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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, October 21, 2005

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

We extend appreciation to the members of SRJC's college community who continue to *do their part* during October by donating to the disaster relief fund-raising campaign to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. All funds that our college community is raising together will be added to funds being raised by community colleges statewide. SRJC's relief effort is organized in response to CCC Chancellor Drummond's request that California's 109 community colleges raise \$1,090,000 to support Louisiana, Mississippi, and Gulf Coast community colleges that suffered significant losses caused by Hurricane Katrina.

When our relief campaign ends on October 31, all contributions will be forwarded to the Foundation for California Community Colleges, which will then ensure that contributions are donated directly to the impacted Gulf Coast community colleges to specifically support students and faculty there. In this way we are helping impacted community colleges rebuild ruined facilities, replace equipment and instructional material lost in the floods, and help the colleges become operational again.

If you haven't yet contributed to this important relief effort, here's 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). Open to the public, the endowment provides funding for a free or ticketed cultural enrichment activities that will benefit SRJC students, and presents an opportunity to the college that otherwise might not be available.

Grants for \$5,800 will be made available for projects planned for fall 2006, spring 2007 and summer 2007.

An application packet can be e-mailed to you or you can pick one up at the Foundation. Call 527-4348 to request an application. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 28. Grant recipients will be announced by December 1.

Contact Linda Frank at lfrank@santarosa.edu to schedule a 30-minute informational appointment to review ideas and required paperwork.

Shone Farm Harvest Sale

It's the month to buy fresh produce from the Shone Farm, and there's much harvest bounty to choose from! You may purchase a wide selection of pumpkins, winter squash, garlic braids, sweet and hot peppers, selected tomato varieties (u-pick), and potted strawberry plants ready to plant now for fresh berries next spring.

Saturday mornings, Shone Farm Garden, 10 AM to 1 PM

Wednesdays, noon to 3:00 PM by the Bookstore, SR Campus

Payment must be by check made out to Shone Farm. For information call 887-0740.



Ron Myers Employee of the Month October 2005

Congratulations to Ron Myers, Interim Director of Santa Rosa Junior College Athletic Department, for being selected as the October 2005 Employee of the Month. Lenny Wagner, Physical Education Instructor, introduced Ron at the October Board of Trustees meeting. Ron received an EOM plaque, season tickets to SRT performances, Culinary Café vouchers, and other gifts from colleagues. "Ron is a true leader by example. His honesty and fairness to all make him an inspiration to us," Lenny says. "He is Mr. Bear Cub!"

In the role of Interim Athletics Director, Ron's key responsibilities include overseeing all facets of Athletics, including the Physical Education, Dance, and Athletics budgets, and supervising coaches, classified staff, and game support staff. Ron also recruits and evaluates new departmental staff, delegates site administration, attends sports competitions and athletic conference meetings and Commission on Athletics conferences, and advocates on behalf of the department to meet its broad needs and facility improvements

"Ron is a man of few words who evaluates situations and makes decisions based on values balanced with the best interests of students and the District. I can honestly say that getting to know Ron during the past few years has been the most positive outcome of my involvement with SRJC's Athletics Program," adds Marty Lee, Dean III Counseling and Ron's supervisor.

Ron grew up in Santa Rosa, graduated from Montgomery High School, attended SRJC and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from Fresno State University. First hired as an Adjunct Instructor in 1979, Ron has spent his professional life at SRJC as a PE Instructor, Head Baseball Coach since 1981, and the Interim Athletic Director since March 2003. "For over 20 years, Ron has been an excellent teacher and baseball coach, and for the past two and a half years as the Interim Athletics Director. As an administrator he has led department members by his excellent leadership. He shows his deep commitment by serving in various levels, especially at the administrative post to help us all in his time of need," emphasizes Athletics Instructor Izzy Derkos.

According to his colleagues, Ron is strong committed to the College and his program's success. "He will work until the job is done, bleeds blue and red. Ron is a loyal, hard working employee. He is very considerate of all needs related to our department and college, and is a great representative of higher learning," Lenny emphasizes. Izzy agrees: "Ron is a team player, he understands the significance of working together to accomplish goals. He is

a perfect example of a teacher, coach, and administrator who demonstrates to all what a professional can do." Ron's colleagues also emphasize that when it comes to the achievement and well being of his students and staff, Ron's dedication is unmatched. "Ron has served the students of SRJC for over 20 years. He continually encourages students and faculty to raise the bar," says Lenny. In addition to achieving multiple programmatic aims, Ron also volunteers on SRJC's Academic Senate and various committees, including District Facilities Planning, Budget Advisory, Bear Cub Athletic Trust, Hall of Fame, Spring Fling, and Clo Classic committees.

When asked what he believes is his greatest accomplishments and greatest challenges have been at SRJC, Ron responds "Establishing an outstanding baseball program where I feel I have had a positive impact on many student athletes. SRJC has an extremely high percentage of baseball players who have transferred to four-year

institutions. Many have received scholarships and some have gone on to play professional baseball. SRJC's Baseball Program is considered a premier program in California. This makes me extremely proud to have been able to contribute to that aspect of SRJC's reputation."

What may surprise others about Ron's role as Interim Director is how much "monitoring of others is required in my position." The Athletic Director is expected to provide judicious oversight to all aspects of the departments and its individuals programs and coaches." What Ron likes most about his job, "Relationships with people,

including administration, faculty, classified, and students. When all is said and done, it really always comes down to relationships, and I have been fortunate to have cultivated some lifelong friendships at SRJC."

"Ron is a personable, hard working educator and family man who is making a difference," says Izzy. Ron especially enjoys time with his wife Carrie Myers and their children, 14-year-old DJ, 12-year-old Christa, and 10-year-old Casey. He also enjoys golf and hunting with friends, and volunteers in the community for various activities at the Spring Hills Church, Mark West Little League, numerous functions related to baseball, including clinics, speaking to community organizations, and other outreach.

When Ron was informed that he is an EOM, he was "Surprised, followed by intense curiosity as to who nominated me to be singled out in this way. I am just doing the job I was hired to do and doing it to the best of my ability, with due regard and appreciation for others. I am very loyal and dedicated to SRJC, and it is important for me to try to enjoy as many aspects of the job as possible." Congratulations, Ron!



You're Invited to a Hauntingly Fun SRJC Employee Potluck + Costume Parade

12:30 to 1:30pm, October 31!

Heritage Plaza, Outside Bailey Hall, Santa Rosa Campus

Halloween Bash!



The Entire SRJC Community Is Gearing Up For Halloween!

SANTA ROSA CAMPUS: Scheduled this year on October 31 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM on the Santa Rosa Campus at Heritage Plaza, the Halloween Bash promises to be another wonderfully spooky event! 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. Distinguished Costume Contest judges include: Bob Burdo - Board; Robert Agrella - Administration; Bonnie Pannizzera - Faculty; Therese Jennings - Classified; Frank Zwolinski - MC; Uran Rraci - Student.

CONTRIBUTE FOOD OR DRINKS - Whoever plans to attend the Halloween Bash is asked to conjure up a favorite delicious dish or bring some drinks to share to help make this a fabulous bash with a delicious lunchtime potluck! Bring treats according to your last name: A-G - Main Dish, H-M - Side Dish, N-R - Drinks, S-Z - Desserts

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED - We can always use more hands to assist in setting up and cleaning up 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.

COSTUME CONTEST - Prizes will be awarded in both INDIVIDUAL and GROUP categories for: Funniest, Scariest, Absolutely Unique, Nerdiest, and Best Impersonator.

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! Call Frank, ext. 4221, if you can bring a prize.

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

PETALUMA CAMPUS: During the season of pumpkins and ghosts, some foolery and festive activities are underway on the Petaluma Campus for Halloween on Monday, October 31 - 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM on the Quad. Everyone is invited to participate in as many of the scheduled activities as you can! Contact Michelle Booher-Poggi at 778-3928!

JACK-O-LANTERN CONTEST - Prizes will be awarded for the Scariest, Funniest, and Most Creative pumpkin carvings. Bring your already-carved pumpkin to the Quad by 10:15 AM for a spot on the judging tables. Costumes are not required, but would surely add to the fun! Be sure to vote for your favorite!

COSTUME CONTEST - Wear your costume and have some fun in the Quad. Prizes will be given for the scariest and funniest costumes...and maybe a few other categories!

BUY A SLICE OF PUMPKIN PIE - RAISE FUNDS FOR HURRICANE RELIEF! - The staff and faculty will sell slices of pumpkin pie to help raise funds for the Community College Hurricane Relief Fund. Your donation of \$1 (or more!) per slice will all be donated to our colleagues and their students at community colleges in the Gulf Coast region. Stop by the Quad to donate while enjoying a piece of pie (whipped cream optional!). We need many volunteers to each bring a pie and one can of whipped cream, or to donate funds for prizes. Contact Shirley in the Computer Lab on ext. 3904 to sign up or donate.

Area Safety Leader (ASL) Training Scheduled Oct 19 & 26

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

When - October 19 Santa Rosa Campus; October 26 Petaluma Campus

Time - Noon to 1:00 PM

Instructor - Don Silverek, District Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Locations - Lark 2009 SR Campus sessions & Petaluma Village 183

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

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>.

Nominations For Awards Sought – Due Nov 4

SRJC's Faculty Recognition Committee is seeking nominations for three awards: The National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award, the Hayward Award for Excellence in Education, and the Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award. Consider nominating one or more of SRJC's deserving faculty. All adjunct and regular faculty are eligible. Since criteria vary for each award, be sure to frame any nomination statement appropriately. Be sure to use nomination forms for each nominee, which can be obtained from Paula Burks. Nomination forms also include detailed information about each award.

NISOD AWARD – At the District's expense, one faculty member will be selected to attend the NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence at the University of Texas in Austin May 28-31, 2006.

HAYWARD AWARD - Sponsored by the Foundation for Community Colleges, the Hayward Award honors four recipients each year, one from each area of the state. Award recipients will be honored at the March 6, 2006, at the Board of Governors' meeting in Sacramento, plus will receive a cash award of \$1,250 each.

STANBACK-STROUD DIVERSITY AWARD - Sponsored by the Foundation for Community Colleges, the award honors four recipients annually from across the state. Award recipients will be honored at the spring Academic Senate Plenary Session and the May 2006 Board of Governors' meeting in Sacramento, and will each receive a cash award of \$500.

SPRING 2006 FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY – Don't forget to mark your calendars for the scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006, in Doyle Student Lounge from 3:00 to 4:30 PM!

All nominations must be submitted to Paula Burks, Plover Library, by Friday, November 4 via e-mail at pburks@santarosa.edu or via campus mail.

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, "Best Practices in Recruiting and Retaining Diverse Faculty." For information about this Web conference, access 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.

Presented by the Staff Diversity Committee and SRJC's District Compliance Office, 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.

Since we anticipate that the Web conference will be popular, sign up ahead of time by sending your name to Charles Prickett, District Compliance Officer, or call 527-4303.

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, Roman Catholics, some of the best voices in the Bay Area. The ensemble will be joined by the Redwood Empire favorite "Soul Joy" with Willy Jordan.

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

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.

Let's Talk About Retention! Seminar Series Scheduled

Academic Affairs, Students Services, Institutional Research, and the Strategic Enrollment Planning (StEP) Committee have organized a series of six collaborative seminars to examine and discuss student retention theories and how they might be utilized to better serve SRJC students.

All faculty, managers, and classified staff are encouraged to participate in six two-hour sessions that are scheduled on **Fridays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on October 28, December 2, February 3, March 3, April 7, and May 5** at 705 Elliott Avenue in the OIR House on the Santa Rosa Campus to discuss together:

- What instructors, student support professionals, and staff can do to help students meet their short- and long-term educational goals
- How all members of SRJC can better support students to help ensure that they stay in school and get the most out of their educational experience

From the seminar discussions, participants will draft a list of suggested changes and strategies for improving retention at SRJC. The results will be shared with appropriate groups throughout the District.

All participants of the student retention seminars should commit to attending the entire series of six discussions, which have been approved to fulfill the annual 12-hour flex obligation for full-time faculty.

Be sure to **RSVP by Monday, October 24** by contacting one of the following seminar co-facilitators:

KC Greaney, Director of Institutional Research - 521-7940

Diane Larson, Counselor, Chair of Counseling Department - 527-4952

Kimberlee Messina, Spanish Faculty, Academic Senate President - 521-7942

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 1 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 OCT. 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

Dia de los Muertos Celebrations at the Petaluma Campus November 1

Come to share the rituals of life with, humor, memories, altars, food, song, tears, and smiles to honor those who have died before us.

POTLUCK LUNCH - All Faculty and Staff 1:30-3:00PM in the Atrium - Share community time and eat some great food! Please sign-up in advance to bring a dessert, salad, side dish, main dish, bread or beverages. We'll also need a volunteer to donate paper plates, cups and napkins. Utensils provided. Contact Kelly in Faculty Support on ext. 3917 to sign-up.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTAR - The traditional altar is set up in Mahoney Library.

CONCERT - Music by Cuyuy 7:00 PM, Mahoney Library - A musical event co-sponsored by the Friends of the Petaluma and the Multicultural Events Committee.



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