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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, April 15, 2005

**Wednesday, April 27 10:30 am to 1:30 pm**

**Career Fair 2005**

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## **SRJC Career Fair Set For April 27**

The Career Fair is scheduled on the Santa Rosa Campus on Wednesday, April 27 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM between Analy Hall and the Burbank Center. SRJC students, high school students, and members of the community are invited to this free event.

Over 70 employers are expected to be on site to recruit candidates and provide career and company information about employment opportunities in many fields ranging from health care, finance and nonprofit to technology and government. Many representatives from SRJC's occupational certificate programs, which number over 150, will also be available to discuss SRJC's training programs for job training and career preparation.

Participants are encouraged to carpool, take public transportation, or utilize SRJC's free parking and shuttle service to and from the downtown Macy's parking lot, since parking is limited on campus (\$3/ at automated machines). For more information, call 527-4690.

## **Puente Project Holds First High School Conference April 22**

SRJC's College Puente Project invites high school students, counselors, and teachers to attend the first annual conference on the Santa Rosa Campus organized to guide participants to attaining a higher education through SRJC. The conference will include informational workshops that focus on various topics, including attending universities, career/majors, services, financial aid, registration, and student activism. Lunch will be provided!

**Friday, April 22, 2005**

**Baker Hall - Room 1801**

**9 AM to 2 PM**

To attend, contact Puente at 524-1701, Fax 521-7901, or e-mail to [avasquez@santarosa.edu](mailto:avasquez@santarosa.edu) or [bcamargo@santarosa.edu](mailto:bcamargo@santarosa.edu)

## CIS Holds CCCConfer Strategic Advisory Mtg April 28-29

The CIS Department is hosting this year's annual meeting of the CCCConfer Strategic Advisory Committee. CCCConfer is the Web-based, teleconferencing system provided to the 109 California Community Colleges by the Chancellor's Office. Advisory committee members as well as CCCConfer staff and administrators will convene on the Santa Rosa Campus April 28-29 for these meetings.

All interested faculty and staff are invited to meet with the visiting committee members at a reception planned on Thursday, April 28 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM in the Maggini Hall Conference Room 2825.

## EOPS Student Honors Reception Set April 19

Hosted by the EOPS/CARE Program Staff and Advisory Committee, the accomplishments of our EOPS students will be spotlighted at the EOPS Student Honors Reception scheduled on Tuesday, April 19 from noon to 1:30 PM in the Student Lounge in the Doyle Student Center. At the event the achievements of EOPS Honor Roll students from 2004 will be acknowledged, with 23 students receiving scholarships and awards.

### Scholarship Recipients

**Continuing:** Lisa Albertson-Human Services, Martha Armas-Child Development, Jacqueline Buitrago-Human Services, Damaris Caro-Child Development, Rajnish Chaudhary-Digital Media Arts, Esther De La Torre-Radiologic Technology, Lorenzo Lopez-Nursing, Cynthia Molina-Administrative Assistant, Antonia Navarra-Film/Cinema, Rick Robertson-Psychology, Bernardo Ruiz-Sociology, Kathryn Spillane-Business Administration, Heidi Stevens-Business Administration, Wartiningsih Susilo-Liberal Studies, Krista Williams-Athletic Training, Emmanuel Wolfe-Business Administration.

**Fall 2005 Transfer-** Meagan Cardillo-English, Kimberly Ott-Ethnic Studies/Sociology, Sheila Sanchez-English, Pamela Wallace-Criminal Justice, Gerald Meyer-Psychology

**2004 EOPS Outstanding Students** - Marlyn Garcia – Psychology; Geovani Mejia-Salazar – Economics

If you plan to attend, **RSVP by April 15 to ext. 4383** or e-mail Pam Gonsalves.

## April 20 Government Panel Discussion at USF

A government panel discussion is scheduled for interested faculty, staff, and students on April 20 at the University of San Francisco, North Bay Regional Campus at 416 B Street in Santa Rosa on Wednesday, April 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Panelists will focus discussion on “The State of the Public Sector in California: Issues, Challenges and Career Implications.”

Featured panelists include Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary for California Labor & Workforce Development Agency; Bob Deis, County Administrator, County of Sonoma Lee Pierce, Santa Rosa City Council Member; and Bill Zaner, USF Instructor. Secretary Bradshaw will lead this discussion regarding current developments in California's public sector and their impact as they relate to the North Bay.

Light refreshments will be served, but seating is limited so make reservations by calling 527-9612.

## April 16 Memorial For Sanford Lowe

A memorial celebration of the life of Sanford Lowe, SRJC Religious Studies Instructor in the Humanities Department and a widely recognized scholar and authority on religious history, will take place on **Saturday, April 16 at 1 PM in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus**. Early arrival is suggested, as seating is limited.

Sandy passed away on March 21 in Santa Rosa at the age of 69. The celebration of his life will bring together his colleagues, local clergy, friends, family members, and students. Please feel free to share any photos, stories, or special Sandy memories on Saturday!

A reception will follow the memorial celebration with an open mike at the Student Lounge.

## Retiree Dinner April 22

The 2004-05 Retiree Dinner is scheduled for April 22 to honor SRJC's many retirees. The event will be held at the Doyle Center, Santa Rosa Campus. The evening's schedule: Social 5:00 PM; Dinner Seating 5:45 PM; Program 7:00 PM. Celebrate this happy occasion by letting our retirees know how much they are appreciated!

Noel Adams

Gary Anderson

Ed Buckley

Jan Butcher

Martha Carpenter

Chris Christopher

Loretta Denner

Rick Eleen

Anna Harriette Foshee

Sarah Gill

Howard Harris

Max Hein

Roger Karraker

Bruce MacPherson

Joan McMurray

Jane Millar

Jon Nelson

Richard Odland

Rita Okerstrom

Pauline Pearlman

René Péron

Gus P'Manolis

Dexter Rammage

John Ray - *In Memoriam*

Sandi Reed

Reneé Robinson Peirce

Ron Root

Ann Samson

Tony Taylor

Bill Turner

## Housing Needed For SRT Summer Students

Please welcome a SRT's summer student by providing housing! SRT needs housing for approximately 75 students who will participate in SRT's summer program between May 20 and August 8. Please help support this excellent learning opportunity by making a room available to a student. If you or any of your friends, neighbors, and family have space, please contact Elizabeth Bazzano at [happyphantome7@yahoo.com](mailto:happyphantome7@yahoo.com) or at 566-0225. SRT greatly appreciates your help!



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## Employee of the Month Solomon Ghebretensae April 2005

Congratulations to Solomon Ghebretensae, Storekeeper in SRJC's Purchasing Department. Solomon was introduced at the April Board Meeting by his supervisor Tim Bosma, Purchasing Director, and received an EOM plaque, gift vouchers for the Culinary Café, season tickets to SRT, and other gifts from co-workers and friends. "I feel fortunate to work with Solomon, as he sets very high standards in his work ethic and positive relationships with co-workers. I can count on him to do his duties in a highly professional manner," says Tim.

"Solomon is my favorite employee at SRJC, bar none! He always lends a hand when we need him, and never complains about what needs to be done, no matter how busy he is. More than most people I know, he consistently greets me with a grand smile and sincere kindness. He is a definite keeper, and we should all do everything you can to hold on to him," emphasizes Academic Computing Coordinator Rich Abrahams. Buyer in Purchasing D'Ann Moore agrees. "I've never had a more gracious, considerate, hard working co-worker than Solomon."

As a Storekeeper since 1998, Solomon's key responsibilities include coordinating daily warehouse operations, including centralized shipping and receiving, inter-campus and off-campus deliveries, organizing, storing, and distributing stores material, as well the storage and disposal of surplus items and products. "Since Solomon started working in the warehouse it has improved 200 percent," Tim emphasizes. Storekeeper in Purchasing George Sutherland works side by side with Solomon every day, and believes that his excellent performance is based on key traits:

He is always available to help out anyone who walks in the door, regardless workload. He is a great ambassador for the College; his behavior is the epitome of a gentleman. He is well liked by everyone, and has nothing but good things to say about others. Born in Eritrea, East Africa, Solomon graduated from Barka Secondary School in 1985 in the capital city of Asmara. He came to Sonoma County through an immigration resettlement program as a result of war in his nation. Before joining SRJC's staff in 1997 as a morning shift Custodian, Solomon worked at Pomegranate Publications in Shipping & Receiving from 1991-1997, and as a part-time Custodian at Twin Hills School from 1994-1997.

"Solomon is in many ways the epitome of the American Dream," says Tim. "As an immigrant he took courses at SRJC toward earning an associate degree, started working at the college as a Custodian, and was promoted to Warehouse Storekeeper based on top performance. I've followed his progress as he worked two jobs to help family members in Eritrea and Ethiopia, assist his brother who also immigrated here, got married, and recently bought his first house. Despite many personal and professional demands, Solomon never misses a beat."

Solomon's co-workers identify Solomon's outstanding customer service as key to his success. "I have worked with Solomon as a frequent warehouse customer for all the years he has been here," says Carol Wolfe, Copy Center Coordinator. "He has been unfailingly polite, hardworking, and quick to respond to my needs. When an unavoidable issue arises that needs resolution, he is accommodating and cooperative. I consider Solomon my friend. If only more of my co-workers were like him." Barbara Kammeyer-Boutwell, Information Desk Reception and Mail Clerk, adds that "Solomon always does his best to accommodate our needs at the Information Desk/Mailroom. I appreciate his willingness to step up when we have an emergency. He is an asset to our college and

a positive member of the Business Services team. He deserves recognition for his many effective efforts. Administrative Assistant III in Academic Computing Ann Gibbs agrees. "Solomon always serves his customers with warmth and patience. He's great to work with, so very positive and always displaying a can-do attitude. Simply put, Solomon is wonderful!"

To Solomon his success stems from his "positive personal interaction with others and treating all co-workers and employees as valued customers." He identifies his greatest accomplishment as "starting as a Custodian and then transferring to the Warehouse as a Storekeeper in the Purchasing Department. I feel now I can serve the whole college community more effectively in this capacity." His greatest challenge has been "streamlining the Warehouse function and making the effort to continually achieve higher efficiency." What he likes most about his job, "I love working independently, and providing good service to the staff and faculty, which ultimately serves the students. I enjoy helping, solving problems, and satisfying my customers' needs." When asked what might most surprise others about his work, he responded "the magnitude of my job. With the expansion of the College, the scope of my job is huge. The amount of copy paper, for example, that the college goes through, the number of pallets, the weight of the paper is phenomenal. Also, I am one of the custodians of over 10,000 archive confidential files."

In addition to his demanding workload, Solomon's volunteer and community work includes serving as a member of the Multicultural Committee and as a key member of the Day Under the Oaks Committee assisting with crucial set up and take down for this major event. He is an active member of the Eritrean community in Santa Rosa, and "loves playing soccer since I was a kid." Solomon is the fifth son of eleven siblings. He is married to Yirgalem, and they will soon celebrate their third wedding anniversary.

Solomon's former supervisor Gary Bagley, Manager of Custodial Services, believes that Solomon is "The natural choice for Employee of the Month. Solomon is, without a doubt, the nicest man I know. He understands the District's goal of educating students, and works very hard to carry out his role to help achieve this by making sure the rest of us have the books, tools, and supplies we need. "Team player" is a term that fits Solomon. Everyone across the College talks about what a wonderful guy Solomon is, and I have never heard anything negative about him."

When Solomon was told he was the recipient of the EOM award he was "overwhelmed and happy that I have been contributing something good to this wonderful college. I am very grateful for this opportunity, and feel that this award belongs to all of us in the Purchasing Department, because I couldn't accomplish this honor without them." Congratulations, Solomon!



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