

Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, March 24, 2006



## St. Patrick's Day Parking Structure Cement Pour

Call it coincidence or not, a fleet of Shamrock cement trucks lined up on Mendocino Avenue in front of the Santa Rosa Campus on Friday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day – at the construction site of the new parking structure to conduct another tremendous cement pour. Friday's pour was specifically for the structure's ramp between the second and third floors and the north third section of the third floor. Each week the cement crews pour a third of each floor of the parking structure, thereby completing a floor deck in three weeks. This week the third floor pour will be completed and the preparation for the fourth floor will begin.

# **Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies Applications Due April 12**

Applications for the 2006-2007 Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies (FFAS) awards are now available in the Academic Senate Office. The deadline to file applications is Wednesday, April 12 at noon. All full-time faculty who have been members of the SRJC faculty for at least two years and new faculty who are approved at the March Board of Trustees meeting for a third year contract are eligible to apply.

FFAS is an independent faculty-run fund built from the generous donations of faculty, administrators, the Foundation, and friends. Every spring semester FFAS helps support a number of worthy projects, particularly targeting those not covered by existing programs, such as sabbatical projects, although grants may also be used to supplement other conventional college funding sources.

In light of the current budget crisis, FFAS is more important than ever. Many of us have filled out voluntary payroll deduction authorization forms so that more funds will be available for our faculty to grow and develop in their areas of expertise. You will receive a voluntary payroll deduction authorization form within the next few weeks.

Grants will be presented at our annual Soup Fest held in early May at Safari West, Please consider joining us. Contact Linda Tracy with questions at ext. 2687.

## **Annual Faculty Appreciation Day April 6**

The Bookstore will host its 3rd **Annual Faculty Appreciation Day** for all faculty and administrative assistants on April 6 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Publisher representatives will be at the Bookstore with samples of customized textbooks as a possible alternative to the complete textbook, which provides a significant cost savings to the students. Stop by to meet the publishers, enjoy Highfeather's great food and refreshments, and take home some freebies. Be sure to enter the raffle for wonderful dinners in some of Santa Rosa's favorite restaurants



## 2nd Annual Puente Motivational High School Conference April 7

Nearly 300 high school students form across Sonoma County are expected to attend the 2nd Annual Puente Motivational High School Conference Friday, April 7 in the Doyle Center Cafeteria on the Santa Rosa Campus from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

Informational workshops will be held about professional careers, university requirements, SRJC's services, financial aid, education, and student activism. The conference goal is to motivate underrepresented students to pursue a higher education and become leaders of their community by providing them with workshops that will inform them about how to continue with their education. Faculty and staff are invited to help welcome the high school students to our beautiful campus on April 7.

## **Explore BA Degree Options April 13**

For those seeking a non-traditional option to earn a bachelor's degree through alternative formats like seminars, telecourses, classes online, weekend classes, credit for life experiences, an Alternative Degrees Programs Seminar will be held on Thursday, April 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, on the Santa Rosa Campus in the Cafeteria, Doyle Student Center. Representatives from a number of colleges will be available to discuss the alternative degree programs. The first half of the program will provide an overview of the ways to obtain a bachelor's degree; the second hour will give one-on-one contact with the school representatives. Sponsors of the seminar are Adult Reentry Services and the Transfer Center. Call ext. 4375 for more information.

# **April 8 Piano Ensemble Class Recital**

A free piano recital will be presented by the Piano Ensemble Class on Saturday, April 8 at 4:00 PM in Forsyth Hall, Room 105, on the Santa Rosa Campus. The event will be led by Music Instructor Anna Harriette Foshee, and the program will showcase the works of composers Edvard Grieg, Ludwig van Beethoven, Mozart, Copland, Smetana, Lutoslawski, and Debussy. The ensemble will include duets, two pianos four hands, and two pianos eight hands. Student performers and their respective communities include: Larry Flor, Rohnert Park; Ann Boatright, Sebastopol; Nathan Miron, Glen Ellen; Ellen DePorto, Guerneville; Loria Rolander, Deborah Kakalik, Hiroshi Yamanaka, Thea Evensen, and Charlotte Ellis, Santa Rosa.

## **JC Awarded State Nursing Expansion Grants**

This month SRJC was awarded its first nursing expansion grant for about \$512,000 over three years. In addition, the Nursing Program is in the process of renewing another state grant that will add another \$114,000 over two years. The grants combined total provides \$626,000 for the Associate in Nursing Degree (AND) Program. The funds will increase capacity in the College's ADN Program and enable the popular program to increase its admissions by 30 additional students starting in fall 2006. The funds will also add instructors and improve the skills lab with new equipment, such as high tech computer driven simulators that allow nursing students to practice challenging tasks in a safe environment. Congratulations ADN!

# March 30 PDA Flex Training "A World of Difference"

A "World Of Difference" PDA Flex training has been approved for the March 30. There are two 3-hour sessions, and you may attend either or both of these sessions. Morning session 9:00 - Noon, Afternoon session 1:00 - 4:00 PM. For those who preregister by March 23, a free box lunch will be provided. Also, the next meeting of the Hate Free Awareness Task Force is Tuesday, April 4, 12:15 - 1:30 PM in the Oak Room. All are welcome! Debbie Ezersky, e-mail: dezersky@santarosa.edu, 522-2702.

## **Nominations Sought: Faculty Awards & Senate Anniversary**

The Faculty Recognition Committee requests your nominations for the SRJC Academic Senate 40TH Anniversary Celebration and the Faculty Recognition Awards 2006.

**COMBINED CEREMONIES – MAY 11:** This year's SRJC Faculty Awards Ceremony will be combined with the Academic Senate's 40th Anniversary celebration, so mark your calendars today to plan to attend on Thursday, May 11 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Staff Lounge on the Santa Rosa Campus. Academic Senate Faculty Recognition Awards – Nominations Due April 6

Take time to nominate one (or even better, several) outstanding faculty members for an award. All regular and adjunct faculty, including counselors, librarians, and other allied faculty are eligible for nomination for any or all awards. SRJC students and employees may submit nominations via e-mail, preferably as an attachment in MS Word to: pburks@santarosa.edu.

Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Award - If you are submitting nominations for this award, be sure to note the criteria listed on the form that you should address in your supporting statement. Nominate a deserving faculty member for one of the following awards:

Unsung Hero
Outstanding Contributions by Adjunct Faculty Member
Staff Development
Professional Achievement
Curriculum Development
Innovative Use of Technology in Education
Publications/Fine Arts/Performing Arts

Please address the following criteria in your nomination statement for this award:

Develops programs that promote student achievement
Supportive of ALL students and reflects a caring attitude
Role model/mentor for other instructors
Participates in community service activities that benefit students

Name:	Department:
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Supporting Statement for Nomination	

For questions about the awards, the nomination process or the recognition event in May, contact Paula Burks at the address: pburks@santarosa.edu. Feel free to call or e-mail Paula if you have questions. Her phone number is 527-4544.

## **Annual Classified Staff Dinner Set April 6**

All members of the Santa Rosa Junior College community are invited to attend the Annual Classified Staff Recognition and Awards Dinner scheduled for Thursday, April 6 in the Doyle Café on the Santa Rosa Campus. The deadline for reservations is Noon on March 31. The cost of the dinner is \$15.50 per person, and will include a delicious full course meal.

Awards presented at the dinner include: Academic Senate's Outstanding Classified Staff Award, Outstanding Supervisor of Classified Staff Award, Outstanding Faculty Member, Outstanding Classified Staff Member, Outstanding Community Service by a Classified Staff Member, Above and Beyond Classified Staff Member, The Pat Tognozzi Student Scholarship Award.

#### RESERVATION FOR CLASSIFIED STAFF RECOGNITION DINNER • BY NOON MARCH 31!

RETURN TO: Marie Cuneo, Business Administration		
Name	email	
Phone	Department	
Name of Guest		
Number of Reservations	@ \$15.50 each/ Payment Enclosed \$	
Checks are to be made payable to the "SRJC Classified Senate"		

### Work & Earn College Credit In Britain Fall 2006

Applications are now being accepted for the work and study program in Britain, and are due no later than April 14. Explore the world! Internationalize your resume! Earn up to 8 units in Work Experience while working in London in fall 2006! Applications available via e-mail attachment from ksimmons@santarosa.edu or pick one up in the Work Experience Office in

Bussman Hall on the Santa Rosa Campus. For more information contact Kathleen Simmons, Program Coordinator, at 522-2748



On April 5 from Noon to 1:30 PM in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus, the spring Vice Presidents Forum will address *The Immediate Future of SRJC*: *The Next Three Years*. The environment surrounding the SRJC, both physical and cultural, will be experiencing changes in the very near future that will affect almost every aspect of the college. What are these changes and how is the SRJC planning to adapt to them? Traffic, parking, and enrollment will all be impacted, so come ask questions, engage in discussion, and hear where our VPs see the College and their particular focus areas may evolve in

the immediate future. This will be a fun, informative, and engaging session. Don't miss it!



## **Library Offers Database Workshops**

The Library has scheduled two spring PDA Flex Activity Workshops that offer broad information about online databases. The Library licenses over 30 online databases for use by the college faculty, students, and staff that give free access to millions of articles, ranging from books and magazines to scholarly journals and newspapers. There's something in the databases for just about every discipline.

New or experienced database users are encouraged to attend one of the following workshops in Room 2812 in Maggini Hall: March 31, 10:00 AM – Noon April 28, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Some topics that the workshops will review include:

- Basic and advanced database search skills in various databases
- New database features, including content and search tools
- · Methods to promote successful student use of information-rich resources
- · Off campus use and setting up User Name and PIN for remote access, and much more

There will be adequate hands-on time to allow participants to search databases of choice, and one or more librarians will be available to assist and answer questions. Join us! We are sure that you'll learn something new and helpful.

The workshops are open to all SRJC faculty and staff and have been approved for PDA Day Flex Activity credit. Don't forget to submit your verification form to receive credit for attending one of the workshops at at http://www.santarosa.edu/src/PDF/flex\_verification.pdf

## **EDI Spring Forum '06 Scheduled April 7**

JC faculty members are urged to attend the Economic Development Institute's Spring Forum '06 on April 7, which will feature tools for dealing with change.

Through discussions that focus on effective information collection, dynamic instructional strategies, and useful techniques to improve student success, the aim of the forum is to help create a unique opportunity for faculty across all college programs to reconnect with friends and colleagues working in other disciplines and to explore a variety of possible solutions to large challenges the College faces and ways to adapt college curriculum and programs to the changing demographics and economy of Sonoma County.

#### Friday, April 7, 8 AM - 1 PM (Seating limited) North Coast Business Exchange

Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Kay Rudolph will open the forum with an overview about the emerging global economy and the changing Sonoma County population and the implications for the College.

The forum will be held in a comfortable, spacious, new headquarters North Coast Builders Exchange facility on the western border of Santa Rosa at 1030 Apollo Way. Lunch is free, and you can receive PDA credit! To reserve your place, please contact Chuck Robbins: crobbins@santarosa.edu or 527-4498.

# Santa Rosa Campus Events

#### ST. PETERSBURG STRING QUARTET

Friday, March 24 • 8:00 — 10:30 PM • Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

One of the worlds leading string quartets, the quartet has won international chamber music competitions. Quartet: Mack McCray pianist; Alla Aranovskaya, first violin; Leonid Shukayev, cello; Boris Vayner, viola; David Chernyavsky, second violin.

### BEATING THE ODDS - SRJC WOMEN IN SCIENCE TELL THEIR STORIES

Monday, March 27 • 12:15 PM • Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

A panel of JC women faculty will explore how they beat the odds to succeed in math and science careers. While constituting over 46 percent of the U.S. workforce, women only hold 12 of the science and engineering jobs. More interesting information! Panelists: Lynda Williams, physics; Karen Frindell, chemistry; Kathryn Gerber, qeography; and Sandy Nieto-Navarro, mathematics

#### OPERA IN THE LIBRARY - ALESSANDRO STRADELLA, LA CIRCE

Thursday March 30 • 7:00 PM • Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

Circe, daughter of the sun, was a sorceress best known for her ability to turn men into animals with her magic wand. Circe comes to life through Stradella's 17th century opera.

The Skyflower Ensemble includes Gael Reed soprano, Beth Freeman soprano, Richard Stumpf bass, Felicia Mcfall and Muftiah Martin baroque violins, Sarge Gerbode lute, Gary Digman and Robin Easterbrook bass gambas. Sponsored by the Friends of the Petaluma Campus.

# WHITE SPACE: THE USES OF THE PAGE IN THE PAGE

\_Friday, March 31 • 10:00 AM to Noon • Room 1588, Emeritus Hall, Santa Rosa Campus

Award-winning poet Gillian Conoley will lead a creative writing workshop on the different techniques for using white space in writing poetry. Learn how to use white space in writing poetry. English professor and Poet-in-Residence at Sonoma State University, Conoley will read from her sixth book of poems,

Profane Halo in the aftermath of September 11. Bring notebook and pen. Funded in part by Poets & Writers, Inc., with a grant from the James Irvine Foundation.

#### INSTRUCTOR HEGLAND BOOK SIGNING APRIL 6

As part of Faculty Appreciation Day Jean Hegland, SRJC English Instructor and New York Times best selling author will have a book signing in the Bookstore on the Santa Rosa Campus on April 6 at noon. Jean will discuss her latest book Windfalls, which was described by the Library Journal as a "powerfully imagined and beautifully written examination of the way a single choice can lead us... to places we never thought we'd go." She has been teaching part-time in the English Department at SRJC since 1984.

#### STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

The Work Experience Department proudly hosts an exhibit of photography by students in Renata Breth's classes. The engaging and intriguing images self-portraits may be viewed in 1440 Bussman Hall on the Santa Rosa Campus.

# Petaluma Campus Events

The college community is invited to participate in events planned on the Petaluma Campus. Call Kimberley Kalember at 778-3827 with any questions:

#### **ESL NON-CREDIT OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, April 12 • 7:00 – 9:00 PM • Mahoney Library

# DIA DE LA FAMILIA – DAY OF THE FAMILY • ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 15 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Quad

### Work Shouldn't Hurt Workshop April 26

The Employee Crisis Assistance Team Committee will present the workshop "Work Shouldn't Hurt" on Wednesday, April 26 at Noon in the Oak Room. The program will include vignettes, and will introduce the ECAT team and their purpose and role at the College. Contact Charles Prickett, District Compliance Officer, at 527-4303 with questions.

# New Household Waste Requirements

Effective February 8, the state banned several items from being disposed of in household refuse containers due to their

toxicity to people and the environment, including batteries, computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, TV's, radios, VCR's, microwaves, and fluorescent light tubes. The new disposal procedures vary from city to city and may take time to implement. The following is a guide on how to get rid of these items depending on where you live:



#### SANTA ROSA, WINDSOR, ROHNERT PARK

No disposal program yet. Sonoma County Waste Management Agency is establishing disposal options at the county landfill. Check www.recyclenow. org.

CLOVERDALE, HEALDSBURG, SEBASTOPOL, COTATI, AND UNINCORPORATED SONOMA COUNTY Items may be placed in blue Empire Waste recycling containers.

#### **PETALUMA**

Call Green Waste Recovery 766-6026

#### **SONOMA**

Call Sonoma Garbage 996-7555

#### **MENDOCINO COUNTY**

Check www.mendorecycle.org for HazMobile schedule and rules at waste transfer stations.

#### **LAKE COUNTY**

Check www.co.lake.ca.us/ countygovernment/publicservices/ recycle for HazMobile schedule and rules at recycle centers.

After consulting these sources, contact Jason Escher at 521-7841 with any questions.

## **Area Safety Leader Training March 29**

Don Silverek, SRJC Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, will present classroom trainings for Area Safety Leaders. Intended for individuals who want to serve as their department's ASL or backup ASL, the training is also for those with an interest in emergency preparedness principles in an academic setting. Participants will learn simple guidelines to direct staff and students during an emergency or crisis situation.

Topics range from ASL responsibilities and earthquake tips to assembly points, emergency response kit contents, emergency phone numbers, and ASL resource Web links. In addition, participants will learn how to reduce the potential for injury, loss of life, and post-traumatic stress, while minimizing personal and district liability, and build a reference guide that includes floor plans, evacuation charts, staff directories, and resource phone numbers specific to your area. Choose one of the following to register:

#### Santa Rosa Campus -

#### Lark Hall, Room 2004, Wednesday, March 29 Noon to 1:00 PM

Faculty: This workshop is approved for flex credit. A Flex Verification Form must be submitted on 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: <a href="http://www.santarosa.edu/src/wks-smn.html">http://www.santarosa.edu/src/wks-smn.html</a>.

If you are a classified employee, please get your supervisor's approval to attend. Call Toni Chase, EH&S, at 524-1654 to register. Call Don Silverek, District Police, at 535-3789 if you have any questions about this training.



#### **MARGARET DAWN LING**

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of Margaret Dawn Ling, an SRJC employee for 25 years, who passed away last week at 84. Marge directed the Vocational Nursing Program for 21 years before retiring in 1987. Marge became an Instructor in the Nursing Program in 1962 and Program Director in 1966. According to her successor Cecelia Estrada, she was "the epitome of nursing and a tireless advocate for the medical and personal needs of her patients." Marge is survived by her husband Hal and sons Ken and Gary, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild. A memorial service is scheduled at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 22 at the Church of the Roses at 2500 Patio Court in Santa Rosa.

Memorial donations may be made to the Margaret Ling Vocational Nursing Scholarship through the SRJC Foundation at 1501 Mendocino Avenue, 95401, Memorial Hospital at 821 Mendocino, 95401, or to the Church of Roses.

#### **CONSUELO GARCIA and ADELLE A. GUERRERO**

On behalf of the college community we extend deep condolences to the family and friends of two SRJC students who were killed in the 28-car accident in Marin County on March 11, Consuelo Garcia and Adelle A. Guerrero. Both women were at the highest level of the ESL program and were excellent students. Consuelo, an outgoing young woman, loved computers and had ambitions of becoming a lawyer. Adelle, a native of Ukiah, was greatly loved by her family and her fellow students.

A Mass for Consuelo was held on Thursday, March 16 at The Resurrection Church in Santa Rosa. The funeral for Adelle was held at St. Rose Catholic Church in Santa Rosa on Friday, March 17 with interment at the Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Donations can be made in their names as part of a scholarship now being established in their names, contact ESL.



SRJC District Police Department's **TERA GUTIERREZ-MORARITY** recently completed the "National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Program." This intensive, weeklong class was held in Santa Rosa to have a trained car seat technician from every law enforcement agency in Sonoma County. Tera can now inspect student and staff vehicles and make recommendations regarding child passengers and the safe use of car seats to help prevent injuries and death to young children. Congratulations and thank you, Tera.

SRJC's Above & Beyond Award Committee of the Management Team recognizes Detective **SALLY MILLER** as the inaugural award recipient. Sally was nominated not only by her supervisor, Terry Stewart, but also several other members of the Management Team. Sally will be honored at the annual Classified Staff Dinner April 6. Congratulations, Sally, for contributing above and beyond.

SRJC Dean of Science and Applied Technology **DR. TATJANA OMRCEN** recently competed at the North American Cup United States Fencing Association competition in Reno, Nevada, placing 8th in the field of 36 fencers in the Veteran Open Women's Foil event. With this result she is now ranked 11th in the nation in the 40-49 age group in women's foil. Quite a feat and honor.

Former Dance student **OMAR DELGADO** won the World Break Dancing Championships in October in London. This event was not a crew (group) event, but an individual competition. On March 18-19, approximately 12 JC students danced at the Urban Jamm Dance Convention. Of the six scholarships awarded to approximately 300 dancers in attendance, two were SRJC students, Michael Harris and Margaret Ueligitone. They will be able to return to the convention next year free. Keep on dancing!



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