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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, May 5, 2006



Welcome To Day Under the Oaks Sunday May 7!

Day Under the Oaks celebrates its 28th year on Sunday, May 7. SRJC's open house and community education fair will be held from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the Santa Rosa Campus. Free to community, the campus comes alive with fun and discovery for thousands of citizens no matter their age. DUO offers over 75 colorful booths and activities, that include craft booths, food galore, pony rides, jumpies and petting zoo for children, a Shone Farm Plant Sale, karate, judo, and fencing demonstrations, a ceremonial Native American celebration, Planetarium space and solar explorations, jazz and other live music on the outdoor stage, the GED graduation ceremony, free blood pressure tests, Chinese Dragon Dancers, a Model Train Show, and so much more!

The most popular aspect of Day Under the Oaks to event guests is SRJC's outstanding instructional program demonstrations that range from Culinary, Jewelry, Horticulture, Police Cadets, Floristry, Computer & Information Services to Theatre Arts, Rad and Psych Tech, Nursing and Dental. Many SRJC's staff members will be on hand to talk directly to visitors about SRJC's top services for students, such as Counseling, Community Education and Financial Aid, Puente, International Studies, and Student Activities. And the list goes on and on!

The success of DUO depends on you, if you can volunteer on May 7, your help is very welcome. Give Public Relations a call on ext. 4266 if you can join us for a couple of hours; you set the time! Volunteers receive a colorful DUO t-shirt on Friday, May 5 in Public Relations.

Check out DUO photos on the new Web site accessed under "What's New" on SRJC's home page. We look forward to seeing you and your friends at Under the Oaks this Sunday!

Free!

*Santa Rosa Junior College's 28th Annual
Open House and Community Education Fair*

Day Under the Oaks

*May 7, 2006
10am-4pm, Rain or Shine*

*Arts & Crafts
Native American Celebration
Displays and Exhibits
Food
Music
Planetarium Shows
Plant Sales
Childrens Events*

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Day Under the Oaks! Learn!



Day Under the Oaks! Play!



Day Under the Oaks! Experience!



Day Under the Oaks! Explore!



Day Under the Oaks! Rain or Shine!



Health Insurance Open Enrollment

During open enrollment in May 2006, all District employees who are currently enrolled in SRJC's health plans may switch from one health provider to another. This year a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan will be made available to all eligible active employees. Interested employees will pay the premium difference between the Health Net HMO and PPO rates. If you've waived medical coverage in the past you may enroll now!

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**
- ✓ **Adjunct faculty who met eligibility requirements in March 2006**
- ✓ **District retirees currently enrolled in District plans**

The District will move to a calendar year benefit plan beginning January 1, 2007. In fall 2006, an additional open enrollment will be held to allow eligible employees to review their health plan options and elect their coverage for the 2007 calendar year.

On Friday, May 12, Jule Grant from Health Net and Myrna Dillon from Kaiser will be on the Santa Rosa Campus to present updated coverage information. The representatives will each give a brief presentation about their health coverage, and will then be available to answer questions. Informational packets and enrollment forms will be available at the presentation. If you are unable to attend, materials can be picked up in the Human Resources Department. Benefits comparison charts are available in HR. So, mark your calendars now:

Friday, May 12 - Bech Hall Room 1999 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM

If you choose to remain with your current health provider, no action on your part is necessary. If you wish to switch your coverage, enrollment forms must be completed and returned to Human Resources by May 31, 2006.

Coverage will become effective July 1, 2006. If you have any questions contact Louise Burke, in the Human Resources Department at ext. 4304.

Vision Service Plan - Open Enrollment 2006

During the month of May 2006, District employees may 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 now enroll! Eligible employees can also enroll their dependents at this time if they have previously waived dependent vision coverage.

As agreed, 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 - \$14.50 per month over 12 paychecks**
- ✓ **Faculty - \$17.40 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, 2006.

The coverage will become effective July 1, 2006. If you have any questions, contact Louise Burke in the Human Resources Department at ext. 4304.



SRT Needs Housing

With the generous help of friends and colleagues at Sonoma State University, SRJC's SRT students will be housed in student apartments this summer.

Due to SSU's graduation scheduled on the same day as SRJC's, however, the SRT students cannot move into student apartments until June 5. Housing for 10 nights is needed for our SRT students! Please help by providing housing between May 26 and June 5.

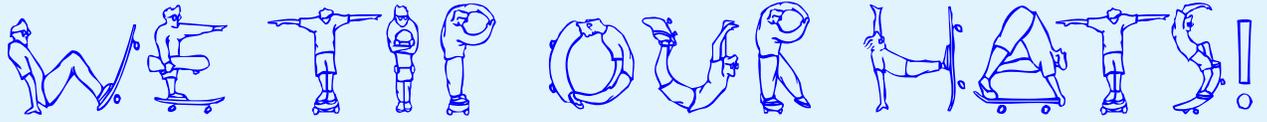
SRT students will work on the Santa Rosa Campus between 9:00 AM and 10:30 PM everyday, so they will spend very little time in your home except to sleep, plus:

- ☺ **They will be quiet because they are exhausted**
- ☺ **They will be well behaved because it's early in the summer**
- ☹ **Their stay will be brief!**

If you have a spare room or a spare bed, or know someone who might offer a student housing for 10 days, contact Reta Kyle at 794-7238 or 483-4353 (cell) or e-mail: retakyle@earthlink.net. In return, SRT will give you one SRT Gold Card (worth 5 tickets!) plus eternal gratitude! Thank you for helping SRT create another great summer at SRT.

GALEAF Potluck May 26

GALEAF, Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends, will hold its end-of-the-year potluck gathering on Friday, May 26 from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. Partners, kids, and friends are welcome. Call Rhonda for more details at ext. 4586.



Congratulation to Consumer and Family Studies Department's Nutrition Instructor **KATIE CLARK**, MPH, RD, who is the recipient of the 2006 Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award from the California Dietetic Association (CDA). The award will be presented this week at CDA's Annual Meeting in San Diego.

MARCIA LABRUCHERIE, Administrative Assistant I Counseling, and her twin sister **MICHELLE POGGI**, Scheduling Technician/Senior on the Petaluma Campus, will participate in the 12th Annual Angel Adventure on Saturday, May 6 in San Francisco to raise funds for brain tumor research and support for brain tumor patients. Marcia's first husband Tony passed away from a brain tumor in 1994, and the sisters have actively volunteered for the NBTf since. Last year the event raised over \$330,000 with only 550 people in attendance. Not only do Marcia and Michelle raise money for the event, they also bake cookies for participant's lunches ... 900 planned for this year ... or 5,500 chocolate chip cookies baked since 1998.

SRJC's **COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCES DEPARTMENT** students are award recipients of the Second Annual Adobe Achievement Awards.

Adobe Illustrator Winner: JULIA ROH, Honorable Mention: JIMMY WHITE, and CELESTIA AMBERSTONE

Adobe InDesign Winner: RICHARD BRUNS

Adobe Photoshop Winner: HENRY WHITE, Honorable Mention: SARA SILVER

The three student winners will receive a \$100 award at the CIS Certificate Awards ceremony May 4. Honorable mention awards of \$25 will also be presented that night. Congratulations students and CIS Instructor Cyndi Reese!

Music Instructor **MARK ANDERMAN** has been accepted into the doctorate program for music education at Boston University, which he will begin May 17. Only open to working music educators who wish to pursue a doctoral degree while continuing their teaching position, the unique program allows Mark to participate in an online learning community of working music educators for two years of online coursework followed by a two-week residency in Boston. Once advanced to candidacy (ABD), he can complete the dissertation up to five years. Congratulations, Mark!

Photography Show Windsor May 6 - June 11

A photo exhibit by a trio of photographers who all have worked at SRJC will be displayed from May 6 through June 11 at the Gallery on the Green in Windsor located at 101 McClelland Drive. An opening party is scheduled on May 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, so stop by if you can!

SRJC's Photo Lab Technician Tom Chown and former SRJC photographers John Lebaron and Steven Gunther will display their photographic works. Prints of their work will be for sale. In the late 1970s, Steve Gunther provided photography for SRT and John worked as a photo instructor at SRJC from 1975- 1997. Tom Chown has been employed at SRJC since 1979, and also freelances.

Soupfest May 4!

All FFAS benefactors, current donors, and would-be donors are invited to a Soupfest at Safari West, Thursday, May 4 from 5:30-8:30 PM for complementary wine, soup, and other light foods prepared and served in gratitude and celebration of the success of the Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies.

Come enjoy the pleasant company, warm spring weather, great wine, music, and a special raffle. If you are not a contributor, feel free to become one and join us for a great evening! Call an FFAS committee members for more information: Andrea Proehl, Chair ext. 4904, Linda Tracy ext. 2687, Cheryl Hanson ext.4877, Diane Larson ext. 4952, Jennifer Mann ext. 2495, Karen Stanley ext. 1815, Lynda Williams ext. 4680. Questions: Andrea Proehl in Plover Library.

Mendocino Avenue Narrows On Cinco de Mayo

The City of Santa Rosa will narrow Mendocino Avenue to the two inside traffic lanes on Friday, May 5 starting at approximately 4:00 PM to minimize potential problems with traffic congestion. Contact the District Police for more information.



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An Evening Of Chamber Music May 17

SRJC Chamber Music students will perform strings and piano for "An Evening Of Chamber Music" on May 17 at 7:30 PM in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus. Doors open at 7:15 for this free event.

Directed by Music Instructor Gary McLaughlin, students will perform music by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Dvorak, Janacek and Shostakovich. Contact Gary at 431-7622 for more information.

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