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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, May 19, 2006

Highway 101 Widening Project Update

The following information about the Highway 101 construction project outlines anticipated activities and the impact on traffic flow and access to the Santa Rosa Campus:

- **THE COLLEGE AVENUE TRAFFIC LANE CLOSURES ARE ANTICIPATED FOR MAY 30**. It will remain in place for two years.
- Crews will clear and grub the median and shoulders along 101.
- The ground is wet from the extended rainy season and needs to be dried out before concrete can be laid on the freeway mainline near Steele Lane. Steele Lane closures should occur after Memorial Day.
- 4th Street's demolition is scheduled for June 30
- Pile driving will take place between 5th and 9th Streets

STEELE LANE

- There continues to be delay in implementing traffic restrictions due to wet grade at the mainline. Crews have scarified the soil and Caltrans geotechnical crews may evaluate the conditions. Engineers have discussed digging out wet sections in the soil, altering materials to be used, and proceeding with work on the mainline.
- Bad pavement was removed at the mainline shoulder and 6-8 inches of replacement shoulder was constructed. The roadway was restriped to the specifications of the lane reconfigurations needed for construction.
- The eventual closure will occur after Memorial Day. Bridge demolition will occur over about two weeks, including overhang removal and rail demolition. The closure will be in place for two years.

COLLEGE AVENUE

- The **SEVEN LANES ON COLLEGE AVENUE WILL BE REDUCED TO FOUR LANES STARTING MAY 30** and continuing for two years. Westbound there will be one through lane and one left turn lane. Eastbound there will be one through lane and one left turn lane.
- Electrical work will dominate the work on College Avenue through the end of May. More conduits are being laid and the pull box is being lowered at the median.
- Crews will begin driving piles from the overhead median prior to the curtain wall removal, with pile driving continuing to the roadway.

HIGHWAY 101 TO ROUTE 12

- Signage is being reconfigured on Highway 12. Nighttime detour plans from 101 to Baker and to East Street are being determined. Detailed plans, dates, and times will be announced at the May 17 meeting public meeting.

4TH STREET VIADUCT

- 3rd Street remains closed to traffic. There is discussion implementing simultaneous on and off ramp closures at 3rd Street.
- 4th Street is open.
- 9th Street pile driving will begin the week of May 15 behind the curtain walls
- Caltrans and the contractors are weighing the options of keeping either 3rd Street or 9th Street open or at the least keeping 9th Street open with one-way traffic control.

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Dr. Robert F. Agrella

Superintendent/President, Santa Rosa Junior College

Cordially invite you to attend the President's Address to the Community

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2006 President's Medallion Recipients

Thursday, June 1, 2006

Walter Haehl Pavilion - Santa Rosa Campus

Reception 11:00 AM

Seating 11:30 AM

Luncheon 12:00 PM

Individual Tickets $40.00 each — Amount Enclosed: $

Payment Method: Check (payable to SRJC Foundation) — Visa — MC

Card Number — Exp Date

Name on Card — Signature

Contact Name — Phone

Address

City/State/Zip

Guest Names:

*Please indicate if a vegetarian entrée is preferred.

RSVP by Friday, May 19 via fax at 524-1806, e-mail, or college mail.

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.

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

☹ 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 28

GALEAF, Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends, will hold its end-of-the-year potluck gathering on Sunday, May 28 from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. Partners, kids, and friends are welcome. Call Rhonda for more details at ext. 4586.

ESL Completion Ceremony May 25 at 7pm

The ESL Department on the Santa Rosa Campus will hold its 9th Annual ESL Scholarship and Completion Ceremony on Thursday, May 25 at 7 PM in Newman Auditorium. This year Vice President Mary Kay Rudolph will speak, and Yuka Kamiishi, a student who completed the ESL program and graduated from SRJC, will be our returning student speaker. Yuka is currently the YWCA Domestic Violence Counselor for the Sonoma Police Department.

Entertainment will be provided by the Roadoilers, featuring Michael Drayton (a TA in ESL) and his band. Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony. All are welcome to celebrate this joyous evening!

Graduation Set For May 27

This year's graduation ceremony is set for Saturday, May 27 from 10:00 AM to noon at the Outdoor Stage close to Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus. Graduating students will arrive at 9:30 AM. A college-hosted reception will immediately follow in the Doyle Student Center with music and refreshments for graduates and their families. If it rains, the ceremony will be held in Haehl Pavilion.

This year's student speakers are Alison Immel, who will speak about Being an "Outsider," and Wartiningsih Susilo, whose speech is titled Never Give Up. Vice President Student Services Ricardo Navarrette and Academic Senate President Kimberlee Messina will read the names of graduates, and Kimberlee will present the class of 2006. Superintendent/President Robert F. Agrella and Board of Trustees President Robert Burdo will present diplomas. Commencement signers are Sherry Jo Hays and Jennifer Jacobs.

Music will be performed by the SRJC Concert Choir. Conductor Suzanne Elder Wallace will lead the choir in the "American Trilogy" by Mickey Newbury. Dr. Leslie Dukes will be the pianist. Soloists Kristen Poirier and Tanara Martinez will sing the "Stars Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key. Graduates will receive pens from the Alumni Association.

The following figures summarize 2005-06 graduates/candidates as of May 15, number that will continue to increase until commencement.

Total graduates:	*1094*
Total A.A. degrees:	*881*
Total A.S. degrees:	*213*
Summer 2005 graduates:	*100 total (79 A.A./ 21 A.S.)*
Fall 2005 graduates:	*293 total (269 A.A./ 24 A.S.)*
Spring 2006 candidates:	*701 total (533 A.A./ 168 A.S.)*

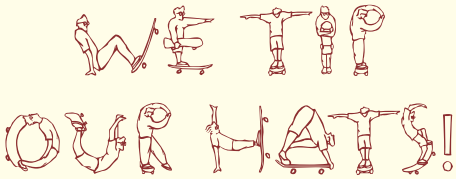
For more information about graduation, contact Sharon Whited, ext. 1651.

Chamber's 21st Annual Education & Business Partnership Breakfast

Plan far in advance to honor educators from SRJC and other Sonoma County schools at the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce 21st Annual Education & Business Partnership Breakfast that is scheduled on Tuesday, August 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 AM at the Flamingo Resort Hotel and Conference Center at 2777 4th Street.

This event sells out quickly, so be sure to send your reservations and checks to Public Relations soon to ensure that you can participate and honor your colleagues. This year's award nominees include: Saifunissa Hassam, Chemisty; Ron Schuelke, Social Science; and Richard Werner, Mathematics.

Forward your check to Public Relations made out to the "Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce" with a check note "Education & Business Breakfast" before August 1. The cost of $25 per person, plus tables of eight can also be served. Call PR on ext. 4266 for more information. We will include more reminders in future *Insiders*.



Congratulations to SRJC sophomore **SUSAN SOUKSAVATH**, the State Champion in Singles for Women's Tennis. More information at: http://www.coasports.org/Women_s_Tennis/chp_indday2.html

SRJC's Women's Tennis Team, the Nor Cal Champions this year, placed second at the State Finals last weekend:http://www.coasports.org/Women_s_Tennis/chp06_story.html. Congratulations to Susan and the member of the tennis team!

22nd Harvey Hansen Memorial Bar-B-Q Sept 8

It isn't too early to plan to attend the ever-popular Harvey Hansen Memorial Bar-B-Q at the Shone Farm on Friday, September 8. All faculty, classified staff, management team members, Board of Trustees, and retirees are invited to bring spouses and guests to this fun-filled event (sorry, no children).

There will be wine tasting, tours, and hospitality at 5:00 PM, dinner and visiting at 6:30 PM, music and dancing provided by the Steve Morris/Mike Ferrell Band.

Directions, reservation details, and cost of this great event will follow, so for now...
Save The Date!

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