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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, January 14, 2005

Eric Thompson Recipient of NISOD Award

Congratulations to Eric Thompson, Religious Studies Instructor in SRJC's Humanities Department, recipient of the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award. Eric and other awardees from across the nation will be honored at the NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence being held May 29-June 1, 2005, in Austin, Texas.

Eric was selected by the SRJC Faculty Recognition Committee from among many excellent nominees based on NISOD's criteria of teaching excellence, outstanding curriculum development, creation and use of innovative teaching materials and techniques, sensitivity to student needs and leadership in the college community. Eric's work on an Interdisciplinary Religious Studies Major, lectures in college forums, such as PDA workshops and the Environmental Forum, and his commitment to students, especially those who are dealing with spiritual and religious questions, were some of the many reasons for his selection.

SRJC's Faculty Recognition Committee appreciates nominations for the NISOD award from the college community recognizing the outstanding contributions of faculty colleagues. The committee will soon seek nominations for the Academic Senate Awards Program, an event that recognizes outstanding SRJC faculty and will be held on April 14. More information to come!

2005 Classified Staff Art Show Scheduled April 4-22

Classified employees are invited to exhibit their original artwork at Art Works, a classified staff art show scheduled April 4-22 on the Petaluma Campus in the Mahoney Library. Sponsored by the Classified Senate, the art exhibit spotlights the talent of SRJC employees while enhancing Classified Recognition Week, April 11-15.

Submitting Artwork – If you wish to submit artwork, you must forward an application to Michelle Poggi on the Petaluma Campus by January 31, indicating the title, size, and medium of your artwork. Employees entering art can submit up to three pieces. Applications have been sent via campus mail to all classified staff, and Art Works posters were recently distributed to the college community through departmental mail. For another copy of the application, access www.santarosa.edu/csenate and click on the "Upcoming Events" link.

Volunteers Needed - Volunteers are needed to put up artwork, make signs, receive and return submitted art, and staff the gallery during an April 13 reception. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the show, contact Michelle Poggi by January 31. The same application to submit works for exhibition can be used to volunteer to help with the event.

April 13 Reception – For employees on Wednesday, April 13, 5-7 PM, Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus.

Remember, mark your calendars now for this festive event! Call Michelle Poggi at 778-3928 or Bill Shelley 778-3973 for more information.

SRJC Shuttle Services

If you or someone you know plans to ride SRJC's shuttle during the Spring 05 Semester, you must contact the District Police for a permit that allows you to park on the Santa Rosa Campus on Fridays. No permit is required to park at the Santa Rosa Plaza. The same rules and schedule for the fall semester are still in place for the spring semester:

PARKING LOCATION - 2nd level of the S.R. Plaza garage west of Macy's.

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE - Operates Monday through Thursday, picks up riders every 15 minutes and drops them off in front of Baker Hall.

The first shuttle will leave the plaza at 7:30 AM to campus, and the last bus leaving campus is scheduled at 5:45 PM.

Petaluma Campus Schedules Spring CERT Training

Offered by the county, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will be offered Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 PM, February 24 – April 21 at the Petaluma Campus in Room 131. (There will be no March 31 during Spring Break.)

Training sections include: Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries, Light Search and Rescue, Team Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and CERT, and Final Exercise.

Participants in the CERT training must attend all the meetings to be certified. There's no release time for this training.

Contact Shirley Proulx, BOT Petaluma, at 778-3904 to sign up for the training and for more information.

Book Signing February 22 - Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month in February, SRJC's Bookstore will host a book signing and discussion on Tuesday, February 22 at 2:00 PM focusing on the book *Undefeated, Untied, and Uninvited* by author Kristine Setting Clark. Clark and Pro Football Hall Of Fame member Bob St. Clair and National Football League Official Burl Toler will lead the discussion.

Undefeated, Untied, and Uninvited is a documentary about the 1951 University of San Francisco Dons Football Team that went undefeated and untied. However, despite being one of the finest college football teams of all time, the squad was not invited to play in a post-season bowl game because two players were African American. The team was offered the chance to compete without the African American players, but it unanimously refused on principle.

The starting team players later became known as the Magnificent 11. The team exhibited a roster of players and personnel that read like a who's-who of gridiron heroes. The '51 team produced nine future NFL players; five made it to the Pro Bowl and three of those five were inducted into the Hall of Fame, the most ever from a single college team. Team members included Bob St. Clair, Burl Toler, Gino Marchetti (Hall of Fame), Ollie Matson (Hall of Fame), Pete Rozelle (NFL Commissioner), Ed Brown (Chicago Bears), Joe Scudero (Washington Redskins), Mike Mergen (Chicago Cardinals), Merrill Peacock (Chicago Cardinals), Lou Stephens (Washington Redskins), and Ralph Thomas (Washington Redskins).

SRJC Presents ITALIAN FILM SERIES - *Petaluma Campus*

Venite al cinema italiano! Join us once again to view and enjoy Italian cinema on Friday evenings at 7:30 PM, the Petaluma Campus. The free series will be held in the Mahoney Library.

This year's selections contain a variety of genres and cinematic styles, all offering a glimpse into Italian life and culture. The series is co-sponsored by the SRJC Department of Modern and Classical Languages and the Istituto Italiano di Cultura, San Francisco.

SRJC instructors Cathy Balestrieri Burton and Caterina Labriola will present the films and provide an informative overview of each film. For more details about the following films, call 778-3974.

Friday, February 25
LA FINESTRA DI FRONTE/FACING WINDOWS (2002)
directed by Ferzan Ozpetek, with Giovanna Mezzogiorno, Raul Bova, Massimo Girotti, Filippo Nigro.

Friday, March 4
CATERINA VA IN CITTA' /CATERINA IN THE BIG CITY (2003)
directed by Paolo Virzi, with Sergio Castellito, Margherita Buy, Alice Teghil.

Friday, March 11
IL CUORE ALTROVE/THE HEART IS ELSEWHERE (2003)
directed by Pupi Avati, with Neri Marcore', Giancarlo Giannini, Sandra Milo, Vanessa Incontrada.

Smoking Cessation Service Coming to SRJC

Student Health Services announces three educational sessions between January and April are scheduled to help people quit smoking. Funded by a grant project with the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, the Center for Well Being of Northern California will provide a Smoking Cessation Support Programon the Santa Rosa Campus, combining the three sessions with individualized counseling services through the California Smokers' Helpline Services (1-800-NO-BUTTS).

SRJC students and staff are particularly encouraged to participate, but anyone who wants to quit smoking may participate. Individuals who complete the program and then participate in an evaluation of the program's design, will receive a gift certificate.

Session One - Thursday, January 20 or Monday, January 24

Session Two - Thursday, February 10

Session Three - Thursday, February 24

Time/Location • 12:30 -1:30 PM • Race Health Sciences Building • Room 4077, 3rd Floor

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A donation of at least $5 is requested for these services, and preregistration is recommended by calling 575-6043, although walk-ins to the first group session will not be turned away.

2005 PDA Scheduled

The Spring 2005 Professional Development Activity Days are scheduled on Wednesday, February 16 and Thursday, February 17. All regular faculty have an obligation of participating six (6) hours on each of these days for a total of twelve (12) hours. Adjunct faculty teaching semester length courses have an obligation to attend for the total number of hours they would have taught on each of those days.

All personnel are encouraged to attend the Brook Tauzer Faculty Lecture and workshops on Wednesday and the Focus Day on Thursday. The PDA schedule gives departments time to plan activities on Wednesday afternoon, February 16.

The Approval Form can be accessed at http://www.santarosa.edu/src/form.html. All departments or groups that plan activities during PDA Days MUST submit a Department Activity Approval Form to their area deans by January 14.

Day 1 - Wednesday, February 16

Santa Rosa Campus

- Brook Tauzer Faculty Lecture - *teleconferenced to Petaluma Campus*
- Workshops of Interest
- Department Activities
- Evening Program

DAY 2 - Thursday, February 17

Santa Rosa Campus

- Focus Day: Learning Outcomes Assessment - Making It Happen

The tentative PDA program can be accessed via the Staff Development Web page at www.santarosa.edu/src/PDA-current/pda-index.html
An announcement card will be mailed to all staff the month.

Please contact Staff Development at 527-4852 or your area dean if you have questions.

Jim Elrod January 2005 Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Jim Elrod, Counselor and Instructor in the Counseling Department, as Santa Rosa Junior College's Employee of the Month for January 2005. Jim Elrod's supervisor Diane Larson, Chair, Counseling, Petaluma Campus, introduced Jim at the January 11 Board of Trustees meeting, where he received an EOM recognition plaque, seasonal tickets to SRT, gift vouchers to the Culinary Café, and other gifts from colleagues.

"Jim is one of the most easy going, hard working counselors at SRJC. His first thought is always with the students and what we can do better or different to assist them," states Deanna Hatter, Student Services Coordinator and Counselor at the Petaluma Campus. "Jim is often the first to volunteer to increase drop-in availability, conduct orientations, teach Counseling 370 classes, or visit classrooms to connect with students. He is reliable, open, accepting, knowledgeable, and well respected by students. His long history with the College has been marked by positive community involvement and commitment to excellence at every level. He is well thought of by students, faculty, classified staff, and administrators, and, as he often shares, he loves his job at SRJC."

Diane Larson, Department Chair of Counseling, also emphasizes that a key strength of Jim's is his strong commitment to student success. "He is always willing to help students, the department, and the College. He has such a positive attitude and looks for ways to make things work effectively. He demonstrates his commitment to his fellow faculty members through his work with the All Faculty Association, while his role as Advisor to the Honor Society reveals his dedication to students. This commitment often required many hours after his workday and on weekends on community projects and fund-raisers. Seeing him begin the portable grill at PDA has been a common sight. He has literally grilled thousands of pounds of chicken to assist students in the Honor Society fund-raiser."

Jim's colleagues regard Jim's long-time counseling skills as invaluable to the College and students. David Yoast of Trade Technology notes that Jim has a special way of "getting students started in the right direction. He's a highly knowledgeable counselor who focuses on helping students successfully reach their educational goals. He is strongly dedicated to his job. His easy-going personality allows him to work well with all students and staff. He's a good listener and easy to talk to."

Born in Denton, Texas, Jim moved with his family to Sonoma County in 1937. He grew up in Sebastopol, graduated from Analy High School, and earned an associate degree at SRJC and bachelor's and master's degrees - all with honors - from Sonoma State University. Before joining SRJC's staff Jim was a deep-sea diver in the U.S. Navy, and also spent 20 years in banking, sales, and public relations. He assumed his current position as a counselor and instructor in 1980 with the key responsibilities of counseling, teaching, and student outreach.

Jim attributes his success at SRJC to a simple philosophy: "I attempt to treat each student the same as I would want someone to treat one of my children. Plus, I love what I do." He identifies his greatest accomplishment as "being nominated Employee of the Month because of the work that I do." He sees his greatest challenge as being "sometimes overzealous, so I have to pace myself." What he likes most about his job are the "students and the outstanding faculty and support staff I work with." It might surprise people to know that Jim also does "outreach to detention facilities where I have to have a visitor's pass to get in and more importantly to get out."

Jim's volunteer work at SRJC includes seven years as Academic Advisor for Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society and serving as an All Faculty Association Executive Council Member. In the community Jim serves in Gideons, Mt Gilead Bible Conference, as an associate and volunteer. He enjoys reading, gardening, music, and travel, and has been married to wife Christine for 38 years. Christine and Jim greatly enjoy their four children and six grandchildren.

Jim's response to being selected Employee of the Month, "I was humbled and extremely flattered. I love coming to work every day and plan to continue as long as I am able. Thank you, SRJC!" Again, congratulations, Jim, for your service and job well done!

Congratulations!

Bev Henningsen, Work Experience, welcomed her first grandchild into the world on December 11, 2004. Triniti Rose weighed 8lbs., 3 oz. at birth and is the daughter of Bev's daughter, Jennifer, and son-in-law Joe Dominguez who live in San Francisco. Congratulations to Bev and family!

SRJC Board Trustee **Rick Call** recently became a grandfather to Lucy Ryan Trione who was born to Rick's daughter Aimee and her husband Hank on December 30. Baby Lucy weighed 5 lbs., 8 oz., and was 16 inches long at birth. We celebrate Lucy's arrival!

In Sympathy

The SRJC college community extends sympathy to Teresa Cortez, Petaluma Campus Custodian, in acknowledgment of her husband's passing on December 25. Contributions can be made to the Office of Administration, Room 104, Petaluma Campus in her husband's memory.

SRJC's Arts & Lecture Series

Exciting and enriching activities are scheduled through SRJC's Arts & Lecture Series this spring. For full details about these presentations, refer to *Community Education's Spring 2005 Arts & Lectures* printed supplement or Community Ed's Web site. These events are also listed on the online Calendar of Events. Call ext. 4372 with questions.

Protection of Sacred Sites

Joseph Chasing Horse, Lakota Sioux Nations

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 12:15 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Civil Rights in America: 1964-2004

Charles Prickett, former civil rights worker

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 12:15 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 12:15 PM
Room 180, Petaluma Campus

Bonjour Monsieur Courbet

A slide/lecture presentation - San Francisco Fine Arts Museum Docent Rita Dunlay

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2005, 7 PM
Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005, 12:15 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Jumping Buddha

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 7 PM
Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

12th Annual Evolution of the Blues

Featuring Janiva Magness, Café R&B, and Nuthin' But the Brothas

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7:30 PM
Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
$12/advance; $15/day of the show

Positive Images: Sonoma County's Queer Youth Speak Out

Panel Discussion

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 12:15 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, NOON
Room 201, Petaluma Campus

Undefeated, Untied, and Uninvited

Kristine Setting Clark

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2 PM
SRJC Bookstore, Santa Rosa Campus
Call ext. 4321

Mexican Music: More than Mariachi

Lindajoy Fenley

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 12:15 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 7 PM
Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

The Truth About Our Sweden

SRJC Swedish students from Borås

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 12:15 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Opera Preview: The Marriage of Figaro

Cinnabar Opera Theater, narrated by Nina Shuman

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 7 PM
Herold Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

A Celebration of National Poetry Month

Favorite Poem Community Reading Hosted by Sonoma County s Poet Laureate, Terry Ehret

MONDAY APRIL 11 12:15-1:30 PM
Rm 1, Plover Library, Santa Rosa Campus

American Scream: Allen Gins berg's Howl and the Making of the Beat Generation

Jonah Raskin, Lecturer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 7 PM
Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

2005 Del Monte Lecture Klan-Destine Relationships

Daryl Davis, Lecturer on Race Relations

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 12:15 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

The Art of Conflict: Imagination, Leadership and the Transformation of Culture

Aftab Omer, Ph.D., Institute of Imaginal Studies

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 12:15 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 7 PM
Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

Exhibits Scheduled on Petaluma Campus

The following exhibits will be on display in the Mahoney Library on the Petaluma Campus. Admission is free. The library is open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 AM to 8 PM; Fridays from 9 AM to 1 PM; and Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM

(The library will be closed February 16, 17, 18, 21, and March 26 and 27. From March 28 through 31 (spring break), the library will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM.)

Andrew Haynes: Crystal Photomicrographs, An Exploration of Small Worlds

JANUARY 24- FEBRUARY 25

Disembodied Robes: Paintings and Drawings by Suzanne Lacke

MARCH 1-31

Art Works

A celebration of creativity in honor of Classified Recognition Week.

APRIL 4 – 22

Planetarium Presents Ice Ages

"Ice Ages," an exploration of the history of the Earth's ice ages and what conditions may trigger glacial and interglacial periods, opens Friday, January 21, at SRJC's Planetarium. The hour-long show will be presented Fridays and Saturdays at 7 PM and 8:30 PM and Sundays at 1:30 PM and 2 PM through February 20. SRJC's Planetarium is located in room 2001, Lark Hall on the Santa Rosa Campus.

For more information, call ext. 4465. Tickets are sold 30 minutes before each show for $5/general and $3/students and seniors, and include a free parking permit. Children under the age of five are not allowed in the planetarium.

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