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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, October 7, 2005

## Donate Oct 1-31! Hurricane Relief Fund-raising Campaign

All members of SRJC's college community are encouraged *to do their part* during October by contributing to the disaster relief fund-raising campaign to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.

All funds raised in SRJC's relief campaign will be added to funds raised in the statewide hurricane relief effort across California's 109 community colleges in response to California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor Drummond's request to raise \$1,090,000 to support Louisiana, Mississippi, and Gulf Coast community colleges that suffered significant losses caused by Hurricane Katrina.

At the end of our October campaign, the Foundation for California Community Colleges will ensure that all donations go directly to the impacted Gulf Coast community colleges. Your contributions will specifically support students and faculty in the Gulf Coast region by helping their colleges recover, rebuild facilities, replace lost equipment and instructional material, and become again operational. Here is how you can *do your part!*

**WHO:** SRJC Students, Faculty, Classified Staff, Board Members, Alumni, Administrators, & Management Team Members

**WHEN:** October 1 – October 31, 2005

**WHERE:** Santa Rosa Junior College

**WHAT:** Community College Hurricane Relief Fund

Make your check payable to the "Foundation for California Community Colleges" with a check notation "Community College Hurricane Relief Fund."

Drop your check off in the Accounting Office in Bailey Hall on the Santa Rosa Campus or to Cynthia King, Business Services, Room 113 in Jacobs Hall on the Petaluma Campus.

Checks can also be mailed in care of the Accounting Office, SRJC, 1501 Mendocino Avenue, SR 95401

Your contributions are very important. Thank you for *doing your part!* Call ext. 4266 with any questions.

## Randolph Newman Endowment Grant Applications Due Oct 28

Grant applications are being accepted to fund college cultural enrichment activities through the Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment (RNCEE). Grants for \$5,800 will be made available for projects planned for fall 2006, spring 2007 and summer 2007. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 28. Grant recipients will be announced by Thursday, December 1.

Funds for the SRJC Foundation Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment are part of the legacy gift Dr. Randolph Newman provided to SRJC. The endowment provides funding for a free or ticketed cultural enrichment activity that will benefit SRJC students and present an opportunity to the college that otherwise might not be available. These activities will be open to the public.

An application packet can be e-mailed or you can pick one up at the Foundation. Call 527-4348 to request an application. If you have questions about the application requirements, contact Linda Frank at [lfrank@santarosa.edu](mailto:lfrank@santarosa.edu). She can schedule 30-minute informational appointments to review ideas and required paperwork.

## Recruiting Diverse Faculty Web Conference Oct 25

From 10:00 AM to noon on October 25 in Plover 1 on the Santa Rosa Campus, a Web conference is scheduled called "Best Practices in Recruiting and Retaining Diverse Faculty." The Staff Diversity Committee and SRJC's District Compliance Office present the October conference. Discussion groups will follow the conference to strategize how to increase faculty and staff diversity at SRJC. Two hours of PDA credit will be given for the Web conference and two for participating in the discussion groups.

For information about this Web conference, access [www.academicimpressions.com/web\\_conferences/1005\\_diverse\\_faculty.php](http://www.academicimpressions.com/web_conferences/1005_diverse_faculty.php)

Be sure to invite other faculty and staff that would be interested in helping diversify SRJC's faculty and staff. We anticipate that the Web conference will be popular, so be sure to sign up ahead of time by sending your name to Charles Prickett, District Compliance Officer, or call 527-4303.

## Les Liaisons Dangereuses Sept 30-Oct 9

SRJC's Theatre Arts Department will present a scintillating tale of seduction and cruel social games played by the Marquise de Merteuil and her ex-lover Valmont in the production *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* by Christopher Hampton. While retaining the opulent 18th-century French setting, this adaptation brings a fresh, contemporary quality to the dialogue and characterizations inspired by Choderlos de Laclos' famous 1782 novel. The play is directed by Leslie McCauley; set design by Sherry Rahn; costume design by Maryanne Scozzari; sound design by Theo Bridant; lighting design by Jessica Aguilar; prop design by Ben Harper; and makeup and hair design by Caitlin Conley. Performances are scheduled:

September 30, October 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 at 8 PM and October 8 & 9 at 2 PM

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Tickets: General \$15, Senior \$12, Students 13+ \$10 with student I.D. Recommended for high school ages and up.

Performances are free to all faculty, staff, and ASB members. Pick up your ticket voucher at Pioneer Hall before visiting the box office for your ticket. Call the Box Office at 527-4343. Box Office Hours: W-F 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

## SRJC Events Spotlight "World Year of Physics"

This fall SRJC's "World Year of Physics" spotlights Einstein's 100<sup>th</sup> "Miracle Year" anniversary of Einstein's "miracle year" when the then 26-year-old scientist revolutionized humanity's ideas of space, time, matter, and light. To commemorate and celebrate this remarkable and historic anniversary, SRJC's Physics Department has scheduled three events to illuminate Einstein's amazing work and many other physics topics. A background in math or science is not required to enjoy and understand these fascinating presentations:

Monday October 10 - Noon,  
Newman Auditorium,  
Santa Rosa Campus

### Einstein's Universe and Beyond Black Holes and Dark Energy

Presented by Physics Professor Lynn Cominsky, Sonoma State University. Reception to follow the talk in Shuhaw Hall 1780.

Dr. Cominsky is professor and chair of the Physics and Astronomy Department at Sonoma State and the director of a NASA public education program. She is an expert in the field and travels internationally speaking about Einstein's universe to the general public and her peers.

Friday November 4 - 7 PM,  
Newman Auditorium,  
Santa Rosa Campus

### Einstein for Everyone - His Strange Ideas Explained in Everyday Language

Presented by Andrew Fraknoi, astronomer and popular lecturer and hosted by "The Physics Chanteuse" Lynda Williams, SRJC Physics Instructor.

Andrew Fraknoi is the Chair of the Astronomy Department at Foothill College near San Francisco and Founding Director of Project ASTRO at the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. Using humor, analogies, and no mathematics, he will discuss Einstein's theories of relativity and how they changed the way people look at the universe. SRJC Physics Instructor Lynda Williams hosts the evening, doubling as the science cabaret singer, "The Physics Chanteuse."

November 12 & 19  
9 AM - 3 PM,  
Santa Rosa Campus

### What the Bleep About Quantum Physics?

Presenter: Lynda Williams, SRJC Physics Instructor

A hands-on workshop explores the basic principles and theories behind quantum physics. No math or science background required.

To Register:

[www.santarosa.edu/  
communityed](http://www.santarosa.edu/communityed).

More course information:  
[www.santarosa.edu/~lwillia2/  
einstein/bleep.html](http://www.santarosa.edu/~lwillia2/einstein/bleep.html).

For more information, contact Lynda Williams 527-4680,  
[lwilliams@santarosa.edu](mailto:lwilliams@santarosa.edu) or Web site: <http://www.santarosa.edu/~lwillia2/einstein>.

## Fire Extinguisher Class Scheduled Oct 10

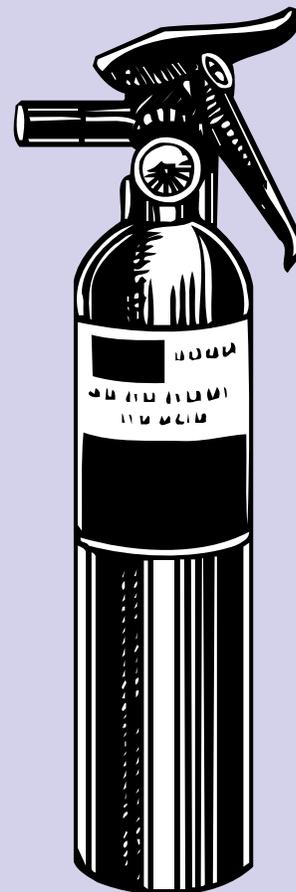
SRJC employees are invited to attend an hour-long fire extinguisher class sponsored by SRJC's Environmental Health & Safety scheduled on the Santa Rosa Campus on Monday, October 10 at noon. *Any employee who is expected to use a fire extinguisher in the event of a campus emergency is required to have this training.*

The class will be held at the south end of the Facilities Operations Compound, Building 34. Those completing the course will have a certificate of completion mailed to them.

Conducting the class will be Brad Pfingston of the Santa Rosa Fire Equipment Service, Inc., the company that services the college's fire extinguishers. The class will include a lecture, instructor demonstration, student hands-on practice at putting out a small, contained fire, and Q&A. Topics range from fire prevention and emergency and evacuation procedures to the safe and effective use of a portable fire extinguisher at work and at home.

**Faculty!** Earn Flex Credit - This workshop has been approved for flex credit. A Flex Verification Form needs to be submitted upon completion of the workshop/activity for credit to be applied to your hours of obligation.

Information and forms can be accessed via the Staff Resource Center Web site at: <http://www.santarosa.edu/src/wks-smn.html>. Call Mike Ceser at ext. 4803.



## Area Safety Leader (ASL) Training Scheduled Oct 12, 19, 26

There are three training options during October for Area Safety Leaders (ASL). Choose one of the following dates for the brown bag sessions:

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**When - October 12 & 19 Santa Rosa Campus; October 26 Petaluma Campus**

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**Time - Noon to 1:00 PM**

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**Instructor - Don Silverek, District Emergency Preparedness Coordinator**

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**Locations - Lark 2009 SR Campus sessions & Petaluma Village 183**

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**Registration - Contact Toni Chase, ext. 524-1654 or just show up!**

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The trainings provide each ASL with simple guidelines in the event of a crisis. Being prepared through ASL trainings helps reduce injury, loss of life, and post traumatic worry, while also minimizing personal and district liability.

ASLs will become familiar with their own reference guide, including floor plans, evacuation charts, staff directories, and resource phone numbers specific to their areas. The range of topics covered include ASL responsibilities, earthquake tips, assembly points, emergency response kit contents, emergency phone numbers, and ASL resource Web links.

**Faculty!** Earn Flex Credit - The ASL workshop has been approved for flex credit. A Flex Verification Form needs to be submitted upon completion of the workshop/activity for credit to be applied to your hours of obligation. Information and forms can be accessed via the Staff Resource Center Web site at <http://www.santarosa.edu/src/wks-smn.html>.

## Gospel "Music For The Soul III" Oct 29

Once again SRJC welcomes the fabulous Oakland Interfaith Gospel Ensemble for an evening of gospel, spirituals, and rhythm & blues under the direction of Emmy Award winner Terrance Kelly. The multiethnic ensemble includes Baptists, Buddhists, Jews, Rastafarians, and Roman Catholics, some of the best voices in the Bay Area. The ensemble will be joined by the Redwood Empire favorite "SoulJoy" with Willy Jordan.

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**Saturday, October 29 at 7 PM • Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus**

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**This event has sold out in advance two years in a row, so buy tickets at the Office of Community Education on the Santa Rosa Campus or by phone (MC/Visa) @ 527-4372. Tickets are \$12 advance and \$10 age 16 and under.**

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## Rudinow's CD Supports Hurricane Relief

Pick up a copy of "Rude Notes Galore" by SRJC's Dr. Joel Rudinow, Philosophy Department Chair at the SRJC Bookstore during October and contribute to New Orleans disaster relief! Whassup Pussycat Records is pledging \$5 for every copy sold during October to Habitat for Humanity for the reconstruction of housing in New Orleans. Joel moonlights as a keyboard player in many local and Bay Area American roots music bands. The CD is Joel's first full length CD as front man and leader, and features performances by talented Redwood Empire musicians.



Altar Created by SRJC ESL Students

# *Come Smell the Marigolds!*

Ofrendas Celebrando Los Dias de Los Muertos will take place at Santa Rosa Junior College's Art Gallery. There will be five altars created by students plus Day of the Dead artwork from Mexico.

On Tuesday, November 1st at 12 noon there will be a traditional procession from the World Cultures Garden (Barnett Hall) to the Art Gallery. There will be a special Cultural program of art, music, poetry and dance to honor the dead.

**EXHIBIT TO BE HELD AT SRJC ART GALLERY**

**OCTOBER 25 – NOV 3**

**Hours: 12 – 4 p.m. • Tuesday – Saturday • Closed on Sunday and Monday**

**Phone: (707) 527-4298 • Free entrance to Art Gallery**

**Parking on Campus: \$3.00 Every day including weekends**

**BRING PHOTOS OF LOVED ONES FOR THE ALTARS**

Day of the Dead Committee: Renata Breth, Art Dept; Ray Hill, AJ Dept; Margarita Montes, Raquel Rasor, Nina Rosen, ESL Dept. Sponsored by: Arts and Lectures, Multicultural Committees, Art and ESL Department



You're Invited to a Hauntingly Fun,  
**Halloween Bash**

Members of the SRJC community are preparing for the Halloween Bash scheduled this year on October 31 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM on the Santa Rosa Campus at Heritage Plaza.

**Costume Contest** - We hope you have decided what creative costume you plan to wear or what costume theme you have chosen with your colleagues to compete in the Costume Contest. This year's judges will line up to watch the SRJC Halloween parade and then present prizes to the winners. - Prizes will be awarded in both INDIVIDUAL and GROUP categories for: Funniest, Scariest, Absolutely Unique, Nerdiest, and Best Impersonator.

**Community Potluck! Food or Drinks** - Let's make this a fabulous bash with a delicious lunchtime potluck! Whoever plans to attend the Halloween Bash is asked to conjure up a favorite delicious dish or bring some drinks to share. Bring treats according to your last name:

A-G - Main Dish, H-M - Side Dish, N-R - Drinks, S-Z - Desserts

**Volunteers Needed!** - It's a small spooky crew that sets up and takes down the Halloween Bash, so if you have some time to help out, give MC Frank a call on ext., 4221. Not much time is involved, and your help goes a long way.

**Prizes Sought** - To honor winners of the Costume Contest, you may have a prize to contribute, whether a holiday cruise, a dinner for two at a fine restaurant, tickets to a play, a Halloween item, or something beyond our imaginations! Let Frank know on ext. 4221 if you can bring a prize.

**Spread the Spirit!** Watch for Halloween Bash posters soon, and be sure to stir the informational brew so even more SRJC goblins participate this year!

## Alumnus Wilson Craig Honored

SRJC alumnus Wilson Craig has been named the 2005 Philanthropist of the Year by the Network of California Community College Foundations (NCCCF), and was presented with the award on October 5 during the NCCCF annual symposium in San Francisco. The NCCCF Philanthropist of the Year award is presented to the California Community College volunteer or donor who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to California Community Colleges.

A 1956 SRJC alumnus, Wilson is a longtime contributor to the SRJC Foundation who has given nearly \$1 million in cumulative gifts. "No person better exemplifies the spirit of philanthropy, he leads the way in giving with his support of Santa Rosa Junior College," said George Payne, Chair of the SRJC Foundation Board of Directors. Most recently Wilson contributed a generous gift in support of the new Frank P. Doyle Library Endowment.

Wilson was a language instructor at Petaluma High School and SRJC (French and Spanish) from 1959 to 1986, and continues to teach immersion courses each semester at SRJC. Congratulations, Wilson, for this well deserved honor!



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