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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, May 21, 2004

How Parking Changes For 2004-05 Impacts SRJC Staff

During 2004-2005, the Santa Rosa Campus parking system will be severely tested due to the construction of the new library, as well as a multilevel parking structure on Mendocino Avenue. Staff and students are encouraged to make use of the expanded parking options in order to minimize congestion at the Santa Rosa Campus. Staff and faculty who volunteer to use the free Santa Rosa Plaza Shuttle Lot downtown will save \$120 in parking permit fees.

The Santa Rosa Plaza Shuttle Lot will expand parking capacity from 200 to 400 spaces for students and staff. A shuttle between the SR Campus and SR Plaza Lot will run on a continuous basis between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. All STNCs will be assigned free parking at the shuttle lot. STNCs may park on campus on Fridays only.

The B Lot (Bailey, Barnett, Baker, Shuhaw, Bussman) will remain a staff reserved lot from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. From 3:00 until 10:00 p.m. the B Lot will open up to students and staff on a first come, first served basis, providing an additional 153 spaces for evening access to classes. The college community is encouraged to use alternative parking options, including:

Bike Racks – Campus bicycle capacity of 538 racks will increase to 750, centralizing rack locations to three or four easily accessible areas. Cyclists will not be allowed to ride their bikes on campus due to the increasing safety issues related to pathway congestion.

President's Address to the Community May 27

Long-time supporters of SRJC 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 SRJC'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 President Robert F. Agrella and the Medallion Award presentation. The event is hosted by the SRJC Foundation Board of Directors and Dr. Agrella, and will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Haehl Pavilion on the 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.

Four Day Work Week Begins Week of May 31

SRJC's Santa Rosa and Petaluma campuses will move to a four day work week after employees return from the Memorial Day Holiday on May 31.

Both campuses will be open to the public during regular hours, Monday through Thursday, June 1 through July 29, except for Monday, July 5, Independence Day Holiday. The Admissions Office at the Santa Rosa Campus will be open 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the Petaluma Admissions Office will be open until 6:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday, during the four day work week period.

Voice Mail Reminder

If you are working a "4-10" schedule during June and July, or if you will not be on campus for most of the summer, remember to change your voice mail greeting to let callers know when they can expect their calls to be returned. If you need help to change your greeting or with other aspects of operating your phone, call Davida Brookfield on ext. 4415.

Public Transit - The College encourages faculty, staff and students to utilize public transit. The Parking and Transportation Fund will continue to subsidize bus passes by a third the cost.

Ride Share - SRJC will continue its reduced fee ride-share parking plan in C Lot.

There is helpful and current parking information online at www.santarosa.edu/police/parking.html

SR Chamber Holds 19th Education & Business Partnership Breakfast August 26

Before getting away for summer, mark in your calendar or make reservations now to attend the August 26 Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Education & Business Partnership Breakfast, which will be held at the Vineyard Creek Hotel, Spa & Conference Center from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Three SRJC instructors will be nominated along with other outstanding instructors from each educational level for possible recognition as excellent educators in our community.

To attend, make checks out for \$25 per person (tables of eight are available @ \$300) to the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce (be sure to note the August 26th breakfast on the memo line) and forward your reservation and check to Public Relations. PR will send e-mail reminders during summer to ensure SRJC's participation in this excellent breakfast event in honor of our colleagues. Call ext. 4266 for information.

Groundbreaking for Frank P. Doyle Library



Left to right, SRJC President Robert F. Agrella and Board members Frank S. Briceno, Richard W. Call, Don Zumwalt, and B. Robert Burdo stood ready with golden shovels to break ground for the College's new library on May 14 at the construction site. The library construction is set to be completed in spring 2006.

Employee of the Month Bill Turner

Congratulations to Bill Turner, Dean of Matriculation and Student Development in the Matriculation and Assessment Department, for being selected SRJC's Employee of the Month for May 2004! Bill was introduced at the Board of Trustees meeting by his supervisor and Vice President of Student Services Ricardo Navarrette, and received a warm and funny send off from various colleagues, plus an Employee of the Month plaque, season tickets to SRT performances, a gift certificate for the Culinary Café, and other gifts.

"Bill represents college leadership and administrative performance of the highest caliber. In his role as Dean he is primarily responsible for Assessment Services, Student Services technology applications, and Title V compliance for the entire District, but Bill's most vital role is as a true team player – he excels in collaborative and supportive relations with numerous college departments and staff, in Student Services, and across the institution." Ricardo emphasizes. "Bill extends his expertise to academic departments regarding Title V regulations, plus his work with the Curriculum Committee and with department chairs is legendary."

Assistant Superintendent Edmund Buckley agrees that Bill has contributed immensely to Academic Affairs: "His work with departments and the Curriculum Review Committee has had a profound and measurable impact on the quality of our courses, and thereby, the quality of our instruction. Bill is regarded statewide as a professional resource in the implementation of course prerequisites and advisories. He has been the College's conscience when it comes to the development of prerequisites for our courses. This is an enviable legacy."

In 1987, Bill joined SRJC's staff as an Adjunct Counselor and Instructor, and was hired as the Matriculation Coordinator in 1993, a full-time faculty position. Appointed Dean of Matriculation and Student Development in 2000, Bill identifies his greatest SRJC accomplishment as "shepherding the implementation of course prerequisites, developing and supporting the electronic technology in Student Services with the goal of providing information to staff and students through the World Wide Web and the Intranet, and helping students through registration problems."

Bill attributes his success at SRJC to truly enjoying being a part of the College because "It makes it easy to try my best and work toward the betterment of the College." His greatest accomplishment, "Helping students. I believe that the students are our biggest asset. Helping them get through hurdles is very rewarding." Bill's strong commitment to SRJC students is demonstrated in serving as the creative and productive liaison between Student Services and Computing Services, helping develop an Admissions and Records record imaging system, as well as the initial Counseling Department scheduling computerized system, the E-binder system that links Student Services managers, the Collegewide Student Information System, the Web Link registration system, and other automated systems that deliver a service or improve access for students.

Several years ago Bill was recognized at the Chancellor's Office annual state conference as "an Out of the Box educator, an honor that is emblematic of Bill's thinking and contributions to SRJC. He is quick to confront problems and even quicker to volunteer solutions, not always tethered to the status quo. In both theory and praxis, Bill's outstanding work is exceeded only by his own intellectual curiosity and inspiring passion to serve others," Ricardo adds.

Born in Eureka, Bill graduated from Eureka High School and attended Humboldt State University, Sonoma State University, and Nova Southeastern University, earning B.A. and M.A. degrees in education administration, an M.A. in counseling, and an A.B.D. in organizational leadership. In both Sonoma and Humboldt counties, Bill taught at the elementary, junior and senior high levels, and served as a junior high vice principal and an elementary school principal. He was the Executive Director of Catholic Community Services for ten years, Director of Clinical Services at Family Service Agency, and Executive Director for Community Counseling Services before joining SRJC.

"I am truly blessed with a great family. My best friend and wife of 27 years, Rosalinda, taught me how to enjoy life in the moment, to enjoy incredible Italian cooking, and to love my family each day." Bill says that it is his three children, Ross, Heidi, and Jeff, and Rosa's two, Dominic and Angela, who have "taught me that family is precious and important to keep together." He notes, however, "My recent challenge is having several of my children convert to vegetarianism. It's getting harder to enjoy roast chicken, veal scaloppini, and hamburgers!"

Outside of work Bill enjoys studying local history, "especially my family's roots in Sonoma and Humboldt counties. I enjoy the intellectual and scholarly challenge



of researching my family genealogy and the society and culture in which they lived." His community involvement activities include volunteering with the Santa Rosa Police Department as member Volunteers in Police Service. Although he retired from the Army Reserves after 22 years, he intends to become an active member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum to pursue his interest in flying as a private pilot, which began in 1973. Bill says he would like to play the saxophone, but Ed Buckley describes that another of Bill's cardinal virtues is his prowess as a percussionist. "Not many people fathom the technical difficulties and musical sensitivity required to play a bass drum, and Bill's technique, while a bit rusty, is superb. Legato or staccato, pianissimo or fortissimo, quarter notes or hemi demisemiquavers, ratemecues or flams, rolls or paradiddles, no challenge was too great. He is especially good on long rests."

On being awarded SRJC's Employee of the Month award, Bill said, "I was deeply touched. To be included in the EOM group is an honor when I consider all those who have been named before." Bill plans to retire this summer, but admits "It will be a bittersweet experience as I look forward to having new and interesting things to do, yet leaving the College and good friends will be a bummer." Congratulations, Bill, for this honor and for a job well done at SRJC!

Last Insider Until the Week of August 16

This week's *Insider* will be the last issue distributed until the week of August 16. Both June and July Employees of the Month will be spotlighted in August *Insiders*. Material to be included in future *Insider* editions can be forwarded to the Public Relations Office via email (wshelley@santarosa.edu) or through campus mail.

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