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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, November 12, 2004

Nominations Due By Dec 3 For NISOD Award

SRJC's Faculty Recognition Committee is seeking nominations for the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award. Nomination forms will be sent to the campus community via e-mail. If you would like a printed copy of the nomination form, contact Paula Burks, ext. 4544. All nominations must be submitted Paula in the Library by Friday, December 3.

Criteria for nomination are: excellence in teaching; sensitivity to student needs; outstanding program and/or curriculum development; service to the campus and wider community; and development of teaching materials or techniques in teaching.

One nominee selected from among all regular and adjunct faculty will attend the NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence at the University of Texas, Austin, May 29-June 1, 2005. The District is providing financial support for our nominee to attend the conference.

Past SRJC recipients of the NISOD award include: Byron Craighead, Susan Jaderstrom, Nan Van Gelder, Dianne Smith, Don Fischer, Peggy Floren, Barbara McClure, Bob Rubin, Karin Guzman, Jim Burke, Brenda Flywithhawks, Peggy Goebel, Cheryl Dunn, Gino Muzzatti, Todd Straus, and Linda Kehoe.

Smoke-Free Policy Proposed

The College Council, SRJC's governance body charged with facilitating collegewide discussion of proposed policies and procedures before they are sent to the Board of Trustees, has been discussing a policy and procedure that would ban the use of tobacco products on district-owned or district-controlled properties (see the policy draft below).

Preliminary feedback from constituent groups indicates support for the policy as written, although a number of people believe that it would be better to set up designated smoking areas rather than impose an outright ban of tobacco. Those who argue for designated smoking areas express concern about individual rights, the plight of people with tobacco addiction, and the difficulty of enforcing a smoke-free policy. Those who argue for the "smoke-free campus" cite the cost of designating smoking areas, the health hazards (particularly from secondhand smoke), as well as the idea that the College as an educational institution should take a leadership role in response to an obvious health hazard.

The College Council is seeking more feedback from members of the college community before their first meeting in January, when they hope to take a formal vote on the issue. Your constituent representatives below will communicate with you about this issue before the end of the fall semester, or you can contact them directly and express your opinions.

2004-05 Committee Membership: Management: Ed Buckley, Curt Groninga, Ricardo Navarrette, Ron Root, Faculty: Janet McCulloch, Kimberlee Messina, Carol Hatrick, Dianne Smith; Classified: John Mercer, Alan Wintermeyer, Students: Nick Caston, Jane Bellovich

Smoke-Free Campus Environment Policy - Draft

It is the policy of the Sonoma County Junior College District Board of Trustees to promote a safe and healthful atmosphere for students, faculty, staff, and visitors on its campuses, centers, and other off-campus sites by reducing the health risks associated with tobacco smoke and related products and minimizing discomfort and inconvenience to all concerned. To meet that obligation, the District has a smoke-free campus environment policy. As of (date), smoking and all other uses of tobacco are prohibited on all property and in all indoor and outdoor spaces owned, leased, licensed, or otherwise controlled by the District.

Annual Giving Tree Kickoff November 23

The holidays are just around the corner and so is the Sonoma County Volunteer Center's annual Giving Tree project. SRJC will again participate in this countywide project that brings gifts during the holiday season to families with a demonstrated need.

At SRJC, the Giving Tree will have approximately 300 hearts for children of SRJC students enrolled in the EOPS, Disability Resources, Children's Center, and CalWORKs programs.

This year Kickoff Celebrations will be held at both the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Campuses on Tuesday, November 23.

Santa Rosa Campus
Noon • Bailey Hall Lobby

Petaluma Campus
10:30 AM
Jacobs Hall
Room 109

On November 23, the holiday tree will be adorned with red hearts

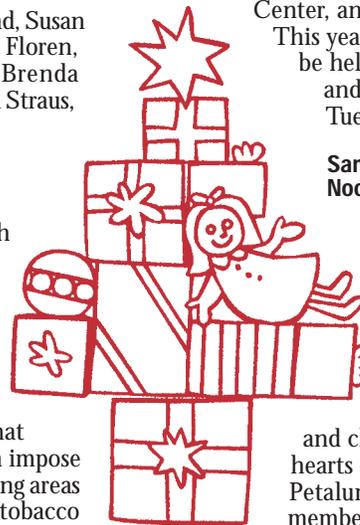
and children's gift wishes, and hearts can be picked up on the Petaluma Campus as well. All members of the college community are invited to have refreshments and select hearts to fill. Wrapped gifts will then be due by December 7, and will be distributed to recipients in mid December. We have been fortunate to have fulfilled every wish in the past. Through your participation, we look forward to doing so again this season.

For more information, contact Maria Gaitan in the President's Office at 524-1826 and Michelle Poggi at the Petaluma Campus at 778-3928

Annual SRJC Holiday Reception Dec 2

Members of the college community are invited to attend SRJC's Annual Holiday Reception!

Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004 • 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Doyle Student Center • Santa Rosa



Support SRJC's Foundation Ag Trust

SRJC's Foundation Ag Trust was selected as one of the charitable organizations to benefit from radio station Q105's promotional activity. Q105 chose eight Sonoma County contestants, moved them into an Ethan Allen showroom window for 14 days, and will chronicle their lives 24 hours a day for this unique promotion that runs from November 4-17. Only one lucky winner will take home the Grand Prize of \$10,000 worth of Yeager's Ethan Allen Furniture, and the last contestant standing - or the one who has raised the most money for charity - wins! Sarah Anderson is raising funds on behalf of the SRJC Foundation Ad Trust, so support the SRJC Foundation Ag Trust and Sarah in their effort to win the Q105 promotion by listening to Q105 (104.9 FM) and stopping by the Ethan Allen showroom on Cleveland Avenue in Santa Rosa.

Fire Equipment Training Scheduled Dec 3

A hands-on training session for all SRJC employees is scheduled on the Santa Rosa Campus for employees to learn how to put out a small controlled fire using a portable fire extinguisher. Participants will also learn how to prevent fires at work and home, what kind of fire extinguishers is appropriate for work and home, and how to inspect fire extinguisher. Call EH&S, ext. 4803, for information.

Friday, December 3 • 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM • Facilities Operation Maintenance Yard

Shine A Light On Lung Cancer

November is Lung Cancer Month. Join the community on Friday, November 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Old Courthouse Square to "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer." Bring your flashlight or light stick, and learn more about the number one cancer killer. Contact Joyce Neifer for more information, ext. 4487 or access www.lcam.org for additional information and activities.

SHAPE Brown Bag Nov 16

As part of SHAPE's brown bag series, "Acupressure: Self-Massage for Self Healing" is scheduled on November 16. Come to learn about acupressure points for pain and acupressure tune-up exercises designed to strengthen your body and mind as well as maintain good health. Learn points for back pain, arthritis, headaches, fibromyalgia, and other common conditions. Call ext. 4803 for information.

Presented by Wendy Smith • Kaiser Permanente • Tuesday, November 16
Noon to 1:00 PM • Pedroncelli Center • Santa Rosa Campus

GALEAF Potluck Scheduled Nov 21

The Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends - GAYLEAF - will hold it's annual fall potluck gathering on Sunday, November 21. Call Rhonda at ext. 4586 for details about time and place!



In Sympathy

SRJC Adjunct Political Science Instructor Michael Ballou passed away last weekend at his home. A member of the Social Science Department since 1990, Michael was born in Ogden, Utah, and earned a master's degree in international relations from Brigham Young University and a B.A. in political science from Weber State College (Cum Laude). On behalf of the SRJC college community, we extend our condolences to Michael's family and friends.

Author Shlain Presents Slide Lecture on Human Evolution

Leonard Shlain, author of *The Alphabet Versus the Goddess and Sex, Time, and Power*, will present a slide/lecture about how women's sexuality shaped human evolution:

Monday, Nov. 15 • 12:15 PM
Newman Auditorium
Santa Rosa Campus

Wednesday, November 17,
7:00 PM • Herold Mahoney
Library • Petaluma Campus

Dr. Shlain is the Chairman of laparoscopic surgery at the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco and is an Associate Professor of Surgery at UCSF. Call ext. 4372 for more information.



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