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Coddington Mall Outreach Project Underway

Admission & Records initiated an enrollment drive for the spring semester at the Coddington Mall from January 3 through 22 that continues to be popular and well attended. At all times, from three to six counselors are stationed at the center of the mall near The Classic Duck, including A&R and Financial Aid Technicians, volunteer administrators, and student representatives. The SRJC team helps the public submit admissions applications, register for classes, apply for financial assistance, develop educational plans, and assess eligibility for other college services. To support the outreach effort, Public Relations set up banners, publications, and displays with photos of SRJC instructors and students as a colorful backdrop.

A&R Administrator Diane Traversi notes that as of January 6, 100 to 200 students or prospective students have interfaced daily with the outreach team, 64 students have filled out applications, 39 conducted live registrations, while nearly 50 students applied for financial aid and fee waivers. And the numbers are growing.

Open from 10 AM to 6 PM daily through Sunday, January 22 (except Martin Luther King Day on January 16). Stop by to support SRJC's enrollment outreach project!

SRJC Closed Jan 16 Commemorating M. L. King

SRJC will be closed January 16 for the national holiday commemorating the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr, who, during the 1950s and 1960s became the undisputed leader of America's civil rights movement. Born January 15, 1929, he was assassinated April 4, 1968. January 16 is a day to remember Dr. King's fight for the freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and people, a time to remember his message of change through nonviolence.

Sabbatical Leave Filing Periods Opens Jan 30

Full-time regular SRJC faculty who are interested in applying for a sabbatical leave for the 2007-2008 academic year may pick up an application between January 30 and February 24 from Alicia Jourdain in the Office of the Dean, Business, Computer & Information Sciences, and Off-Campus & Weekend Programs in Room 2715, Maggini Hall, Santa Rosa Campus.

Applications are only available during this filing period, and must be submitted no later than Friday, February 24 by 5:00 PM. Information about sabbatical leaves can be found in the current AFA contract.

For additional information, contact Micca Gray, Chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee, at ext. 4552.

January 2006 Employee of the Month Teresa Cortez

Congratulations to Teresa Cortez, Custodian for the Petaluma Campus, for being selected SRJC's Employee of the Month for January 2006. Teresa was introduced at the January 10 Board of Trustees meeting by her supervisor Doug Garrison, Vice President/Executive Dean, Petaluma Campus, and was presented with an EOM plaque, vouchers to the Culinary Café, season passes to SRT, and gifts from friends and staff.

"Teresa established herself as a special employee soon after she came to the Petaluma Campus," Doug notes. "Not only does she give extra attention to detail in performing her job duties, she also goes out of her way to help fellow employees and students. In a very real sense, Teresa treats the Petaluma staff as family members."

There seems to be no job that is too large or small for Teresa to handle efficiently whenever her assistance is needed. Her contributions to SRJC students and employees are broad, "regardless of how much she needs to accomplish in her regular duties, if students or staff need help with an event, an unanticipated occurrence, or simple directions, Teresa gives it her all to make sure the need is met," Doug emphasizes.

Her key responsibilities include maintaining as clean a Petaluma Campus as possible and the safety of students at all times while performing her job. "She works a shift that includes evenings and Saturday duty, and

while she doesn't see as many staff members as those who work traditional hours, Teresa deserves recognition for her exemplary work ethic and for demonstrating that everyone on campus contributes to our students' education," says Doug.

Typically, Teresa takes on additional duties whenever a team member is unable to cover assigned tasks. "Teresa is incredibly conscientious, good humored, and a wonderful colleague. She often does the work of other custodians who are absent in addition to her work and never complains. She always assists anyone who asks for her help, even if the task is someone else's responsibility. She is one of the hardest working employees on the Petaluma Campus," says ESL Instructor Peggy Floren. "While Teresa is quiet and unassuming, she ensures that the people she is supporting have what they need and know what to expect. During campus events she makes sure the campus presents itself in the best way possible," Doug adds.

Teresa attributes her success on the job to "enjoying it so

much. I care about students, faculty, and staff, and I realize that the students are the reason I work at SRJC." She identifies her greatest accomplishment as "working with diverse students and staff, as well as doing the best possible job." Bill Shelley, Petaluma Library Technician I, notes that Teresa "should be recognized for her generous and conscientious work on the campus. Beyond the quality and thoroughness of her work, she is a wonderfully warm person who makes a huge contribution to the quality of the work environment for management, faculty, and classified staff."



Born in El Llano Michoacan in Mexico, Teresa taught herself to read and write in Spanish, and eventually attended ESL classes at Ridgeview Adult School. Before joining the SRJC staff she was employed by Santa Rosa High School as a Custodian. Teresa moved to the North Bay region "because I was looking for better opportunities." She has lived in Napa County for 26 years. Hired at SRJC in 2000, she has served in a number of custodial positions. Outside of work she enjoys her family, which includes seven children and 16 grandchildren, plus she loves to cook.

"Teresa believes very strongly that the facility must be clean and safe for students to learn well and her work shows that commitment. She also believes in the importance of belonging, and though she is rather shy herself, she has contributed substantially to the Petaluma Campus community building efforts. Whether she is singing with a mariachi band during Cinco

de May festivities or sharing her delicious cooking during campus potlucks (her chicken mole is to die for!), she shows what it means to care about the members of our group," Doug emphasizes. Bill adds, "Teresa gives the added effort that leaves classrooms and other areas super clean. This makes life wonderful for everyone. Her pleasant manner and smile makes her an automatic goodwill ambassador for the College."

When Teresa was notified that she was selected Employee of the Month, she was "surprised and honored!" She says that her children believe she deserves the award, which the SRJC community also believes. Congratulations, Teresa!

Career Fair Scheduled April 26 Network For Your Future!

Mark your calendar today for SRJC's Career & Occupational Exploration Fair 2006, that is scheduled on April 26 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM on the Santa Rosa Campus.

With nearly 100 employers attending to meet SRJC students firsthand and to recruit them for full- and part-time positions, this event is organized to encourage students to network to develop future career opportunities. Students can also meet with representatives from SRJC's Occupational Programs to discuss career options and to explore methods to help prepare for the world of work through education and job training.

All students are encouraged to attend the fair no matter where they are in their educational journey at SRJC. The event is also open to the public and to Sonoma County high school students who will be bussed to campus.

The success of the Career Fair depends on strong participation by the college community, specifically the attendance of SRJC students. Faculty, therefore, are urged to support the Career Fair in a number of specific ways:

- Departments and programs should attend the fair - students and faculty alike
- Integrating relevant career-related discussions, information, and activities in the class curriculum
- Providing the Career Center with the names of employers in all discipline that may be interested in participating

In the weeks ahead, details about the Career Fair will be distributed across the college community. You are welcome to contact SRJC Career Developer Suzanne Papa at 527-4690. She will gladly attend your department meetings to discuss the value of the fair and how you can become more involved.

Dead Man Walking Performances Jan-Feb

The riveting true story by Tim Robbins, *Dead Man Walking*, will be performed in Newman Hall, on the Santa Rosa Campus:

January 27, 28, February 1, 2, 3, 4, 4*, 5*

This moving piece explores the relationship between a death row inmate and a Catholic nun who becomes his spiritual advisor. Jennifer Mann, Disability Resources Department, is cast in the role of Lucille Poncelet, mother of accused murderer Matthew Poncelet, in *Dead Man Walking* by Tim Robbins. Performed January 27 - February 5 in Newman Auditorium. Mollie Boice, Theatre Arts Promotion Specialist, is cast as Marybeth, the mother of the murdered boy, Walter. The director of this outstanding production is John Shillington, Adjunct Faculty, Theatre Arts

Tickets may be purchased at the Box Office (527-4343). All evening performances start at 8 PM. Curtain time for matinee* performances are at 2 PM. Contains strong language, adult subject matter.

Paintings Exhibited by Women of India on the Petaluma Campus

The Petaluma Campus will display paintings on handmade paper by Hindu women from Northern India January 17 through February 24 in the Mahoney Library. Free to the public, the exhibit will be open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Fridays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM; and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (except school holidays).

A prolonged drought in the 1960s created a major economic crisis in the community. To create a source of non-agricultural income, the All-India Handicrafts Board encouraged women and their female children to produce traditional paintings, revitalizing the ancient tradition. The exhibit, curated by Malini Bakshi, offers a glimpse into the rich world of legend and folklore, which serve as inspiration to the artists. For more information call 778-3974.

SRJC's Annual Retirement Dinner Set April 28

SRJC's Annual Retirement Dinner is scheduled for Friday April 28, 2006. Plan ahead to honor SRJC's excellent retirees who have dedicated their talents and time to students and the College. This year's retirees include:

Courtenay Anderson,
Faculty, Chemistry

Carol Babbini,
Administrative Assistant II,
PE, Dance & Athletics

Richard Bacon, Faculty, Electronics

Stephen Barnhart, Faculty, Life Sciences

Inge Brockbank,
Accounting Specialist, Student Affairs

Jon Clifford, Custodian,
Facilities Operations

Thuy Cao, Child Care Assistant,
Children's Center

Jean Davis, Counselor, Counseling

Philip Forester, Faculty, English

Dennis Fujita, Faculty, Chemistry

Beatrice Griffiths,
Coordinator, Resource Center

Barbara Heiman, Faculty, CIS

Barbara Kammeyer-Boutwell,
Administrative Assistant I,
Information Desk

Michael Kinrade, Faculty, Public Safety

William Lambert, Media Lab Specialist,
Communication Studies

JoAnn Layne,
Master Teacher, Child Development

Josephine Lee, Faculty, Mathematics

Karin Lewis,
Laboratory Assistant I, Electronics

Nancy Luke, Programmer Analyst Sr.,
Computing Services

William Massey, Faculty, Social Science

Walter McCallum,
Faculty, Communication Studies

William Peugh,
Instructional Assistant, PSTC

Robert Rom,
Business Technician, Theatre Arts

Ronald Schuelke, Faculty Social Science

Esther Soto, Administrative Assistant I,
Environmental Health & Safety

Marcy Stinnett, Administrative Assistant II,
Disability Resources

George Sutherland,
Storekeeper, Warehouse

Doris Tolks, Counselor, Counseling

Joseph Yull, Director,
Noncredit Programs & Services

Frank Zwolinski,
Artistic Director, Theatre Arts

Applications Sought To Asilomar Women's Leadership Skills Seminar

Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 Asilomar Women's Leadership Skills Seminar to be held March 21-24 in Pacific Grove. The deadline to submit completed applications is Thursday, January 26. Applications are available in SRJC's Resource Center or can be downloaded from www.ccleague.org/05asil-regflyr.pdf.

Presented by the Community College League of California, the Asilomar Leadership Skills Seminar is an intensive four-day experience that focuses on the issues facing women who have made a commitment to community college administration, either in their current position or as a future goal. The seminar provides information, strategies, contacts, and an opportunity for personal and professional growth. The expected outcome is that participants will be able to acquire and successfully accept expanded leadership responsibilities. Over the past 20 years, approximately 1150 competitively selected women have attended this seminar.

For more information contact the Resource Center at 527-4852 or access the center's Web site at www.santarosa.edu/src/resources.

Carlson Award Nominees Sought By Feb 3

Nominations are now being sought for "Outstanding Contributions" by SRJC female employees who are available to receive Elizabeth Carlson Memorial Award at the Women's History Month Luncheon ceremony on Friday, March 3. The deadline is Friday, February 3 via e-mail to jmann@santarosa.edu.

Submit only two paragraphs of information per nominee that reflect how nominees meet the award criteria, which includes: passion for creative expression; service to the college and leadership abilities that may extend to the community; dedication to students; role model for women students, faculty, and staff; overall positive energy within sphere of influence; and must be available on March 3 to receive the award.

Elizabeth Carlson was an employee at SRJC from 1974-1997 who passed away in January 2000. During her employment at SRJC, she co-founded and coordinated the Disability Resources Department, served as the Staff Development Coordinator, as well as Assistant Dean of Arts, Culture and Communication. She was a published author and poet and touched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Travel With Theatre Arts to Ashland, Oregon

Travel to beautiful Ashland, Oregon with SRJC Instructors Maryanne Scozzari and Leslie McCauley during Spring Break - April 18-21. You will see five excellent plays in three days: *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Winter's Tale*, *Bus Stop*, *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Intimate Apparel*. The cost is only \$300 and covers tickets, backstage tour, discussions, lodging, and transportation. Simply enroll in Theatre Arts 153 (section #7276) to take part in this fabulous trip in enchanting Ashland. OSF is the leading repertory company in the country. Only limited seats are available. Call 527-4268 or 527-4248 for more information.

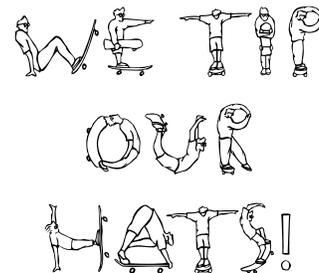
Study Abroad Meetings February 1 & 2

Representatives from the American Institute for Foreign Studies will visit SRJC from London to conduct informational meetings for the college's Study Abroad faculty members. If you wish to experience other cultures, learn a foreign language, expand your resume, or wish to travel abroad, you're invited to attend one of the following informational meetings:

Wednesday, February 1 – Lark Hall, Room 2009, Santa Rosa Campus
Noon - 1:00 PM – London, England
5:00 - 6:00 PM – Granada & Madrid, Spain

Thursday, February 2 – Lark Hall, Room 2009, Santa Rosa Campus
Noon – 1:00 PM – Cuernavaca, Mexico
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Beijing & Shanghai, China

Contact the Study Abroad Program at 527-4441 for more information.



Congratulations to **Susan Muskar** on her promotion to Human Resources Analyst. Her new responsibilities include overseeing Worker's Compensation, Long-term Disability and Adjunct Health Benefits Program, as well as special projects and assisting other areas of the Human Resources Department. Susan brings a broad background in Human Resources, as well as exceptional technical skills. She will keep the same phone number at 524-1624. Congratulations, Susan.

Instructor **Marsa Tully's** Monday evening ESL 316 class collected 1,638.03 ounces (or 102.38 pounds) of food products to contribute to the annual Maggini Food Bank Food Drive before the winter holidays. Four large barrels were filled to overflowing with nonperishable food items for distribution during the holiday season. This is a class accomplishment worth noting.

House A Swedish Student March 2-April 7!

Host families are still needed to house students from Borås, Sweden who will attend SRJC in spring. The Swedish students will arrive on Thursday, March 2 and return to their country on Friday, April 7. We encourage members of the SRJC community to house some of these wonderful students for enriching experiences for host families and visiting students alike.

Give us a call if you can host one of these lovely students. Contact Project Assistant Corinne Kriegel at ckriegel@santarosa.edu or 794-7316 or Peg Saragina, BOT Instructor, at ext 4693. They will help make the host experience outstanding!



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