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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, May 20, 2005

Commencement This Saturday!

Join in the beautiful and inspiring 86th SRJC commencement this Saturday, May 21 at the outdoor stage just north of Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus. Celebrate the achievements of our students at a college-hosted reception will immediately follow in the Doyle Student Center with music and refreshments for graduates and their families.

Graduating students will arrive at 9:30 a.m., and the commencement ceremony will take place from 10:00 a.m. to noon. SRJC President Dr. Robert F. Agrella will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and offer welcome remarks, followed by graduating student commencement speakers Edina Bohanec ("Living the Journey") and Maureen Chapman ("One Degree of Separation").

SRJC's Concert Choir will perform "Hymn to Freedom" by Oscar Peterson, with Suzanne Elder Wallace as conductor and Dr. Leslie Dukes as accompanying pianist. Soloist Sarah Weber will sing the "Stars Spangled Banner."

President of SRJC's Board of Trustee Don Zumwalt will deliver commencement remarks, followed by the Presentation of the Class of 2005 by Academic Senate President Kimberlee Messina, who will also read the names of graduates with Vice President, Student Services Ricardo D. Navarrette. Board President Zumwalt and President Agrella will present diplomas to graduates.

Signers for graduation are Sherry Jo Hays and Jennifer Jacobs. The ceremony will be held in Haehl Pavilion in the event of rain.



Applications Available to Teach in London and Florence

Applications are now being accepted for faculty who are interested in teaching in the Fall 2006 London and Spring 2007 Florence study abroad programs. The deadline to apply for the programs is **Friday, September 2, 2005**. Applications are available by calling the office of the Dean of Instruction, Educational Programs and Services, (707) 527-4441.

Faculty from all disciplines are invited to apply, however, the proposed curriculum must have broad student appeal. The principal role of the semester abroad faculty is to teach, and a considerable amount of time must be spent prior to departure assisting with the program promotion and student orientation. Participating faculty also serve as advisors to students during the program. SRJC's study abroad program is offered in cooperation with other community colleges and with the American Institute for Foreign Study.

GALEAF Schedules Annual Potluck May 20

GALEAF, the Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends of SRJC, has scheduled their annual end-of-the-year potluck on Friday, May 20, at 4:00 PM. Partners and kids welcome. Call Rhonda at ext. 4586 for details.

4/10 Summer Schedule May 30-July 29

Beginning the week of May 30, the District will implement the 4/10-work week during summer. The summer schedule is Monday through Thursday from either 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM with a half hour lunch, or 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM with an hour lunch.

The College's public hours will not be changed, with offices open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The College will be closed Friday through Sunday. For more details about SRJC's Summer Work Week, contact Human Resources.

President's Address to the Community May 26

SRJC President Dr. Robert F. Agrella will present the 12th Annual President's Address to the Community on Thursday, May 26 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Walter Haehl Pavilion on the Santa Rosa Campus. The event is hosted by the SRJC Foundation Board of Directors and President Agrella.

During the catered luncheon, Dr. Agrella will offer a State of the College address and also award the President's Medallion, which is given in recognition of outstanding service and other contributions that have profoundly enhanced Santa Rosa Junior College. This year the President's Medallion will be presented to Peggy Call. Catherine Barnett, Executive Editor of the Press Democrat, will deliver Peggy's introduction.

Individual tickets are \$40. Sponsorship tables start at \$500 and may be reserved and provide preferential seating for eight, special acknowledgement at the luncheon, and a listing in the program.

All reservations can be made by calling the Foundation Office at 527-4348 or via e-mail to cmeydenbauer@santarosa.edu.

Health & Vision Plans Open Enrollment 2005

Health Plans

During the month of May 2005, all district employees and retirees who are currently enrolled in SRJC's health plans may switch from one health provider to another, including:

Classified employees with an FTE of 50% or greater

Management employees with an FTE of 50% or greater

Faculty with an FTE of 60% or greater

Adjunct Faculty who met eligibility requirements in March 2005

District Retirees currently enrolled in district plans

Informational packets and enrollment forms can be picked up in the Human Resources Department. If you choose to remain with your current health provider, no action on your part is needed. If you wish to switch your coverage, enrollment forms must be completed and returned to Human Resources by May 31. The coverage will become effective July 1, 2005. If you have any questions, contact Louise Burke in the Human Resources Department at ext. 4304.

Vision Service Plan

This month, district employees are also able to enroll in the district vision plan. Eligible employees include:

Classified employees with an FTE of 50% or greater

Management employees with an FTE of 50% or greater

Faculty with an FTE of 60% or greater

If you've waived your vision coverage in the past, you may enroll now! Eligible employees can enroll their dependents at this time if they have previously waived dependent vision coverage!

As agreed upon, the District pays for **employee-only** coverage for all management and faculty members. If you are a management or faculty member, premiums for dependent coverage will be deducted from your paycheck. If you choose to cover your dependents on the District vision plan, premiums may be paid on a pre-tax basis through the IRC 125 plan. The dependent premium deduction amounts are:

Management \$13.32 per month over 12 paychecks

Faculty \$15.99 per month over 10 paychecks

Vision coverage election forms and IRC 125 plan enrollment forms are available from Human Resources. Forms must be completed and returned to Human Resources by **May 31**. The coverage will become effective July 1, 2005. If you have any questions, contact Louise Burke in the Human Resources Department at ext. 4304.

No Summer *Insider*

The last issue of the *Insider* before summer break is next week, May 23-27. *Insider* issues will resume in mid-August, so be sure to forward any information you would like spotlighted in fall issues to Public Relations in the Bech Temps in care of Susan Matthews or via e-mail at sbagbymatthews@santarosa.edu. Deadline to regularly submit information to the *Insider* is noon on Tuesday.



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