students will be on campus through August 9. This year, however, SRT is desperately short of housing , and s**till needs housing for 12 more students!**

If you have a spare room that could be used to house one or two of these actors or technicians, SRT would be eternally grateful. The students are responsible for their own food and transportation, so SRT is looking for rooms in private homes with kitchen, laundry, and bath privileges. In return, we can offer a stipend of $550 for the 11 weeks and a Gold Card (worth five tickets) to SRT performances for your friends and family for EACH student you house. Plus, you will have fun learning all the ins and outs of life behind the scenes!!

If you can help house SRT students this summer, please contact Frank Zwolinski by e-mail at fzwolinski@santarosa.educ or at 527-4221 or Elizabeth Bazzano, our SRT Housing Coordinator, at 566-0225. Thank you!

Harvey Hansen Picnic Scheduled for August 27

Mark your calendars now for the annual Harvey Hansen barbecue held at the SRJC Shone Farm near Forestville. The event not only is an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues at the start of the academic year, but also serves as a welcome for new faculty and staff. More details will follow!

May 2004 Personnel Agenda

Management

Employment

1. Graham, Thomas: Assistant Manager, Bookstore (independently funded), 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, new position/Board approved 5-13-03, effective 5-3-04.

Promotion

1. Desai, Deepa: Promotion and status change from Classified to Management, from Payroll Specialist/Payroll, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, to Supervisor/Payroll, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, replacement/C. Williams, effective 5-3-04.

Intent to Participate in Early Retirement Option

1. Bruni, Albert: Manager, Buildings & Equipment Maintenance/Facilities Operations, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, date of hire 8-18-80, resignation effective 8-31-04, retirement effective 9-1-04.

Faculty

Employment

1. Cole, Casey: Instructor/Agriculture/Natural Resources (Animal Science), 1.0 FTE, replacement/J. Porter, effective 8-11-04.
2. Harmon, L. Jeanie: Instructor/Child Development, 1.0 FTE, new position, effective 8-11-04.

Leave of Absence

1. Gleason, Julie: Request for partial medical leave of absence with pay, Instructor/Child Development, from 1.0 FTE, to .60 FTE, effective 1-13-04 to 5-22-04.
2. Speakes, Richard: Request for partial medical leave of absence with pay, Instructor/English, from 1.0 FTE, to .777778 FTE, effective 8-13-03 to 5-22-04.

Resignation/Intent to Retire

1. Deegan, Oliver: Instructor/Administration of Justice/Department of Public Safety, 1.0 FTE, date of hire 8-13-97, resignation effective 5-22-04, retirement effective 5-23-04.

Classified

Employment

1. Johnson, Steve: Internet Services Specialist/Computing Services, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, replacement/E. Eisenhart, effective 4-14-04.

Leaves of Absence

1. Brashear-Guerrero, Kristin: Request for maternity leave of absence, Coordinator, Scholarships & Outreach/Scholarships, .50 FTE, 12 months/year, maternity leave effective 2-9-04 to 4-30-04, childrearing leave effective 5-3-04 to 7-2-04 (without salary and benefits).
2. Lewis, Katherine: Request for maternity leave of absence, Accountant, Restricted Programs/Accounting, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, maternity leave effective 3-8-04 to 4-28-04, vacation leave effective 4-29-04 to 5-6-04, family leave effective 5-7-04 to 7-30-04 (without salary, with medical benefits), childrearing leave effective 8-2-04 to 10-1-04 (without salary and benefits).

Intent to Participate in Early Retirement Option

1. Gianatasio-Vera, Gloria: Administrative Assistant II/Workforce Training, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, date of hire 9-29-86, resignation effective 7-15-04, retirement effective 7-16-06.

Resignation/Intent to Retire

1. Cooper, Gretchen: Childcare Teacher/Child Development, .9063 FTE, 199 days/year, date of hire 3-15-89, resignation effective 6-1-04, retirement effective 6-2-04.

Resignation

1. Garcia, Mariana: Financial Aid Technician I/Financial Aid, 1.0 FTE, 12 months/year, effective 3-31-04.

Approval to Hire

No recommended positions approved to hire.

We Tip Our Hats

Congratulations to **Susan Muskar**, Human Resources Technician II,and **Jackie De Lap**, Administrative Assistant I, both in the Human Resources Department, who will graduate this semester from SRJC earning associate degrees with honors. "The general education courses have been a challenge but the knowledge, self-esteem and personal growth that I have gained provides me with the extra incentive and encouragement that will enable my path to broaden toward continued education and personal unfolding. Thanks to all for your continued guidance and support," Susan says. Jackie adds, "While obtaining a vocational certificate, I was encouraged by Peggy Phipps to continue my education and obtain A.A. At the time I thought she was crazy, but I realized if she had faith in me I should have faith in me. Not only did I earn my degree, I also made friends along the way. I greatly appreciate all the support I received from faculty, friends, and family. It was my goal, but a team effort!"

Parveen Nasseem, Assessment Coordinator, and **Margarita Montes**, Testing Specialist, in ESL, have been elected vice president and secretary, respectively, by the statewide California Community College Assessment Association (CCCAA) at a recent meeting in Stockton. Serving one-year terms, their nominations demonstrate their willingness to represent SRJC throughout the state. They will be at the forefront of assessment issues to help ensure that SRJC will continue its compliance with Title 5.

Our congratulations to **Andrea Proehl's** daughter, **Ariana**, who is graduating from UC Berkeley on May 15, 2004, with honors. Ariana majored in ethnic studies with a minor in Spanish and Portuguese.

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